

MFL AT STANBOROUGH

Our Aim:

Learning another language is the best way to get to know another country and its people. At Stanborough we aim to provide a climate which will enthuse and inspire students as well as develop the confidence and competency of all students to communicate in the foreign language. We encourage students to develop their skills in Speaking, Reading, Listening and Writing at all Key Stages, by developing a curriculum suited to their needs and abilities.



CURRICULUM KS3

In Year 7, students will study either French or Spanish, and will continue this language to GCSE..

We use the NCELP materials and these are supplemented with our own resources in order to develop topic areas. Lessons start with a cultural Do It Now task, in order to embed the culture of the countries where the language is spoken.

We use technology to support in learning vocabulary and grammar, both in lessons and as homework.

Further speaking opportunities are provided by our French and Spanish assistants.

CURRICULUM KS4

All students study a language at GCSE. We follow a 2 year course and the AQA specification. This can be seen at:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658>

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-8698>

The final exam consists of the four skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing which are equally weighted at 25%.

GCSE Course Outline

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Topic 1-Me, my family and friends

Topic 2-Technology in everyday life

Topic3-Free-time activities

Topic 4: Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries/communities

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Topic 1: Home, town, neighborhood and region

Topic 2: Social issues

Topic 3: Global issues

Topic 4: Travel and tourism

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

Topic 1: My studies

Topic 2: Life at school/college

Topic 3: Education post-16

Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

Paper 1: Listening

What's assessed

Understanding and responding to different types of spoken language

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier)
- 40 marks (Foundation Tier), 50 marks (Higher Tier)
- 25% of GCSE

Paper 2: Speaking

What's assessed

Communicating and interacting effectively in speech for a variety of purposes

How it's assessed

- Non-exam assessment
- 7–9 minutes (Foundation Tier) + preparation time
- 10–12 minutes (Higher Tier) + preparation time
- 60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)
- 25% of GCSE

Paper 3: Reading

What's assessed

Understanding and responding to different types of written language

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier)
- 60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)
- 25% of GCSE

Paper 4: Writing

What's assessed

Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour (Foundation Tier), 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier)
- 50 marks at Foundation Tier and 60 marks at Higher Tier
- 25% of GCSE

CURRICULUM KS5

A-level French and Spanish are taught as part of the Welwyn Garden City Consortium. We follow a two year course and the AQA specification. Details of the topics and the exam requirements can be found on the AQA website.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/french-7652/specification-at-a-glance>

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/spanish-7692>



RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

Useful revision websites:

Kerboodle
Memrise
BBC bitesize
Duolingo
Quizlet

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN MFL

The MFL department runs many special events to promote languages such as: European Day of Languages; the GCHQ competition and a Christmas card making competition. Year 11 students have attended a day at Cambridge University to learn about languages there. We enjoyed having the Onatti theatre group perform their Spanish play last year.

In July 2023 we ran very successful trips to Spain and France.

We have French and Spanish assistants who work with students in lessons and in lunch clubs.

We also run after school French and Spanish revision sessions for students

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