

James Edwards: Head of MFL

Favourite linguist: José Mourinho – Fluent in Portuguese, English, Spanish and Italian – has worked in Portugal, England, Spain and Italy as a football manager – a real role-model for what he has achieved and his amazing linguistic ability. He isn't afraid to speak his mind and knows exactly how to get what he wants! Wears a cracking suit as well!

My background: From Y7 at school I always used to get 99%-100% in my end of year tests – because I was good at languages I started to like them – as I don't like things I'm not good at! I was a bit of a 'geek' and really loved school and looked up to my teachers – I wanted to be like them in the future. I studied French and German at GCSE and A-Level and then French, German and Spanish at The University of Nottingham before becoming a teacher. My Year Abroad was one of the best years of my life.

My languages: French, German, Spanish and English

Favourite language: French (would love to speak Polish)

Favourite word: Bratwurst (German)

Favourite place to travel: Vienna (Austria) – I spent part of my Year Abroad here and loved it, especially at Christmas! Or Barcelona (Spain) – something for everyone whether you like football, beaches, hot weather, shopping, eating or sight-seeing!

Jessica Wheeldon: Assistant Head of MFL

My background: I first noticed my love for languages in Year 10 at school, where I was part of the first group to study Spanish at GCSE. After three weeks of studying Spanish, I was asked to take part in a project in Leon, Spain for a week. I lived with a host family and loved it so much that I returned for two more exchange visits. I went on to study languages at Manchester Metropolitan University. I spent my year abroad living and studying in Murcia (Spain) and Rome (Italy). Living in these two beautiful cities for a year was the best time of my life.

My languages: English, Spanish, Italian and French.

My favourite places: Rome, Murcia, Prague.

My favourite linguist: My favourite linguist would have to be Shakira. She can speak four other languages, which is incredible. I am a big fan of her music, especially her Spanish songs. I also admire people such as David Beckham for learning a new language (Spanish) because he moved countries due to his job.

My favourite word: Churros. One of my favourite Spanish desserts, they taste like donuts and are usually served with a chocolate sauce.

Dan Sullivan: Teacher of MFL

My background: As an Arsenal fan growing up I wanted to play for them and I thought that if I spoke French I'd have a better chance of getting selected by Arsène Wenger! Although French never did lead me to become a leading footballer, it did give me the opportunity to live and work abroad teaching English in Montpellier (France) and leading school trips around Northern France. Learning a foreign language is a great way to meet new people and see new places!

My languages: French, Spanish and English

My favourite place: Sète, France

Place I would like to visit: Barcelona

Favourite linguist: Thierry Henry – he speaks French, English, Spanish and Italian – he shows great determination in whatever he does and has been hugely successful in his career!

Pauline Dupuis: Teacher of MFL

My background: I come from a region called Auvergne in the centre of France. I have always been attracted by languages, mine included and I have always loved travelling and imitating accents. I have lived in England for four years and did most of my studies in France. I first studied business and marketing but then solely focused on studying foreign languages. My passion for teaching arose during my first year in England when I started as a French assistant in a school near London. It made me want to go further and I went to the University of Nottingham to do a PGCE.

My languages: French, English, Italian and Spanish

My favourite language: Italian

Places I would like to visit: Italy, Greece or Malta

My favourite linguist: Christoph Waltz (actor). He can speak four languages and in some films, he showed his ability to naturally switch from a language to another. He also imitates accents really well

My favourite word: Chiacchierare (Italian) and I love the pronunciation of "biscuit" in English

Eniko Morley: Teacher of MFL

My background: I completed my studies at the University of Szeged, in Hungary, then I moved to England in 2011. I think our language is beautiful and very sophisticated, but not as popular as other languages around the world. Therefore we learn foreign languages to be able to communicate with others around us. When it comes to languages, we are spoilt with choices: English, German, Italian, French, Spanish...just to mention a few. I started to learn English at primary school, then I added Spanish when I stepped in to secondary education. Now I'm learning French to broaden my knowledge. It's not easy to learn languages, but definitely one of the best skills you can have!

My languages: Hungarian, English, Spanish and French

Languages I would like to learn: Italian and Greek.

My favourite places: Barcelona, Chester, San Sebastián, Bilbao and Kraków.

Places I would like to visit: Andalucia, Yellowstone National Park and New York

My favourite Spanish word: Otorrinolaringólogo (ear, nose and throat specialist) – what a challenging word!

My favourite Hungarian words: Család (family) and szeretet (love)