



Our Vision for MFL at Lister

At Lister we aim to foster the love of language learning and equip students with the linguistic tools they need in order to thrive in an increasingly globalised world. Therefore our mission is to provide opportunities to broaden cultural awareness and understanding, and to cultivate lifelong language skills that go beyond the classroom. A high-quality language education should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. The teaching should enable pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing. It should also provide opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great literature in the original language. Language teaching should provide the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries.

What do we teach in KS3?

MFL serves a cultural and linguistic purpose in that it exposes students to foreign languages and culture, therefore promoting global citizenship. The curriculum builds on prior learning at KS2 by reinforcing vocabulary, basic grammar and transactional language. As a school we are aware that not all feeder schools offer Spanish and Mandarin as a language in KS2 however we aim to provide a strong foundation in Y7 and at the same time stretch students that may have already had Spanish and Mandarin in KS2. The KS3 curriculum allows students to explore diverse topics and more complex grammar, allowing them to express themselves in a foreign language. We connect the curriculum to real-world experiences and students' interests and backgrounds. All the topics that we teach are linked with the GCSE so that it prepares them well for the course whilst at the same time gives them the resilience and skills for any language learning. It also serves to enrich students' use of their mother tongue through comparison of the language and culture of another country.

What we teach in KS4?

The curriculum builds on prior learning at KS3 by revisiting many of the same topics in order to deepen knowledge and increase linguistic and grammatical sophistication. The GCSE curriculum allows students to strengthen their knowledge about how language works and enrich their vocabulary in order for them to increase their independent use and understanding of extended language in a wide range of contexts. At GCSE Level students are taught to speak about their local area in depth, describe and see the impact of redevelopment in it. We teach in a context of awareness about issues in the 21st century and what is needed to change this.

PSHE and SMSC:

We are always celebrating culture in language learning in the classroom but we are also very active school-wide. We have a film club where students can discuss and have contact with authentic material and we also promote trips to SOAS and workshops and run events such as Languages week which is always a huge success amongst students.