

Kingsbury High School- MFL Faculty Curriculum Intent

MFL purpose of study

At Kingsbury High School the purpose of study a foreign language is to provide students an opening to other cultures. Languages are part of the cultural richness of our society and the world in which we live and work. Learning languages contributes to mutual understanding, a sense of global citizenship and personal fulfilment. The ability to understand and communicate in another language is a lifelong skill for education, employment and leisure in this country and throughout the world.

Learning languages gives pupils opportunities to develop their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills and to express themselves with increasing confidence, independence and creativity. They explore the similarities and differences between other languages and English and learn how language can be manipulated and applied in different ways. The development of communication skills, together with understanding of the structure of language, lay the foundations for future study of other languages and support the development of literacy skills in a pupil's own language.

The MFL faculty believe that a high-quality languages education fosters pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. Our teaching aim is to enable pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing. It also aims to provide opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great literature in the original language. Our language teaching purpose is to provide the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries.

MFL curriculum aims

The MFL curriculum at Kingsbury High School aims to ensure that all pupils:

- become successful learners who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve
- become confident individuals who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives
- become responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society
- understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources
- speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation
- can write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt
- discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied.

Through the teaching of a wide variety of topics and grammar the MFL curriculum intends to support the wider school curriculum in areas like Science, Maths, DT, Art, History, etc by allowing students to transfer skills from a classroom to another.

As success in public examinations in MFL is a pre-requisite for the pursuance of courses in further education and certain careers, our curriculum intention is to allow students to maximise their potential in a foreign language so that they have every opportunity available when they leave school.

