

Year 7 - 11

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We Value:

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart." (Nelson Mandela). In languages we value every opportunity in which our students develop the respect for not only different languages but also for different cultures. Learning a new language helps our students to communicate across cultures and to understand the diversity and the variety of people that form our community.

We offer these Opportunities:

In our subject you will have opportunities not only to learn the language in the classroom, but also to go on trips to France and Spain and practice the language with native speakers. Our students will have the opportunity to understand the world from the perspective of a different culture.

In **Year 7** students will learn Spanish and French simultaneously. We encourage everyone to talk about themselves, their family and friends in target language, giving great importance to speaking skills.

In **Year 8** students continue studying either French or Spanish. We improve our students' skills so that they feel confident when using the target language. Our students in Year 8 learn how to talk about their house and their community among other topics.

In **Year 9** our students will have the opportunity of getting in touch with a French/Spanish pen friend and practice the language. Our students in Year 9 learn how to talk about their holidays and use the language they learn when they go abroad.

In **Year 10** students start working with personal descriptions, friends and family and we also talk about different aspects of the Spanish culture. Students in Year 10 take part in an exchange trip to Spain or France where they can practice the language and be involved in the Spanish/French culture.

In **Year 11** students learn about a range of topics such as school life, jobs, their home/region or the environment. They have a greater understanding of the language and they are able to write and talk about different topics with confidence.

Our Successes:

- Improved results for our students in Spanish GCSE.
- Successful international café set up where MFL students contributed to by cooking traditional dishes from all around the world.
- Y8 students were "tortilla de patata" competition over lockdown, where students demonstrated excellent skills to follow a recipe in Spanish and cook a traditional Spanish dish.

