

SWANMORE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is housed in 'A' block, the newest block in the College, with each room being equipped with data projection technology, an interactive whiteboard, TV/video and overhead projector. The Department has a broad and well-balanced range of resources. The team consists of five full-time and two part-time specialist teachers.

At Key Stage Three French is taught to all pupils using "Expo"/"Expo Electro". All pupils are taught a second language in year 8 and 9 alongside their French and those with a real aptitude for French are offered the chance to fast-track to GCSE in Year 9. Results at Key Stage 3 in all three languages are above the county and national averages. Classes are taught in sets based on ability and teachers are expected to teach across the age and ability range.

At Key Stage Four French, Spanish and German become optional and the department continues to achieve some of the best results in the County in all three languages. Pupils studying languages will be following the new AQA specification GCSE. We also offer all of our KS4 the opportunity to do NVQ level 1 and 2 in French, German, Spanish and Italian.

The Modern Languages Department encourages a positive and active approach to language learning and caters well to all learning styles. The ethos of the department is to produce pupils who, as well as acquiring a foreign language, also develop an attitude of co-operation and social responsibility and a greater understanding of life and customs in Europe and beyond.