Curriculum Intent Statement – MFL 2024

(Reviewed May 2024)

The aim of the Modern Foreign Languages curriculum is to inspire a love of languages and to equip our pupils with the skills and confidence to communicate in at least one language other than their own to the very best of their ability.

Our Modern Foreign Languages curriculum helps pupils to broaden their horizons, develop their understanding and tolerance of cultures other than their own and to appreciate the richness and diversity of our increasingly global community. We recognise that language skills are a skill for life which can open a world of opportunities for our pupils.

Our Key Stage 3 curriculum aims to trigger pupils' curiosity, give a firm foundation to language-learning and to equip our pupils with the skills, resilience, good habits and linguistic awareness they will need in order to retain and manipulate a foreign language successfully. Through our teaching, we promote an understanding of grammar and phonics alongside vocabulary acquisition, all of which are fundamental to pupils' language learning across the school curriculum.

In Key Stage 4 and 5 we build upon this intent by offering a curriculum which has the challenge and rigour expected by the EBacc. At this level, our curriculum aims to develop pupils' ability to adapt and refine their language skills - including grammar - to suit a range of contexts, purposes and audiences. The thematic content in our chosen specifications covers diverse issues pertinent to pupils' own lives but also to those of their global contemporaries. We promote an open-minded outlook on life in our global community.