

Bourne

Community College

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Welcome to Modern Foreign Languages



General Overview

In our ever changing world, being able to communicate in a foreign language is an open door to exciting opportunities. We aim to equip our students with greater knowledge and understanding of the larger world in which they live, communicate and work and help them become global citizens of the future.

Aims

Our aim in the MFL department is to ensure that every student we teach has an enjoyable and enriching experience. We want our students to confidently improve their linguistic skills and competencies and to master at least one Modern Foreign Language.

Our Curriculum

Students have the opportunity to study either French or Spanish. We believe that studying one language thoroughly will equip our students with the skills and confidence they require to use this language in a variety of situations.

After an introduction on the importance of learning foreign languages, as well as cultural knowledge related to the language and countries who use it, we cover the National Curriculum using a creative and cross-curricular approach that includes studying the following topics:

French:

In Year 7, we cover a range of topics in which students learn to speak confidently about themselves, their home and the world around them. In year 8, we further these skills, covering topics such as Free Time and Lifestyle. In Year 9, cover topics such as holidays and hobbies, food and healthy living, cultural aspects and the French speaking world.

Spanish:

In Year 7, we cover a range of topics in which students learn to introduce themselves and greet others confidently. They talk about family, their home and local area. In Year 8, we move on to hobbies and going out. In year 9, we cover topics such as food and healthy living, fashion and learning about the Spanish-speaking world.

Our GCSE

French and Spanish are optional subjects and very popular with our students and our results are above the national average. We follow the new AQA GCSE course. Please have a look at our presentation on studying languages at GCSE. Topics covered over the two years include:

Identity and culture:

- Me, my family and friends; marriage and relationships; technology in everyday life; free-time activities; Customs and festivals

Local, national, international and global areas of interest:

- Home, town, neighbourhood and region; social issues; global issues; travel and tourism;

Current and future:

- My studies; life at school/college; education post-16; jobs, career choice and ambitions.

Students are tested on all four skill areas and this takes place at the end of Year 11.

There are four exams in all;

- reading (25%)
- listening (25%)
- speaking (25%)
- writing (25%)

Students are entered for either foundation or higher tier.

Trips & Activities

We pride ourselves by offering all our students the opportunity go to the country of the language they are studying at least once whilst at the Bourne, either on a residential or a day trip. We also have very close links to schools in France and Spain and students in Years 7 to 9 have the opportunity to participate in our pen pal programme. Here are some example of what the MFL department can offer your child;

- Overnight trip to France each December (Lille's Christmas market and Boulogne).
- Residential trips to France (Paris) and Spain (Avila).
- Pen-pal programme where students communicate with a French or Spanish student from our partner schools.
- Cooking French and Spanish specialities (Year 7).
- Skype sessions with our partner schools in France and Spain.
- Welcoming visitors from our link schools in Germany, Holland, France and Spain who visit us throughout the year.

Staff

Mrs A-L Riedmuller BA -	Curriculum Leader and teacher of French and Spanish.
Miss J Poisson MA -	Teacher of French and Spanish
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