

More Able in Modern Foreign Languages



KS3

At Key Stage 3 pupils are encouraged to explore the world of languages as they develop linguistic skills and understanding of concepts that will be useful to them at key stage 4 and beyond.

Pupils learn either French or Spanish in Year 7 and are set according to ability for their lessons. In Year 8 our More Able linguists take on German as an additional language and they continue with both French/Spanish and German until the end of Year 9.

There is the opportunity for all pupils in Year 8 to participate in a languages trip and for pupils in Year 9 who learn German to take part in the German exchange. We highly recommend that all our More Able linguists get involved with these activities in order to experience the foreign languages at first hand.

More Able linguists in Year 8 are invited to participate in a termly event which gives them the opportunity to further develop their knowledge of the French, German or Spanish language and also these countries cultures in an after school activity.

KS5

Pupils develop their language skills to a very high level when studying French or German at AS or A2. They are encouraged to think about complex global issues in the language of study and they are able to understand to a greater extent the nuances and subtleties of languages and communication.

All of our 6th form linguists have the opportunity to interact with native speakers during their weekly sessions with our Foreign Language Assistants. They are also encouraged to assist the department by helping with Key Stage 3 lessons and any extra curricular activities, and in addition to this there are trips to Germany and France which they are encouraged to participate in.

KS4

At Key Stage 4 all pupils have the option to continue with either French or German. The large majority of our More Able pupils all do so and we also encourage them to consider continuing with both languages up to GCSE level.

More Able linguists are expected to achieve the highest grades in their speaking and writing coursework tasks as they are given the opportunity to show off their flare for languages. Alongside this, they are entered for the higher tier papers in their reading and listening exams.

Pupils studying a language in Year 10 are encouraged to take part in either the German exchange or the trip to Normandy to help further their linguistic skills.

Online resources:

www.leguip.e.fr/ www.sport.de/

French/ German online sports newspaper

www.allocine.fr/ www.filmstarts.de/

Latest film trailers in French/ German

www.m6.fr/ www.surfmusik.de/

French/ German Music Channel

www.linguascope.com/

Test your language ability at any level

www.languagesonline.org.uk

Test your grammar

<http://www.toondoo.com/>

Write a comic strip and illustrate it

www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/learning/bitesize/

BBC language learning – site

