



The
**Bulmershe
School**
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Course details of MFL

Key Stage 3 (Year 7 and 8)

All students in year KS3 study French and Spanish. We follow the Mira Express course for Spanish and Studio for French. In language lessons, students study a wide range of language points and topics, including holidays, local area and free time. Some lesson time is also dedicated to teaching listening and reading skills as well as writing and speaking.

Students are assessed at the end of each module in listening OR reading AND writing OR speaking.

Year 7 - 4 hours per cycle

Year 8 – 3 hours of each for dual linguists, 6 hours for single linguists

Year 9 - 3 hours per language per cycle

Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 and 11)

Details of the new GCSE to follow.

Year 9 – 5 hours per cycle.

Year 10 and 11

Students are assessed in all 4 skills, which are weighted as follows:

Listening 20%

Reading 20%

Speaking 30%

Writing 30%

Listening and reading skills are assessed in a final exam at the end of year 11 at either Foundation or Higher Level. Writing and speaking skills are assessed through controlled assessments, which take place throughout years 10 and 11.

Key Stage 5

Students in KS5 follow the AQA specification in either French or Spanish. Some students may choose to study two languages. The AS Level course builds on and extends students' knowledge and understanding in the topics covered at GCSE but also introduces more complex language structures and there is a higher emphasis on fluency and developing viewpoints. Lessons are taught predominantly in the Target Language.

Students are assessed in all 4 skills, which are weighted as follows:

70% (30% of A-Level) Listening, reading and writing (2 hour examination at the end of year 12)

30% (15% of A-Level) Speaking (15 minute examination at the end of year 12)

At A2, students study a wide range of current affairs topics, such as Multicultural Society, Contemporary Social Issues, and Pollution, whilst also studying two cultural topics, such as a film, a novel or a period of history relevant to the country. Students will develop their skills in debating and defending their view points as well as using analytical skills to evaluate and cultural aspects they have studied.

Students are assessed in all 4 skills, which are weighted as follows:

30% Listening, reading and writing (2 hours 30 minutes examination at the end of year 13)

15% Speaking (15 minute examination at the end of year 13)

Year 12 & 13: AQA French http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/gce/languages/french_noticeboard.php

Year 12 & 13: AQA Spanish

http://web.aqa.org.uk/qual/gce/languages/spanish_noticeboard.php