

The Thomas Hardy School MFL Department

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is currently made up of 10 teachers. We currently offer French and Spanish to A-Level. The team is diverse, dynamic and enthusiastic, made up of both native and non-native speakers, and we work closely together in a supportive atmosphere. We believe that all students are capable of achieving success in our subject and aim to provide an outstanding teaching and learning environment.

Students study French or Spanish in their Middle Schools and then either one or two languages in year 9. For those that do one language, they continue with the language they have previously studied. MFL is compulsory to GCSE level for the vast majority of students, with a small number of the cohort being offered an alternative.

A good number of students go on to follow A Level courses in MFL and results are consistently strong.

We currently organise exchange visits for lower school and sixth form students and most teachers are involved in these visits in some way. Participation in national events such as the UK Linguistics Olympiad and the annual celebration of the European Day of Languages helps to engage students and encourage a positive attitude to language learning.