

Okehampton College



MFL Schemes of Work 2021-2022

The MFL team are a group of reflective practitioners, with different educational backgrounds, teaching experiences, life experiences, and linguistic abilities. We are constantly re-drafting our Schemes of Work, particularly in light of data analysis, the individual needs of our student community, and a more precise knowledge of the expectation at KS4 and beyond.

This academic year, we have aligned our German curriculum to our French curriculum, as we are now teaching both languages across KS3 for the first time. We have worked hard to provide students with the breadth, choice and cultural awareness of 2 languages.

September 2021 sees our first group of Yr10 students to take GCSE German at the College for several years, and we are excited to be able to give them this opportunity!

In designing our curriculum, we have revisited key areas of learning which we feel students have not covered as thoroughly as we would have liked, due to school closure. Continuing to work with students to identify knowledge gaps and adapt our lesson plans within each area, will be key to our success. In addition to these changes, I continue in role as MFL Lead for SWIFT (South West Institute for Teaching), meaning that we have good contact with Senior Examiners, DfE specialist teachers, and leading local, national and international experts in our subject area; and can draw on this when developing our teaching and planning.

In combining what we believe to be the most impactful elements of the above training and latest research, alongside traditional resources such as textbooks, we have, together, produced a curriculum which we are confident will challenge our students; pushing them to take ownership as linguists. In all cases, our SoW sits alongside the extra-curricular opportunities we offer students in Languages.

Our intent is that all students at Okehampton College gain the experience of studying 2 Modern Foreign Languages, and discover an element along the way that they can personally identify with. We aim to equip our students with the skills to become successful and confident in a modern foreign language, be it for holidays, work or academic study. Learning a language opens our minds to different cultures and opens the door to a wealth of opportunities beyond the classroom, and this is the message that we seek to get across to our students in this rural community.

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