

MFL Overview

Bienvenue!

In MFL we are an extremely passionate and dedicated department who believe the study of a language is an essential entitlement enabling students to maximise their opportunities in the modern, international world. For us, visiting countries where the MFL is spoken is essential for students to see both the relevance and enjoyment language study can bring.

The team is committed to creating opportunities for students to become independent learners in an environment which allows them to reach their full potential. The emphasis is on making the teaching and learning of MFL, interesting, stimulating and enjoyable for all students. We are all passionate about MFL and believe it is essential for students to be offered as much exposure to the target language as possible through the use of authentic materials in lessons, and educational visits abroad. The department is friendly and supportive and works collaboratively with each member of staff taking on areas of responsibility according to interest, experience and professional enthusiasm.

Staff Structure

In MFL we have one full time Head of Department & Teacher of French and Spanish. In addition, we have 1 further full time teacher of French and a 0.5 contract Teacher of French (the position advertised here due to retirement)

| Role |
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| Head of Department FT Teacher of French and Spanish |
| FT Teacher of French |
| 0.5 Teacher of French |

Curriculum

GCSE French and Spanish are taught at Church Stretton School and we follow the 9-1 GCSE AQA Scheme of Work for both languages.

In Year 7 students study 3 hours of French and 3 hours of Spanish per fortnight in classes, set according to academic achievement, except for the bottom set who only study French.

In Year 8 students study 6 hours of French or Spanish per fortnight in classes, set according to academic achievement. The top set currently study both French and Spanish.

In Year 9 students study 6 hours of either French or Spanish. Currently the bottom set are studying Spanish and all other classes in Year 9 are studying French.

In Year 10 and Year 11, students have 5 hours per fortnight of either French or Spanish. We currently have 60 students studying Spanish in Year 10 and 30 students studying French.

In Year 11 we have 35 students studying French.

Resources

All MFL classrooms are fully equipped with Smartboards and we have purchased active teaching books for GCSE French and Spanish and Viva 1 and Viva 2. We are exploring the option of updating

the KS3 French schemes of work to “Dynamo” for September 2019. All KS3 French classes currently follow the Expo, Expo 2 and Expo 3 schemes of work.

We use a wide range of interactive resources which are shared on a central database and each member of the team contributes to resource preparation and sharing good practice. We also aim to incorporate as much authentic material and literature into our lessons as possible.

Development

Our current foci, along with the whole school priority areas are:

- 1) Feedback
- 2) Assessment
- 3) Questioning
- 4) Differentiation

Educational Visits Abroad

French:

A visit to Le Touquet for Year 7 French students takes place in the Summer term every year.