

MFL Curriculum 2013-2014

In MFL (French, Spanish, Arabic and Urdu) several GCSE topics are covered in KS3 in preparation for GCSE level. These topics are then re-covered in years 10 and 11 at a higher level with more of a focus on functional grammar.

The NC level range in Year 7 goes up to around National Curriculum Level 3-4. Most students rise very quickly through levels 1 and 2, and most reach level 4 before the end of the year. Reaching level 5 in the NC requires that students can use and understand more than one tense. We supplement the schemes of work in order to allow abler students to use a variety of structures and vocabulary early on in Years 7 & 8, and thereby reach Level 5 and beyond. This is then built upon in Y9. To achieve a GCSE grade C students need to know a minimum of 3,000 of vocabulary.

Y7 – End of year target level = NC3a-4c

- Talking about myself (Introductions and physical descriptions)
- Where I live (nationalities and countries)
- About me (pets, brothers and sisters)
- School life (subjects, opinions, times and facilities)
- Sports and leisure time]
- About my house
- Holidays (future tense and activities)

Y8 – End of year target level = NC4a-5c

- Introducing others (3rd person)
- Daily Routine (daily and school routine)
- My family (family details – name, age etc)
- Food and drink
- Arranging a visit to a city in the target language country
- Making reservations

Y9 – End of year target level = NC5a-6c (foundation GCSE level)

- Finding out about the target language country
- Jobs around the house
- Directions and places in town
- Healthy living
- Clothes and shopping
- Current affairs

Y10 & 11 –

- Lifestyle
- Leisure
- Home and environment
- Work and education

During KS3 and KS4 there is equal emphasis placed on all 4 skill areas – Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

Useful websites

There are some useful websites for French and Spanish which will support your child in revising and getting ahead in their future learning. For Arabic and Urdu students are encouraged to access target language websites to practice reading and are also told to speak the target language as much as they can at home.

French and Spanish websites:

- www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk/curriculum/modlang/students: listening and reading activities
- www.wordreference.com: an online dictionary

French websites

- www.quia.com/shared/french
- www.frenchteacher.net
- www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french

Spanish websites

- www.espanolextra.com
- www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish
- www.learnspanish.com