



Modern Foreign Languages Department



¡Bienvenidos! Bienvenue! Benvenuto! The MFL department is a thriving, vibrant and happy department which offers a world of opportunities to all pupils at Chesterton Community Sports College. As one of the largest departments in the school, students study either French or Spanish on a compulsory basis, all the way through to GCSE. We also offer Italian as a GCSE option subject which is very popular with or KS4 pupils. With six specialist teachers and a native French assistant, we provide students with a quality education; delivering lessons to inspire pupils about language-learning, which is at the core of our curriculum. A 12-month maternity post has arisen in our department, suitable for an applicant that shares the same passion and enthusiasm for languages and our pupils' learning.



We pride ourselves on the delivery of lessons across the department. Since the implementation of the new 9-1 GCSE, we have adapted our pedagogy and are continually scrutinizing ways to support and prepare our students for the demands of the new GCSE exam. As a close-knit department, we work collaboratively to share the workload in creating outstanding, differentiated and engaging lessons across the five year groups, as we believe KS3 learning is fundamental to success at GCSE.

For many years, the GCSE MFL results have been exceptional, with us achieving above or in line with the national average with a large cohort and this has continued despite the changes to the specification and the grading system. This is testament to the strength and depth of the department, underpinned by its ability to adapt to change. In 2017 and 2018 we celebrated a phenomenal 100% A*-C in GCSE Italian, which demonstrates our hard work-ethic and ability to motivate and drive students, ultimately to success.

The MFL department currently has five classrooms and a language lab, which homes our own, essential photocopier as well as offering space for students to practice their language skills with the assistant. Each classroom is equipped with 'Apple TV' and projectors, which will link to your personal Macbook and iPad. In addition to this, all KS4 enjoy the use of their own iPad, which can be incorporated into your lesson planning, whether it be researching vocabulary or accessing authentic websites. For KS3 pupils, we equally have a set of 30 iPads as a department, so reaching out to younger members of the school can easily be achieved.

As a department, we believe that another key skill to language learning is the use of the target language in and out of the classroom. Every year The MFL department organise a trip full of planned activities to Spain, France or Italy to give pupils the opportunity to make languages come to life by allowing them to practice their skills in an authentic environment. We feel that it is also important to teach pupils about other cultures in the world as this gives them invaluable skills and opens minds.

