

The Minster School Modern Foreign Languages





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The Post

We are seeking to appoint a dynamic and enthusiastic Languages teacher to join our team. The successful candidate will have the ability to excite and engage students in developing their skills, knowledge and understanding of Modern Foreign Languages. This is a thriving department, and we are keen to appoint a candidate with suitable qualifications and personal qualities to continue the development of languages within the school.

Our Ethos

We are a reflective department committed to meeting the needs of the individual. Through the use of target language in lessons, we aim to create an exciting learning environment, which stimulates and challenges all of our students.

The Team

The team consists of one part time and seven full time language teachers. We offer French, German and Spanish. We are a collaborative team and regularly share good practice and resources. There are also two departmental assistants who assist staff in the preparation and collation of resources, administrative tasks and trip planning.

The Curriculum

All students study Spanish in Year 7 and the majority take up German or French as a second foreign language in Year 8. To help support the lower ability students, there are four groups that continue with only one language in Year 8. In Year 9, the majority of students continue to study two languages. In Year 10 students choose one or two languages to study at GCSE. Groups for languages are mixed ability.

French, German and Spanish are taught at AS and A2 in small groups.



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Current Priorities

- To foster a real passion for language learning amongst our students.
- To continue to increase the number of linguists at KS5.
- To further develop the use of ICT and authentic materials in MFL.
- To give our students frequent opportunities to use their language skills in practical and authentic situations.
- To continue developing innovative schemes of work based on meaningful, age appropriate and challenging topics.

Extra Curricular

We are committed to enhancing the classroom learning opportunities for all students. Extra curricular activities include European Day of Languages that we celebrate every September, Year 8 Languages Day; where students are off timetable to take part on various language workshops, from sign language to Mandarin. More recently, we have launched the Year 9 verb Spelling Bee competition. There are regular study visits for students to Germany, France and Spain.





Resources

We have well equipped classroom and an MFL ICT suite, which contains the digital language laboratory, where most classes have a timetabled lesson. All teaching rooms have interactive whiteboards.

The Department

Miss Amy Walter. Curriculum Team Leader- French, Spanish Dr Kerstin Zindler. Curriculum Team Leader - German, French Miss Gisele Sogas. Assistant CTL —Spanish, French Mrs Maria Boulton. Teacher of Spanish Mr Andy Brooks. Teacher of German, French and Spanish Mrs Natalie Gardiner. Teacher of German, French and Spanish Mrs Virginie Texier-Salter. Teacher of French and Spanish Miss Mollie Walsh. Teacher of French and Spanish



Results

GCSE

	7+	4+	1+
French 2019	24%	60%	97%
Spanish 2019	32%	77%	100%
German 2019	4%	56%	98%

A Level

	B+	C+	E+
French 2019	60%	60%	100%
Spanish 2019	71%	100%	100%
German 2019	40%	60%	80%















