



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES
langues vivantes étrangères
lenguas extranjeras modernas



*"Understanding the
language helps you
appreciate the culture".*

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Modern Foreign Languages Department

The Modern Foreign Languages Department at Churchill is committed to inspiring students to believe that studying a modern foreign language is both relevant to them and is an enjoyable, exciting experience through which they will achieve examination success. We want to help students make the best progress possible. With the current government focus on MFL, we recognise the need to continue to look for changes in our practice that will ensure more students opt for MFL at examination level and will make further improvement to our students' results at every key stage, but particularly in progress at KS3. Last year GCSE French results in Year 9 were 87% A*-C. In Year 11 they were 85% A*-C.

Who teaches Modern Foreign Languages?

Marie Turnbull Curriculum Leader – leaving April 2011
Kathleen Soderlund Teacher of MFL – will become Curriculum leader in April 2011

Who studies Modern Foreign Languages?

All students in Years 7 and 8 currently study two languages, French and Spanish. At the end of Year 8, students, in line with College practice, are then offered the chance to opt for GCSE French and Spanish as a one year course in Year 9. We had considerable success with this last year when a GCSE French group completed the course in a year and 87% of those students achieved A*-C grades. At the end of Year 9 students can opt again to study French or Spanish at GCSE in Years 10 and 11 as a traditional two year course. Post-16, we offer French and Spanish at AS and A2 level and the courses run if there are enough numbers of students opting to make a group viable.

How do we want to move forward?

- We want more students to be excited and engaged by MFL at KS3
- We want all students to be confident users of the languages they study.
- We want more students to see and believe in the relevance of MFL to their lives and future careers.
- We want to build to a position where MFL is a vibrant subject that has viable option groups in both languages at KS4 and KS5.
- We want to encourage more students to be double linguists.

How will we achieve this?

- By providing exciting, creative teaching and learning experiences in MFL for students from Y7 onwards.
- By developing a range of extra-curricular opportunities related to MFL for students.
- By more developed use of ICT to enhance teaching and learning across all year groups.
- By developing the MFL curriculum opportunities for students.
- By working together as staff and focussing on our own professional development as teachers.
- By working together with the primary schools in our family of schools, developing MFL

Who do we want to appoint to these posts?

We want to appoint two teachers who are truly committed to helping all students enjoy and achieve in MFL, who believe this is a vibrant subject where every student can succeed, and who will work to provide the kind of learning experience which will make that happen. The successful candidates will be energetic, passionate about their subject, motivated, resilient and very much team-players.

We see the appointment of two staff as a way of providing extra capacity in the department to allow you to do some exciting things like: small group work, team teaching, work with primary schools during transition so students come to Churchill excited about MFL, provide extra-curricular opportunities, work collaboratively on planning and delivery of teaching and learning, support each other and be prepared to take some risks.