



# MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES CURRICULUM INTENT

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Learning a Modern Foreign Language is a key that opens a multitude of doors into both the inner world of self-knowledge and awareness and the outer world of vast cultural diversity and opportunities. It leads to a liberation from insularity and fosters curiosity, as well as understanding and empathy towards others. Languages highlight both what is unique and the same in humanity. They help us express our feelings and thoughts. Languages are both an abstract and a practical subject, which allow students to express themselves creatively whilst at the same time exploring and discovering more about their sense of self and others. It creates articulate, confident and ambitious students and builds in them a sense of social confidence as global citizens.

Modern Foreign Languages as a subject is uniquely placed to equip students with a better understanding of the world around them and the cultural, historical and socio-economic characteristics of the countries in which they are spoken. It promotes critical thinking, an ability to identify and apply patterns, creativity, how to express yourself clearly and present viewpoints persuasively and eloquently in a wide range of social settings and to different audiences. Language learners have the opportunity to practise skills which enable them to become confident speakers and writers. Students are, therefore, equipped with the foundation to pursue further studies in languages, as well as travel abroad. Furthermore, it widens opportunities for work in other countries, significantly improving employability and access to a wide range of professions in an increasingly competitive global job market.