



Key Stage 3 Curriculum: Modern Foreign Languages

French is taught to all students from Year 7 to 9 and Spanish is taught as a second language to Year 8 and 9 students in the top sets. Students are taught to listen, speak, read and write in the foreign language through a range of activities. Staff conduct their lessons as much as possible in either French or Spanish and students regularly use CDs, DVDs and video clips to help them develop their listening skills. To encourage students to communicate in the foreign language, they take part in activities including pair/group work, songs and games. Reading skills are developed through the use of whole class reading comprehensions, dictionary work and languages web sites. Written work ranges from simple statements about themselves in Year 7 to extended writing on a range of topics such as healthy living and holidays in Year 9.

Year 7:

This is the introductory year. The basic grammatical concepts are covered, and students learn to talk about themselves, their family, where they live, their hobbies, name, where they live and their daily routine.

Year 8:

Students consolidate what was covered in Year 7, but extends it with more complex vocabulary and the introduction of more complex grammatical structures, such as the past and future tenses.

Year 9:

Students further consolidate grammatical structures, looking at past, present and future tenses in more detail as well as building on more complex vocabulary in order to prepare students for the rigors of GCSE.