

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Teacher in charge – Mr A Martin

Aims

Pupils have now chosen to study either French, Spanish or German. This year will allow them to further their knowledge in the one language. Pupils will now have a good understanding of the basic grammar of that language. In Year 9 pupils will be learning to understand how and when to use different tenses in their language work. By the end of the year pupils will have established a strong foundation of grammar and vocabulary and will, therefore, be in a good position to continue to further their learning to GCSE level should they wish.

Course Description

Generally, a topic is introduced so that pupils hear and can speak in that language before they read and write about it. Although the course is topic-based, the importance of grammar is emphasised.

French

- Talking about types of television programs and films
- Talking about types of books and reading habits
- Activities online
- Using the past, present and future tenses
- Talking about hobbies
- Learning about Paris
- Giving justified opinions
- Using reflexive verbs
- Talking about character and personality
- Discussing clothes and style
- Talking about where you live
- Describing your home
- Talking about meals and buying food
- Superlatives and comparatives
- Talking about talent and ambition
- French speaking countries
- The French revolution

Spanish

- Talking about a past holiday
- Describing holiday activities
- Discussing music
- Giving opinions
- Talking about TV
- Using the comparative
- Ordering meals and describing meal times
- Talking about parties and buying clothes
- Arranging to go out
- Making excuses
- Sporting events
- Asking for directions

German

- Learning about German speaking towns/cities
- Talking about the weather

- Places in town and transport
- Asking for and giving directions
- Buying food and drink at the “Schnellimbiss”
- Talking about future holiday plans
- Talking about previous holidays
- Ordering food in a café
- Shopping
- The dative case
- Talking about TV viewing habits
- Understanding an interview with a young sports person
- Talking about a school trip
- Talking about illnesses and injuries
- Discussing healthy and unhealthy eating

Range of Activities

Pupils will work in pairs, small groups and full groups, as well as participating in self-supported study.

Homework Requirements

There will be one homework per language per week. This could involve learning vocabulary or activities based on speaking, reading or writing. All homework is equally important.

National Curriculum Assessment Procedures

Work is assessed throughout lessons, but formal assessments take place at the end of each term.