



## **Modern Foreign Languages Department**

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is housed in the Stamp Building, with departmental classrooms equipped with data projection and ample storage space, a staff office and two small rooms that can be used by the Assistants or for one-to-one oral work. The Head of Modern Foreign Languages coordinates the work of the three departments. Each department also has a native speaker Assistant.

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is well-established and successful. There is a strong academic ethos. It is a lively and interesting place to work, amongst highly qualified and professional colleagues who place an emphasis on using the target language for both pupils and teachers alike. However, new ideas for promoting and teaching languages are always welcome and shared.

The department runs a number of trips abroad and a willingness to be involved in organising and accompanying these trips would be essential. All Year 10 and Lower Sixth Spanish pupils are strongly encouraged to take part in a five day study trip to the south of Spain, which takes place during the Easter holiday and it would be expected that you would assist on this trip.

In Year 7 and 8 there are only 60 pupils (30 in each year). Spanish is taught from Year 9 up to A level. The majority of pupils who arrive at The Leys in Year 9 have some background in the language but it is possible to take Spanish as a beginner. At KS4 most pupils choose one modern foreign language and have the option to add a second.

French, German and Spanish are the three languages taught in the timetable and we are looking for a Spanish teacher to teach up to A level. For flexibility in timetabling, it would also be an advantage for the successful candidate to be able to teach another language to at least Key Stage 3 and preferably to GCSE but this is not essential.

## **The Spanish Department**

There are currently two subject specialist teaching members of staff, with others who teach Spanish as their second language, as well as a native Spanish assistant.

In Year 8, there are two classes. In our Year 9 groups we focus on all aspects of the language, and we like to give a particular focus on the culture of Hispanic countries. We have excellent resources available.

At KS4 there are currently three sets in both Years 10 and 11. The pupils have 3 x 50-minute lessons a week and follow the Edexcel IGCSE syllabus, using the Edexcel International GCSE textbook. Recent GCSE results have been good with 90% achieving grades 9 – 5.

Sixth Form Spanish class sizes are encouraging, given national trends. There are usually between 5 and 8 studying Spanish at A level. We follow the AQA syllabus, using the AQA A Level textbook. All Sixth Form pupils have a lesson per week individually with the Spanish assistant.

The department organises many different language initiatives throughout the year including taking part in a debating competition, reading competition, some outreach activities at primary schools and they help our students in Year 11. Weekly collaborations for all year groups are available for pupils once a week where all Spanish teachers offer support for those wanting it.