



## **MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT**

*One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.*  
Frank Smith (Contemporary psycholinguist)

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The MFL department at Holy Cross aims to deliver rich and diverse learning opportunities which inspire pupils to embrace the challenge of learning a foreign language and discover the academic advantage it brings in this increasingly competitive and challenging marketplace.

Pupils are encouraged to be independent and creative in their learning, questioning and exploring their own language whilst learning to cope in a variety of contexts in another. Pupils are given opportunities to express their ideas, opinions and thoughts as well as responding to others, which is underpinned by the development of solid communication, linguistic and grammatical skills.

Language learning allows pupils to open their minds to other cultures, promoting tolerance and understanding, ready for them to take up their place in our multi-lingual, multi-cultural global society.

Year 7 pupils study four lessons of French per fortnight.

Year 8 A band pupils study three lessons of French per fortnight and two lessons of a second foreign language. B band pupils deepen their understanding of French with five lessons per fortnight.

Year 9 A band pupils continue with their studies of French (three lessons per fortnight) and the same second foreign language they studied in Year 8 (increased to three lessons per fortnight). B band pupils continue with five French lessons per fortnight which culminates in the awarding of the AQA FCSE qualification at the end of Year 9.

All pupils are offered the opportunity to study French up to GCSE level. Those pupils who studied two languages at Key Stage 3 are offered the choice of the two languages at Key Stage 4, but are strongly encouraged to continue the learning of *both* languages up to GCSE level. Each language has five lessons per fortnight timetabled teaching time during Key Stage 4.

The Modern Languages Department is housed in three modern, comfortable, specialist classrooms, each equipped with a Surface Pro, facilities for aural work and a conventional dry wipe board. In addition we have access to computer suites in the library and ICT departments.

We run a range of local trips and foreign visits. We provide opportunities for pupils to explore language learning and to further develop cultural awareness through events like the European Day of Languages, national competitions and penpal programmes.

We are seeking to recruit a well-qualified, enthusiastic and competent practitioner to play an active part in this successful department. The applicant should be committed to increasing academic standards through modern and innovative teaching, developing positive working relationships and involving him/herself in extra-curricular activities which encourage an interest in language learning.