

Wellington School

Modern Foreign Languages Department

The MFL department is highly successful. All students study at least one language at GCSE in KS4, with a growing number of dual linguists in years 9-11. We also offer three languages at A level as well as taster sessions in “world languages”. The department has been chosen by the SSAT to deliver INSET at their Achievement Show under the title “Inspiring Departments” and staff work collaboratively with a variety of other educational settings.

The MFL Department is staffed by 7 full time teachers, one part-time teacher and 2 Foreign Languages Assistants. Both the head teacher and a deputy head teacher also teach in the department.

Lessons are taught in a suite of 7 rooms, all of which have interactive whiteboards. Within the suite there is a fully networked computer room.

At Key Stage 3, each student has a curriculum allocation of 6 one hour lessons per fortnight. The allocation is divided between 2 languages. French is taught to every student in the Key Stage. Students are taught either Spanish or German in the remaining half of the curriculum time. The department is committed fully to a communicative and varied approach to language teaching. At the end of Year 8, students select which language they wish to continue to GCSE. A selected group of talented linguists study two languages in year 9. The study of a modern Foreign Language is compulsory at KS4. In Years 10 and 11 students follow the AQA GCSE syllabus.

The Department offers a choice of languages at A level, following the AQA Syllabus. Many of our students who study languages at A Level go on to study the language at university and remain in contact with the department.

The Department enjoys superb resources and these will continue to develop and expand. Students follow core texts through the scheme of work, however the facilities within the department allow for a more diverse approach to teaching in order to captivate, motivate and engage all types of learners.

The Department runs an annual trip abroad which is open to all Key Stages. There is a French Exchange, which currently involves Year 9 -12 students and we also organise MFL conference trips for Key Stage 4 and 5 students. We offer several extra curricular clubs, including a Film Club. Some students are also learning “World Languages” in extra-curricular sessions in the department as part of a wider opportunities program with Manchester University.

The Governors seek to appoint an excellent classroom practitioner with the energy, drive and enthusiasm to continue to build upon and develop standards of achievement within Modern Foreign Languages.