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Spanish

Curriculum Intent

Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. We aim to provide all our students with a high-quality languages education to foster their curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. Our teaching enables 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 also provides opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great literature in the original language. Language teaching provides the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries.

Assessment, Marking and Feedback

All years in KS3 have termly assessments and feedback on the curriculum content. Assessments are based on the writing skill and fully prepared in class beforehand to give students maximum confidence in the language. The End of Year assessment is then mostly based on Reading and Translation practice, incorporating the whole curriculum content.

Homework

All Homework for KS3 is set as homework menus on Teams for all students to access. The menus consist of tasks on Activehub; each student has their own username and password. The tasks are practice of the content in class for the term to reinforce acquisition of vocabulary and grammar as well as developing Listening, Reading and Writing skills. The tasks automatically mark themselves and individual teachers receive the score for each of their students.

Links to National Curriculum / Syllabus Specifications

Key Stage 3 National Curriculum:
National Curriculum - Languages key stage 3 (publishing.service.gov.uk)

Exam Support & Revision Resources

- BBC Languages Bitesize
- ActiveHub Textbook Access and Activities
- Oak National Academy

Extracurricular and Enrichment Opportunities

- Onatti performance for Year 8
- Mingalaba visit for Year 9 on use of languages in the world of work
- European Day of Languages assemblies
- Festival of Languages and Culture – University of Kent
- British Council Language Assistant to develop speaking skills

Interested to know more?

To read:

- Variety of original Spanish books in Cornwallis Library
- Variety of parallel Spanish and English books in Cornwallis Library

To watch:

- Coco
- El libro de la vida

To listen:

- Coffee Break Spanish - Coffee Break Languages

To visit:

- La Taberna, Maidstone
- Instituto Cervantes, London