

# Curriculum Intent- MFL Department

## Our Ethos

**Explain the principles behind your department's curriculum – i.e. how will your subject impact on students:**

As a Modern Foreign Languages department we have the responsibility to develop the cultural and linguistic skills that our students need to be liberated from insularity and become global citizens. We have the privilege of not only preparing our young people for the international labour market and further language study but also helping them become thoughtful, compassionate and considerate humans through the exploration of life outside their own corner of the world. By focussing on listening, reading, writing and speaking skills and having high expectations regarding students' learning potential, our curriculum will allow all students to develop the communication, resilience and problem solving skills that they need to be successful in the future, regardless of the path they take.

## Our Aims

### 5 Year Plan

**Give an overview of what your curriculum will achieve:**

By the time students complete their MFL course at Ecclesfield School, they will be effective communicators, resilient learners and successful problem-solvers, having developed strategies to find ways to communicate what they want to say and to deal with unfamiliar language. Students will be able to understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of sources, due to a deep understanding of the grammatical structures of the foreign language and the ability to confidently manipulate those structures. Students will have been given the opportunity to explore a wide range of topics relating to life in another country in order to develop their linguistic skills, social understanding and cultural capital.

### Skills

**List the main skills students will learn and develop over the curriculum:**

- Students will be able to manipulate grammatical structures to talk about topics in a variety of tenses.
- Students will be able to deal with unfamiliar language and communicate effectively in the target language
- Students will be able to understand, infer and analyse what they read and hear from a variety of sources.
- Students will be able to understand, engage with and respond to authentic sources
- Students will be able write in a well structured manner.
- Students will be able to work independently and collectively.

### Knowledge

**List the main subject knowledge students will learn and develop over the curriculum:**

- Students will know a wide range of target language vocabulary pertaining to the three themes studied (People and Lifestyle, Popular Culture and Communication and the World Around Us)
- Students will be about to manipulate verbs in order to change the tense or the subject
- Students will know a variety of grammatical structures which they can use to express themselves both verbally and in writing
- Students will have studied the differences between life in England and in German/Spanish/French speaking countries.

**Work Hard | Be Kind | Aim High | Show GRIT**