

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES (MFL)

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is committed to the teaching of languages at Fitzharrys School in order that our young people will be equipped with the skills and mindset needed to live and succeed in a multicultural, European and International society.

We aim to enthuse our students for languages through stimulating and challenging lessons. This involves using authentic materials, such as headlines, songs, videos and articles.

KS3

In Year 7, students focus on short paragraphs, present tense, opinions, connectives and intensifiers.

In Year 8, students focus on longer paragraphs, three tenses, time phrases, word order with adjectives.

In year 9, students focus on detailed texts, four tenses, modal verbs, negatives, superlatives and comparatives.

KS4/GCSE

At GCSE, we study the AQA specification. This course is made up of 4 units with an exam for each counting for 25% (listening, reading, speaking and writing)

There are 3 themes with subtopics:

- Identity and Culture (Me, my family and friends / Technology in everyday life / Free-time activities / Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries / Communities)
- Local, national, international and global areas of interest (Home, town, neighbourhood and region / Social issues / Global issues / Travel and tourism)
- Current and future study and employment (My studies / Life at school/college / Education post-16 / Jobs, career choices and ambitions)

KS5/A level

Students study the AQA specification. The course is made of three papers covering a wide range of topics, a study of a book and a film.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

GCSE Club – Supporting students with their speaking and writing skills at lunchtime and after school.

KS3 Club – We offer a club where students will have to complete MFL challenges.

Cultural events – We organise one event a term for Years 10 - 11. We also offer a breakfast once a term.

Competitions – Students have the opportunity to enter a variety of competitions such Vocab Express, writing and translating.

Links with primary schools – We organise and participate in common events with local primaries, with students developing their language and leadership skills.