

A warm welcome to Y6...

Modern Foreign Languages

Head of subject: Miss Young

Our Team

There are 7 experienced MFL teachers who are experts in at least one foreign language, with most teaching two. We have studied languages at university and have lived abroad in different countries around the world in the past. We are passionate about sharing the language and culture of other places with young people.

Our Curriculum

All students study French in Y7 and Y8. Most of our feeder primary schools offer some experience of French with many offering a little of other languages too. We are also aware that some students have done no French at all, before they start at High Storrs. Therefore, the first unit of work builds on the basic language that students may have been exposed to, like numbers, colours, greetings and family. The vocabulary is also taught, in order to help complete beginners. We regularly practise the four skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing in class. We also find out about the lives of young people in French speaking countries, to develop global citizenship. We use the new KS3 French course Dynamo, so the language and themes are very up to date. Students are also given access to an online platform which supports the words and grammar points covered in the text book. This is useful to help students learn French independently at home.

From Y9 onwards, students can choose to carry on with French or start a new language like Spanish or German. At High Storrs, over two thirds of students take a language at GCSE, which is a good proportion compared to other schools nationally. We welcome students of all abilities to join us at KS4, although some students who have struggled with a second language decide to take a different curriculum pathway. Then we also have French and Spanish classes in the Sixth form, where students really master the language.

Our Results

We have a range of abilities taking our subjects at GCSE, so we have a range of grades, with the vast majority achieving grades 4 - 9. This summer in GCSE French 30% of students achieved a grade 7 – 9 and 88% achieved a grade 4 - 9. We were delighted with these strong results, after a difficult time with Covid 19. An MFL GCSE is well respected by further and higher education institutions, as it shows continual effort and a determination to succeed. At A-Level, students perform strongly, with all candidates gaining a grade C - A* this summer. We are proud of all the exceptional young people that we get to work with in the sixth form.

Our Legacy

We want to develop the students' ability to communicate in the target language, by building up their knowledge of vocabulary and grammar. We also wish to explore the daily lives and culture of other people around the world, in order to foster tolerance and understanding of different countries. Learning a language should be fun and accessible to everyone.

