



## **HERSCHEL GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

### **MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES FACULTY**

There are currently five teachers in the MFL faculty at Herschel Grammar School. Three work full time and two work three days a week on a 0.6 contract. All can teach French and Spanish to at least KS3 and are able to teach at least one language to GCSE or beyond. We are looking to appoint an additional part time teacher on a 0.6 contract.

We share French and Spanish MLAs (Modern Language Assistants) with a neighbouring school and each work with us on alternate weeks for 12 hours per week.

On entry, Year 7 pupils start to study French or Spanish and they continue to study this all the way through to GCSE which is compulsory for most of our pupils.

The faculty follows the current AQA specification for GCSE in French and Spanish and will be using the new Edexcel specification for the new GCSE which is to be examined for the first time in summer 2026.

We follow the Pearson *Dynamo* course for Years 7 and 8 in French and the *Studio* books for Years 9-11. For Spanish, we use the *Viva* textbooks for Years 7-11. We have the Active Teach version of these to use in our lessons. We will be looking to buy the new Pearson Edexcel GCSE books for September and will start using these with Year 10.

All pupils have their own textbook to take home and listening files and additional resources for all year groups are posted on the Microsoft TEAMS for pupils to access at home.

The faculty has three classrooms in its own block, each of which is equipped with a digital projector and board, an additional white board to write on, DVD player and PC. Much of our teaching takes place in this block with some lessons being taught in the main school building. The block has an office with two PCs and a printer as well as a large corridor with a whiteboard which is used for small groupwork with the MLAs.

The MFL faculty at Herschel Grammar School prides itself on its collaborative approach to preparing lessons and sharing resources and continues to achieve excellent results at GCSE.