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Curriculum Newsletter

## YEAR 9

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# Curriculum Intent

The MFL curriculum is designed to empower students to draw maximum cultural, personal and economic benefit from the role of global citizenship.

Through oracy skills, expansion of vocabulary and literacy we aim to enable students to communicate confidently in a wide range of social settings. In KS3 we believe that our curriculum and enrichment content promote a seamless transition into the GCSE language course.

The MFL curriculum is sequenced to allow knowledge and skills to develop simultaneously and progressively. By revisiting and enhancing key language skills in different settings students develop their ability to recall, analyse and evaluate usage and at the same time build independence and resilience.

## Year 9 Curriculum

In Year 9, students build on their previous knowledge by exploring a range of topics designed to further advance their skills and ignite their curiosity for cultural understanding. Our curriculum offers opportunities for students to strengthen their listening, reading, speaking and writing skills, to ensure students can deepen their understanding of essential vocabulary and structures. You can click on the topics below to explore and access revision tips.

Some of the topics we cover in Year 9 are;

### Cinema

Students study key vocabulary based around films and cinema. Lessons are dedicated to learning essential vocabulary and structures designed to enable them to develop their opinions on the film.

### Past and Future Weekend Plans

This topic helps students to advance their understanding of grammar and tenses by developing their knowledge of in past, present and future, linked to the topic of weekend plans. This is a vital stepping stone to help students succeed in the GCSE language course.

### What you can do in your town

These lessons help students talk about their city as well as looking at cities of French and Spanish speaking countries. This topic revisits and builds upon key verbs and essentials that students will need.

### School and Future Plans

The aim of this topic is to ensure all students are able to talk about school, reviewing and building on opinion phrases and future tenses.

### Fluency Skills




Dedicated lessons based on retrieval of previous topics and confidence building. Students have the opportunity to reflect on previous learning and link all key skills with the aim of improving their fluency in both languages.

## Assessment Points




In Year 9, students are assessed each half-term in class, on a range of skills listening, reading, speaking or writing activities.

### Immerse Yourself

#### The Language Gym

-  Vocab Trainer
-  Listening Trainer
-  Get Language Fit!

#### BBC Bitesize KS3 MFL

-  Interactive Homework
-  Study Guides and Videos
-  Independent Study

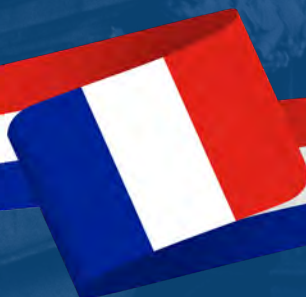
All of the topics we cover in MFL have sentence builders which contains all the vocabulary students need to succeed in their language lessons.

The sentence builder shows students how to link words into sentences with the added support of English translations.

These resources, along with the language gym online are essential tools that student can use to supplement their language learning and aid revision.

### Test Your Knowledge with Quizlet...

Quizlet's Y9 MFL revision flashcards are a fantastic way to memorise relevant french and spanish terms to help you with your studies. Click on a flag below to start!



# Praise and Reward

Our rewards system can be broadly split into four categories: classroom level, subject level, school level and privilege rewards. We'll focus on classroom and subject rewards here - for more information about our rewards schemes, please see our website.

## CLASSROOM LEVEL REWARDS

**Awarded for:** working hard, taking risks and rising to a challenge, making mistakes and learning from them, helping others, and taking pride in the school community.

**Rewarded by:** praise postcards, positive phone calls to parents/carers, positive text messages home, and lesson based prizes.

## SUBJECT LEVEL REWARDS

**Reward scheme:** Star of the Week, Curriculum Awards (Subject/School Way, Participation, Working with Pride, Embracing the Whole Curriculum), High Flyer, Extra Mile, Most Improved.

**Rewarded by:** names displayed on reward boards, certificates, social media posts.

# Broadening Horizons

In MFL we aim to foster a learning environment supporting students to become global citizens. Our use of cultural resources helps to bring the language to life in the classroom, creating cultural experiences for all.

Outside of language lessons there are opportunities for students to develop an awareness and love of different cultures.

In literacy we look at a range of cultural topics such as; Day of the Dead, Tour de France and Bullfighting. We celebrate European Languages Day, offering different opportunities for students to take part in activities such as quizzes, karaoke and food tasting.

In addition, we have a cultural club after school providing students weekly sessions in culture from around the world.



## French Phrases for Every Situation

With 29 French-speaking countries around the world, knowing basic French phrases can help you see the sites, navigate transportation, and most importantly, spark meaningful conversations with the people you meet! Click on the icon to start.

## Essential Spanish Phrases for Conversational Fluency

Learning Spanish is a process that involves many aspects, such as vocabulary, grammar, memorizing conjugations, and mastering the use of weird verbs or commands. However, developing conversational skills in the language is arguably the most important skill to attain. Start now by clicking on the graphic.



# Careers

We run a series of 'Careers in the Curriculum' weeks in our school. For Modern Foreign Languages, this week takes place in February.

During MFL lessons, we investigate languages around the world and the importance of language learning in the global jobs market. Careers lessons raise students' awareness and understanding of where languages can take you.

Education First - Live the Language, have oppourtunities for 14-18 year olds to study and learn a language abroad. If you love languages and are considering a career in travel, this might be for you! You can watch an introduction to their studies by clicking on the logo below.



## The MFL Way

Our subject has a 'Subject Way' at the heart of it. Our Subject Way is designed to help students become young subject specialists. The MFL Way is followed in all of our lessons and has two main purposes:

Firstly, to teach students the vital skills they need to achieve their full potential and gain the very best grades they can. Secondly, to teach students how each subject relates to the wider world, incorporating the life skills they will learn.

**THE MFL WAY**

**WE USE OUR LISTENING SKILLS**  
**We develop social skills using the languages that we learn**  
**We break texts down**  
**We respect & are interested in other cultures**  
**We are interested in & know where languages can take us**  
**We understand our own language better**

**WE WORK ON IMPROVING OUR MEMORY**  
We read, listen & watch things in another language

**We problem solve**  
We use technology to enhance our language learning  
We learn our vocabulary & use the language we learn

**We develop confidence in our communication skills in different situations**

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## Have Your Say... ✨

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