





Modern Foreign Languages at The Hinckley School

Curriculum Vision

The Modern Foreign Languages Department holds high aspirations for all students to become citizens of the world, and to broaden their horizons through exposure to a different culture and language. Our curriculum is a 7-year learning journey in which we aim to:

- foster a love of learning and a love of languages through well planned lessons and a coherent curriculum.
- challenge our students to think and speak like linguists.
- help our students to develop an appreciation of a different culture and language through a range of activities that promote curiosity and confidence.

During their learning journey at The Hinckley School, students develop the four essential skills to successfully communicate in a language: reading, listening, writing and speaking. They work on a variety of topics, underpinned by key grammatical structures and the three time frames (present, past and future).

The British Council says: "Speaking another language is not just about facilitating a basic transaction; it deepens cultural understanding and opens doors to international experience and opportunity." Languages increase employment opportunities in all sectors, as they have become a central tool for business, trade and competitiveness in the global market place.

Subject Intent

"With languages, you are at home anywhere"

Edward de Waal

Key Stage 3

Term	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Autumn 1	Introducing yourself	My holidays	This is us
	Greetings, numbers, colours,	Countries and transport.	Talking about your life: your
	months, animals, personality,	Expressing where you normally	week schedule, your birthday,
	family.	go on holiday, where you went	other events.
		last year and where you are	
		going to go in the future.	
Autumn 2	My activities	Technology and leisure	Jobs
	Your daily and weekly interests,	The use of electronic devices,	Common professions, what you
	opinions, sports and weather.	your opinion on music and Tv	would like to do in the future,
		programmes, your activities	practising an interview.
		yesterday.	
Spring 1	My school	Environment	Free Time
	Your subjects, your likes and	Common environmental issues	Describing your spare time
	dislikes, describing my school,	around the world and solutions.	activities with higher
	what you do at breaktime.		connectives and higher opinions.
Spring 2	My city	Going out	Health and lifestyle
	Describing my house and my	Invitations, excuses, clothing	Describing healthy and
	bedroom, describing my town.	and daily routine.	unhealthy habits, what to do to
			keep fit and daily routine.







Summer 1	My city Activities in town, telling the time, ordering in a coffee shop.	The wider world Talking about a day trip abroad, describing a foreign city, holiday homes, useful sentences for travelling.	My rights Talking about my rights, recycling and fair trade.
Summer 2	My future Using the future tense to describe what you are going to do on the weekend. Using "I would like".	Preparing for Y9 Practising the tenses, high frequency phrases, writing and speaking skills.	Preparing for GCSE Practising the tenses and the four skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking.
Endpoints	 Using the present tense to describe oneself. Using the present tense to describe what you normally do and your interests. Using the future tense to describe what you are going to do on the weekend. Using opinions and basic connectives (and, but, also). 	 Using three tenses in descriptions and longer paragraphs. Using more complex sentences that include time phrases, connectives and opinions. Describing a variety of topics more in depth, talking not only about yourself but about how others feel and act. 	 Using four tenses in all skills and being able to use more than other pronouns. Using higher order phrases and complex reasons. Giving contrasting points of view in wider topics, such as leading a healthy lifestyle and human rights.







Key Stage 4: AQA GCSE SPANISH/FRENCH

Term	Year 10	Year 11	
Autumn 1	Me, my friends and family Talking about friends, describing relationships with family, plans for the future. Technology in everyday life Opinions on online messaging, the good and bad of social media, use and overuse of technology.	My studies and my school Talking about my subjects and my school School rules, school uniform and the good and bad of school life.	
Autumn 2	Free time activities Interests, weekend plans, food and special meals, sports. Present, past and future tense. Customs and festivals Learning about local traditions.	Current and future study and employment. Jobs and careers Work or university, career choices, benefits of higher education, looking for a job, the ideal job.	
Spring 1	Home, town, neighbourhood and area Describing your house and your town, amenities in your area, advantaged and disadvantages of where you live.	Exam practice and skills Revision of Y10 topics	
Spring 2	Social Issues Charity and voluntary work, helping others, healthy and unhealthy lifestyle.		
Summer 1	Global Issues Protecting the environment, environmental issues, homelessness and poverty.		
Summer 2	Travel and tourism Holiday accommodation, activities, describing your region.		
Assessment Objectives & Learning Aims	Four papers: Listening (25%), Reading (25%), Writing (25%), Speaking (25%). Two tiers: Foundation (grades 1-5), Higher (grades 3-9). Learning aims: - Understanding and responding to different types of spoken and written language. - Communicating and interacting effectively in speech and writing for a variety of purposes.		