

### **The Languages Team**

The team comprises 5 specialist teachers (3 FT/2PT).

We are a strong, enthusiastic team which values collaboration, support and innovation. Constant evaluation and development are at the heart of our quest to provide the most effective education for the students in our care.

Classrooms are equipped with whiteboards, projectors and speakers. One of the classrooms is also equipped with a smart board. We also have 16 laptops for student use.

### **Our ethos**

Our aim is to share our own love of language and language learning, thus allowing our students to become not only proficient users of a modern foreign language, but also good, independent linguists.

*Our motto is “a language is not just for GCSE, it’s for life”*

### **We aim to**

- To teach a curriculum which both challenges and supports all students.
- To promote a curriculum which fosters independent learning.
- To deliver a curriculum which prepares students to succeed at GCSE and beyond.
- To ensure that our curriculum fosters enjoyment of Languages at all Key Stages.

### **Curriculum design**

**KS3-** Years 7 and 8 are set and have 1 lesson of Spanish and one lesson of French per week. Year 9 are set and have 2 lessons of French per week and 1 lesson of Spanish.

**KS4-** There are 3 lessons per week. We are following the AQA French and Spanish GCSE.

**KS5-** Year 12 and 13 pupils have 3 lessons per week and are studying AQA French and Spanish

### **Enrichment**

The Languages Department firmly believes that we should give children the opportunity to put into practice the languages they have learned in school. Year 7 have the opportunity to visit Paris and Disneyland at the end of the Summer Term of Year 7. KS4 also have an opportunity to visit Spain or France and participate in a penfriend scheme. We also offer a visit to Germany to Year 8, 9 and 10.