

Curriculum Intent Statements

Faculty	Cultural				
Subject	Modern Foreign Languages				
<p>Modern Foreign Languages is a successful and a popular curriculum area. It is very much valued by staff and students and has a record of strong academic success at GCSE. Languages are hugely important in our modern world, and in our global community, so we believe that the ability to speak a second language is a key skill.</p> <p>We have a high intake of EAL students, we value and promote inclusiveness and diversity. We provide students who have an additional language to gain accreditation in their native language, as part of our Community Language Programme. We strongly believe in languages as a skill for life and are passionate that learning should be fun, developmental, and rewarding for all students. We aim to ignite student's curiosity and are proud of our students' languages success. Our aim is for our students to leave our subject with an appreciation for international culture, as well as an increased understanding of their own culture.</p> <p>At Wells, we currently offer GCSEs in French and Spanish. In lessons, we practise, develop, and teach four key skills that are assessed at GCSE: speaking, listening, reading and writing. The study of French and Spanish covers a range of themes and topics which are touched on in KS3 and revisited and developed in KS4. These include family, relationships, technology, holidays music, sport, customs, and careers.</p> <p>Learning French and Spanish allows students of all abilities to become confident and effective communicators in a variety of contexts including on a cultural and a linguistic level. We aim to develop students' love for languages and language learning, alongside developing confidence in sharing ideas, giving opinions, and expressing themselves in the language they study.</p> <p>The study of French and Spanish supports students to hold conversations in a second language and appreciate that participation is more important than perfection. We develop students' skills to recognise patterns in language and use reference materials to support independent study. We focus on teaching key facts about France, French culture, and the world. It is vital that students develop an understanding of themselves as citizens of the world, value cultural differences and diversity.</p> <p>We want students to be able to use their language and communication skills in future jobs and proficiency in languages can lead to careers in a wide variety of sectors such as politics, tourism, journalism, international business, hospitality, or international humanitarian aid. Modern Foreign Languages can open doors to working abroad in whichever industry a student may choose. Language learning is vital for the UK's future prosperity and global standing as language skills are highly sought after in UK business and diplomacy.</p>					
Curriculum Time / Week	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
	2	2	2	3	3
KS4 Qualifications	AQA GCSE French				
Useful Learning Resources	<p>www.linguascope.com – fun language learning games and activities to build vocabulary and confidence Student log on : wacfrench Student password : learnmfl</p> <p>www.langauges.online.org.uk – great resource with grammar and vocabulary practice and activities. Explanations of key grammar points and consolidation tasks.</p> <p>www.fr.ilini.com – sign up for a free account. Watch Higher French video clips and put on the French and English subtitles to increase vocab and confidence in listening and understanding.</p>				

	<p>http://french.about.com A site with extensive grammar notes but no exercises</p> <p>www.verb2verbe.com Translates any verb in any form from French to English and vice versa.</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/gcse/french <i>Some useful examination practice</i></p> <p>http://revisionworld.co.uk/gcse-revision/french Good revision resources</p>	
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