

FRENCH & SPANISH: INTENT

In Language lessons at Enfield County School for Girls, we aim to equip our students with strong linguistic skills and to encourage a greater awareness, appreciation and respect for cultural diversity. Through a well-structured programme of learning across the Key Stages, we expand our students' cultural knowledge whilst developing their language skills, equipping them with the knowledge to communicate in a variety of contexts with confidence.

Students study either French or Spanish from Year 7 and continue studying this language to GCSE. These languages are also offered at A level. Teaching and learning focus on developing students' skills in the four key areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing along with providing a solid grounding in the structures and patterns of the language. The wide selection of topics is enriched with authentic material containing cultural and literary references to not only the target language country, but the wider Francophone and Hispanic world. In each Key Stage, curriculum mapping ensures opportunities to revisit and build on key skills with a clear progression of complexity and sophistication of language, structure and topic. For example, in Key Stage 3, students learn to talk about family using adjectives and high frequency present tense verbs and connectives. In Key Stage 4, this topic is revisited but extended to include more complex vocabulary and structures and looks at different family structures and relationships. At Key Stage 5, the topic of family under the heading 'Modern and Traditional Values' looks at changes in the family unit and attitudes towards marriage and divorce in relation to the target language-speaking world. The development of skills such as analysing, problem solving, collaboration, investigation, creativity and independent thinking are vital to making sense of the foreign language studied.

We encourage pupils to use the target language as much as possible and they are exposed to authentic language each time they are in the MFL classroom. In addition to dedicated online course resources accessible at home, extracurricular support at school, whole school events such as European Day of Languages and visits abroad broaden students' experience and learning.