

MFL AT STANBOROUGH

Our Aim:

Learning another language provides a wide range of opportunities to all of our students and promotes a wide range of transferable skills.



At Stanborough we provide an enriching curriculum which enthuses and inspires students whilst developing the confidence and competency to communicate in the foreign language. During their studies, students develop and consolidate their skills in Speaking, Reading, Listening and Writing at all Key Stages. Cultural content and contextualisation is seen throughout lessons, to further develop their understanding of the languages. We use a range of resources and activities and students have the opportunity to learn through a range of online resources through the Bring Your Own Device Scheme. Language Assistants, who are native speakers, join us annually to provide students with small group conversation practice to allow them to enhance speaking skills and gain confidence.

CURRICULUM KS3

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

For both French and Spanish, we use a scheme of work which follows the National Curriculum and leads into the New GCSE AQA Specification which we teach in Years 10 and 11. Do It Now tasks are integrated within the lessons and provide students with cultural insight, retrieval practice and the opportunity to apply knowledge to demonstrate their understanding.

French follows the Dynamo scheme of work, and Spanish Viva! which both have online and interactive textbooks. We use technology to support learning vocabulary and grammar, both in lessons and as homework.

CURRICULUM KS4

Students have the opportunity to choose to continue their language studies at GCSE. We follow a 2 year course and the AQA specification. This can be seen on the AQA website:

[AQA | Languages | GCSE | French](#)

[AQA | Languages | GCSE | Spanish](#)

Students sit four final exams, one for each skill: Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing. All exams are equally weighted at 25%.

GCSE French/Spanish has a Foundation tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher tier (grades 4–9). Students must take all four question papers at the same tier. All question papers must be taken in the same series.



Each Theme is divided into three Topics, making a total of nine Topics to study during the course. The exam is divided up according to the four Language Skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Each one of these has its own separate exam, in the form of an end-of-course paper.



GCSE Course Outline

Theme 1: People and lifestyle

Topic 1: Identity and relationships with others

Topic 2: Healthy living and lifestyle

Topic 3: Education and work

Theme 2: Popular culture

Topic 1: Free time activities

Topic 2: Customs, festivals and celebrations

Topic 3: Celebrity culture

Theme 3: Communication and the world around us

Topic 1: Travel and tourism, including places of interest

Topic 2: Media and technology

Topic 3: The environment and where people live

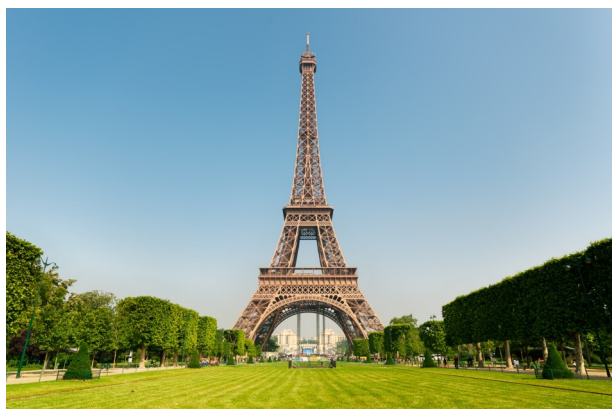


CURRICULUM KS5

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

BBC bitesize

Duolingo

Quizlet

Linguascope

AQA website for past exam papers

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN MFL

The MFL department runs special events to promote languages such as: European Day of Languages; the GCHQ competition and a range of House Competitions. Year 11 students previously attended a day at Cambridge University to learn about studying languages there. We enjoy having the Onatti theatre group perform their Spanish and French plays. 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 along with a homework support club for all students.

There is the opportunity for students to take a GCSE in their home language, such as Portuguese, German, Greek or Polish.

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Modern Foreign Languages

