



**AVANTI HOUSE**

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**2019-2020**

**Programmes of Study**

**Key Stage 3**

**MFL**

## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES: FRENCH AND SPANISH

### OVERVIEW OF COURSE

The MFL KS3 course enables you to progress from very little knowledge in French and Spanish, to reaching a good level of confidence by Year 9 so that you are ready to take a GCSE Language course. All 4 skills are covered and topics such as family, friends, school and holidays are covered.

Studying a language at KS3 and then continuing to GCSE allows you to understand other subjects such as English grammar and literature; it also opens up your opportunities for future career prospects.

Academically a language GCSE enables you to gain the English Baccalaureate Certificate and have a competitive advantage when applying to prestigious universities. Personally, it broadens your opportunities to communicate with people from different countries and discover other cultures.

### PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Term	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Autumn 1	Introducing yourself and basics	My family and friends	Media and culture
Autumn 2	My family	Places in a town and making plans for going out (future tense)	School and Education
Spring 1	My free time	Trips and holidays	Health and Wellbeing
Spring 2	My school	Food	Work and future plans
Summer 1	My house	Fashion and clothes	Cultural celebrations
Summer 2	My town	My town	Holidays Vocabulary and grammar revision and cultural tourist projects

### SKILLS / KNOWLEDGE / UNDERSTANDING

Students will be expected to develop the following knowledge, skills and understanding:

**Listening skills:** Students are regularly trained to listen for specific details and tick boxes or answer questions accordingly. They answer questions in English and in the target language.

**Speaking skills:** Students are required to answer questions on different topics. Students need to ensure they add opinions, connectives and different tenses.

**Reading skills:** Students read shorter and longer passages in order to answer questions in English or in the target language about the text.

**Writing skills:** Students are required to write 40 or 90 word essays in the target language, responding to specific bullet points form a task. This could be an email or a letter to a friend. Students learn to get familiar with the success criteria and add complex structures and tenses to achieve higher marks.

## METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

We will use a range of assessments:

- Formal tests / examinations
- Tracking of quality of class and homework through books/folders
- Speaking and oral presentations
- Projects

We will also use a range of different styles of feedback to students:

- Extensive (deep) marking in which the teacher provides formative comments for future improvement, that the student is expected to act upon in the following lesson.
- Acknowledgment marking, where the teacher concisely marks the piece of work, highlighting positive work and addressing major misconceptions.
- Non-written feedback, which can take the form of verbal, peer and self-assessment.

## HOW PARENTS / CARERS CAN HELP

Parents can support language learning by testing students' vocabulary from English to the target language during breakfast or dinner. Parents can also encourage watching European films at home, listening to French or Spanish music or even visiting a French/Spanish market, monument, restaurant or city. Any cultural activity that encourages knowledge and curiosity for the countries where the language is spoken will add value and help to raise students' language skills and learning progress.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR

The MFL department runs regular lunchtime and after school clubs.

The aim of these clubs is to help students gain more confidence and achieve their best possible grade but there are also extension clubs for students who would like to push themselves further and achieve more cultural knowledge and higher grades in their GCSE exams.

The MFL Department has organized 2 successful trips to Barcelona in the past and is looking into offering a cultural exchange *trip to Salamanca- Madrid in the future.*

MFL also celebrates *European Languages Day and the French Bastille Day* with cultural whole school quizzes and guest speakers and runs regular quizzes, awards and competitions. Our students also receive certificates for their [www.thisislanguage.com](http://www.thisislanguage.com) Nutty Tellez national competitions every year!

## RECOMMENDED READING / OTHER RESOURCES

[www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)

[www.thisislanguage.com](http://www.thisislanguage.com)

[www.languagenut.com](http://www.languagenut.com)

<https://schools.duolingo.com>

[www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)

[www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com)

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/spanish or french>