

Modern Foreign Languages

The aim of the curriculum is to equip students with the skills and confidence to become linguists and citizens of the world. We have a duty to ensure our students understand and engage with other cultures and traditions in a respectful and inquisitive manner which will allow them to become more open-minded, empathetic and adaptable to new experiences in the future at home or abroad. Ultimately, we aim to foster in our students a love of languages by nurturing a linguistic curiosity, their self-efficacy and an intrinsic motivation to explore and respect other languages, cultures and people. We want our students to be able to understand and respond to a variety of authentic sources and utilise the language to communicate with increasing confidence.

At Key Stage 3 students will learn how to:

- Use and link full sentences.
- Understand and use basic phonics.
- Ask basic questions.
- Use connectives effectively.
- Give opinions and reasons.
- Apply adjectival agreement rules.
- Answer a variety of reading and listening questions in English.
- Use time phases: normally, in the future, sometimes, in the past.
- Speak confidently with accurate pronunciation.
- Manipulate grammar.
- Use double verb structures.
- Use arguments for and against.
- Develop role play skills.

Students who continue to study a language at Key Stage 4 will further develop:

- Essay writing using opinions and justifications.
- Complex structures and gems in speaking and writing.
- Synonyms and antonyms for adjectives, connectives and time phrases.
- Reading and listening techniques and vocab recognition and retrieval.
- Pronunciation and fluency development.
- Spontaneity and fluency training in a general conversation setting.