

KS3 MFL

Students will study one or two languages in year 7 depending on whether they are placed in the E or X band. Students in the E band will study both French and Spanish and students in the X band will study French.

Learning - Themes and Skills: In both French & Spanish, year 7 students will study a variety of topics through a range of skills - listening, speaking, reading and writing but also translation and transcription. In year 7 various teaching methods are used and opportunities are created for students to develop their cultural understanding about France and Spain and French and Spanish speaking countries, as well as learning the language. There is a particular emphasis on speaking - communication and pronunciation. Lessons are based on promoting a fun learning environment where good effort and achievement is recognised and rewarded and it is not always about being right. Students will learn a range of skills as mentioned above but they will also develop their understanding of literacy including use of resources and dictionaries and writing for a variety of purposes. Students will also develop their collaborative and team work skills alongside problem-solving techniques.

Assessment: Assessment is based on a variety of skills mentioned above. Assessment formats may vary such as spoken presentations, vocabulary tests, listening tasks and reading or writing tasks. Teachers will assess learners' French and Spanish regularly through translation and exams, alongside effort, behaviour and independent study according to the school's assessment cycle and this information will be reported to parents.

Parental support: Help your child learn words by heart, ask him/her to tell you what has been learnt recently and encourage him/her to revise what they have learnt that week. Even if you don't speak French or Spanish, you can really help your child by using their exercise book to test them on different words. Students are lucky enough to have access to a wealth of online support nowadays and sites such as Memrise and Pearson ActiveLearn can be very helpful. All students will be provided with the school's username and password for ActiveLearn in September. Encouraging your child to find out more about foreign countries as well as developing a thirst for travel will support their enthusiasm for the subject. French and Spanish are among the most spoken languages in the world and provide an excellent opportunity for students to widen their horizons.