



DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

THE MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES FACULTY Main or Upper Pay Scale

The Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Faculty comprises 6 full-time and 3 part-time teachers, who are able to teach at least two languages (one up to GCSE/A level). Members of the Faculty share a common approach to the teaching of all aspects of the subject and teamwork is an important feature of the Faculty.

All pupils from Year 8 take two languages from French, German or Spanish and are taught in ability groups. Spanish however is presently taught in mixed ability groups. A variety of teaching methods and classroom organisation ensure that the teaching is carried out effectively for every child. In addition, many of the pupils have the advantage of attending sessions with our foreign language assistants.

GCSE French, German and Spanish are offered at KS4 using the AQA specification. Results at GCSE are typically above the national average and an increasing number of pupils are opting to continue with languages in the 6th Form.

A Level French, German and Spanish are offered in Years 12 and 13 using the Edexcel specification.

The Modern Foreign Languages Faculty sets great store by the extra opportunities it offers to language students:

- **Visits Abroad**

- Year 8 pupils are offered the chance of spending one day at Le Touquet in Northern France. They have a series of tasks to fulfil, such as using French to ask the way, obtain information from the Syndicat d'Initiative, buy drinks, cakes, ice-creams, etc. All pupils are issued with a booklet with points for guidance and they explore the town by means of the various tasks set.
- There is a three day trip to Paris for Years 10 to 13 in October half term.
- There are trips to the Christmas markets in Cologne for pupils in Year 11 learning German and Lille Christmas Market in December for pupils in Years 10 to 13 learning French which are enjoyed greatly. There is a Spanish trip to Valencia for Year 9.

- **Foreign Language Assistants**

- The Faculty is in the fortunate position of having three foreign language assistants, French, German and Spanish. These assistants are used to help with conversation in the languages classroom as well as in smaller groups withdrawn from lessons and to take supplementary lessons with GCSE, AS and A level students in preparation for their oral examinations.

- **IT and the Internet**

- Modern Languages pupils use the internet to aid them with research, with homework and preparations for their Controlled Assessments. The internet is also used to communicate live with partner schools in Germany and, in the near future, Spain. We are furnished with Interactive white boards and a set of laptops which are frequently used in lessons to provide pupils with a variety of materials and possibilities in languages.

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- **Theatre visits and activities**
 - We invite theatre companies into School to perform for our KS3 learners of French annually and take our Sixth Form students to London for theatre/cinema trips. We organise visits to the French Institute.
 - Every year we host activities in MFL to celebrate special days for example “European Languages Day” in September.
 - Where possible we visit our local Primary Schools to supplement their Language learning in the summer term.
 - We take our students to lectures and films in London to supplement their learning of the language.

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An enthusiastic and committed Head of Spanish is required from April 2018. We are looking for a department head who can contribute to the success of this forward-looking Faculty while gaining much useful experience for their future career.

Completed application forms should be submitted via the online application form on the School website by noon on Monday 19th February 2018.

