

# Modern Foreign Languages



Our courses are designed, and our lessons conducted, in order that our students achieve high levels of comprehension, accuracy and fluency by the end of their schooling.

Students succeed rapidly, enjoying learning, and become enthusiastic and proud of their ultimate proficiency. They leave equipped to live in an international context, their skills underpinned by their competence in a major world language.

## **Modern Languages at Rishworth: French and Spanish**

Depending upon the year they are in, students receive between two and a half to four and a half hours tuition each week given by fully qualified teaching staff, one of whom is a native speaker.

Students study both French and Spanish in Year 7 before choosing to specialise in the one language up to GCSE. Students who have shown a particular aptitude in language learning are encouraged to continue with their chosen language to A Level in the Sixth Form.

The Department is committed to the provision of a pleasant and lively working atmosphere in which students freely and happily use their target language at every opportunity. In addition, Sixth Form students have access to the satellite room for independent viewing of French and Spanish television.

## **Languages at Work**

Studying a language improves communication skills, the ability to work with others, and increases problem solving skills.

A language qualification can lead to jobs in sectors as diverse as the media, tourism, banking and computing. With one in five companies losing business because of language and cultural barriers, it is increasingly important for international businesses to address these obstacles to success. Appreciating that individuals from different cultural backgrounds have different cultural norms, practices and expectations is vital for success in international business.

Companies wishing to trade with, and sell to, non-English speaking customers will be three times more likely to succeed if using the customer's own language.

**Other Information**

Classrooms have interactive whiteboards with digital versions of course books and computers allowing access to the internet and a wealth of engaging, lively material.