



# Malmesbury School

## **INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND LANGUAGES FACULTY**

The IBL faculty is strongly committed to providing high quality language courses, whereby students across the full ability range can experience success and enjoyment in their study of modern foreign languages. Our vision is to inspire students to promote confident, resilient, motivated language learners; to ensure all students can experience success in language learning and to equip students with skills for their next stage of education or work. To do this we seek to develop the ability to understand and use language for the purpose of communication, to develop a clear understanding of grammar, and to encourage positive attitudes towards foreign language learning and other cultures.

To enable all students to have a broad experience in languages we have an innovative curriculum design. In year 7 and 8 students study two languages, either French and Spanish or French and German. At the end of year 8 students are awarded a Malmesbury Certificate in Languages. In year 9 students develop skills and the basics of grammar, whilst exploring different cultural aspects in the languages they are studying. The exciting and innovative curriculum enables students of all levels to thrive and achieve.

This is a dynamic and hard-working faculty, where staff are enthusiastic and committed to language learning and teaching. There are five full-time and six part-time teaching staff. There are seven large teaching rooms plus a Language Faculty office, which can be used for small group teaching when required. Each room is well equipped for language teaching with interactive white boards in every room. Students also make regular use of whole-school computer facilities. There are termly schemes of work for all year groups in Key Stage 3, 4 & 5. We are also committed to implementing AFL techniques and thinking skills throughout all key stages.

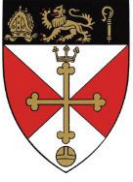
In Key Stage 4 students are taught in classes across the whole year group and have two and a half hours per week in Year 10 and in Year 11. Students prepare for the AQA GCSE in the language(s) of their choice. Languages are optional, but we have a large take-up with well over 70% of the year group choosing to continue with at least one language, many with two.

Post-16 uptake is increasing at a rapid pace with up to 10 students for each subject expected in September. The students follow the AQA A level courses in all languages. Students use online Kerboodle resources to follow the course during independent study. As part of the Malmesbury Excellence programme, we have students studying beginners Russian and Spanish in year 12.

The faculty is keen to promote language learning and to maintain links with France, Spain and Germany. We also have well-established and popular exchanges with the College St. Augustin in Morlaix, Normandy, France, the Friedrich-Paulsen Schule in Niebüll, Germany, and the Instituto Educacion Secundaria Cabanes, **Castellón**, Spain on the Costa del Azahar. The school also has project links with Denmark. We have strong links with the community and promote a range of extra-curricular language events, including the Language Leaders Award. We work with the University of Bristol to mentor PGCE students and host a TSST course in both French and Spanish.

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