

Statement of Intent - MFL

The MFL curriculum aims to make the learning of French, German and Spanish a worthwhile and enjoyable experience and to prepare pupils for today's global village by helping them to develop language-learning skills. We want pupils to believe in themselves and strive to be the best they can in order to succeed in further language study and use in school, higher education or employment.

Throughout KS3 and KS4 the MFL curriculum aims to develop pupils' ability to communicate confidently and coherently in the target language in speech and writing, conveying what they want to say with increasing accuracy, to express and develop thoughts and ideas spontaneously and fluently, to listen to and understand clearly articulated, standard speech at near normal speed. They learn how to extend and add interest, intonation and expression to their speech as they advance. Pupils are also encouraged to grow through learning, deepen their knowledge about how language works and enrich their vocabulary in order to increase their independent use and understanding of extended language in a wide range of contexts.

The MFL course aims to give pupils the opportunity to acquire new knowledge, skills and ways of thinking through the ability to understand and respond to a rich range of authentic spoken and written material including literary texts. Pupils grow by developing awareness and understanding of the culture and identity of the countries and communities where the language is spoken and are encouraged to make appropriate links to other areas of the curriculum to enable bilingual and deeper learning, where the language may become a medium for constructing and applying knowledge.

The MFL team promote a love of language learning and strive for pupils to make outstanding progress at all levels. We believe in creating an environment where pupils develop their potential and where all individuals succeed in making themselves and others proud. We recognise the importance of languages and therefore aim to provide our pupils with maximum opportunities in lessons, on trips or day courses to encourage them to develop courage, resilience and self-discipline in the use of the target language and to turn pupils into real linguists.