

## GCSE Modern Foreign Languages

This year, in the Modern Foreign Languages Faculty, we have covered the following topics:

### German:

- ✓ Talking about your school, its size, community, facilities, clubs.
- ✓ The subjects you study and your opinions of them
- ✓ Describing your teachers and your uniform
- ✓ Comparing your primary school to CCS
- ✓ Giving ideas for your ideal school
- ✓ Talking about the school day
- ✓ Talking about jobs you might do around the house

### Spanish and French:

- ✓ Talking about where you normally go on holiday,
- ✓ Discussing the advantages and disadvantages of different forms of transport
- ✓ Describing where you might stay, the facilities
- ✓ Giving opinions in a variety of ways
- ✓ Saying what you like doing on holiday
- ✓ Discussing where you would like to go
- ✓ Describing where you have been in the past and what you did there

In addition, in all languages, we have revisited how to use a variety of tenses, opinion phrases and a range of vocabulary and structures in order to write a successful GCSE style piece of writing. We always look to upgrade our language with Fancy French, Spicy Spanish or Dazzling Deutsch, just as we do at GCSE.

Students will already be familiar with how to describe photos verbally and with taking part in role plays; these are skills we have worked on throughout key stage 3 and which we develop further as they begin their GCSE course.

Our assessments are based on past GCSE questions, sometimes adapted, sometimes in their original form, allowing us to develop the specific skills needed to analyse and respond to pieces of written or spoken language. We use further examples during our teaching too so that students begin to become familiar with the type of question they will meet at the end of year 11.

When choosing your options for GCSE, the MFL department recommend that you think about **which language you enjoy learning the most** and NOT about what your friends are choosing (there is a possibility that you will be in a different option block to them anyway, even if you choose the same language). Additionally, the language teacher you have for GCSE may be a new teacher to you or may be one you have had at any point over the last three years so choosing based on the teacher you have this year is also not something that should be considered when making your choices.

Consider the progress you have made since Year 7 in each language, thinking about the skills you have learnt, the topics you have covered, and the aspects of the Target Language cultures you have discovered. You have all come a long way since those first weeks in Year 7 when you learnt how to say your name, age and birthday!