



# **Gordon's School**

## **Modern Foreign Languages Department**

### **Introduction**

The MFL Department consists of three modern language subjects: French, German and Spanish. Each is currently managed by a Head of Department. This role provides an opportunity to unite the departments into one large Modern Languages team under the leadership of the Head of Modern Languages. It is the intention of the school to develop the provision of languages and from September 2020 Mandarin will be introduced. The successful candidate will be able to have a significant input into how this language might be incorporated into the curriculum.

The Department teaches from a suite of specialist language rooms and all students have the use of tablets which are used in lessons.

There are currently language assistants in French, German and Spanish.

Each of the languages run co-curricular activities including the provision of overseas trips and exchanges. It is hoped that these might be further developed over time.

The successful candidate will line manage the Head of Department for each language. In the case of the candidate being a French specialist they will also run that department too.

The Head of Modern Foreign Languages will be line managed by the Deputy Head (Curriculum)

It is the intention of the school that each member of the MFL team can teach two languages to at least GCSE.

### **Curriculum**

Languages are a core option at Gordon's through to the end of Year 11 with very little exception. There are currently students taking A Level in French, German and Spanish.

Currently, students take French, German and Spanish for half a term each until February half-term in Year 7. At this point they select their language which they then take until the end of Year 11. A small number of students take two languages from Year 10 onwards.

## Examination results

	<b>French</b>	<b>German</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>School Average</b>
<b>GCSE 9-7</b>	24.3	38.1	22.2	42
<b>GCSE 9-5</b>	45.9	81.0	74.1	81
<b>GCSE 9-4</b>	67.6	100	90.7	94
<b>A Level A* - A</b>	100	20	33	38
<b>A Level A* - B</b>	100	40	100	73
<b>A Level A* - E</b>	100	100	100	100

## Examination Boards

	<b>French</b>	<b>German</b>	<b>Spanish</b>
<b>GCSE</b>	Eduqas	AQA	AQA
<b>A Level</b>	Eduqas	AQA	AQA

The successful candidate will be able to consider changes to the specifications of each of these languages over time. They will also be required to manage the implementation of Mandarin.

Further reform may be possible over the medium term and the successful candidate will be able to help shape this working alongside senior leaders.