



## **Key stage 3 Curriculum MFL**

French is taught to all students from year 7 to year 9 and Spanish is taught as a second language to year 8 and 9 students in top sets. Students are taught to listen, speak, read and write in the foreign language through a wide range of activities. Staff conduct their lessons as much as possible in either French or Spanish. Students regularly listen to a variety of authentic sources to enable them to develop their listening skills. To encourage students to communicate fully in the foreign language they take part in a range of activities. This can be group work, paired work or independent work using songs and games. Reading skills are developed through challenging comprehension tasks. Students are encouraged to be resourceful and extend their writing with the support of materials from on line textbooks and scaffolds to enable all to make rapid progress.

### **Year 7**

Students are introduced to new language such as describing themselves, their families and discussing school subjects and opinions. From the outset students are encouraged to use a variety of tenses and to use extended sentences. Students are exposed to authentic French materials which are embedded in the lesson. Students are encouraged to use the target language at all times in class. There is also an expectation that students work at different rates and work will be pitched at the correct level of challenge. It is a real advantage to have a French dictionary in lessons too.

### **Year 8**

Students go on to develop their languages further. The work builds on from the topics studied in year 7. More complex vocabulary is introduced and students learn about topics such as holidays, leisure pursuits and the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle. All work is differentiated to allow for different starting points for students.

### **Year 9**

By year 9 students are being encouraged to be more independent learners in preparation for the demands of the GCSE course. Students will be taught using materials which will challenge and motivate them. Many of the topics are consolidating the learning from year 8 and 9 but they will also provide students with the experience and skills needed. Such skills include translation, reading comprehensions using the target language and speaking skills which will enthuse and inspire confidence in students.