

Our Subjects

At Smithdon High School, Modern Foreign Languages are an important part of the curriculum. In today's multicultural and diverse society, it is vital that our young people grow up with an understanding of other cultures, which is helped through studying a Modern Foreign Language.

We teach both French and German, working alongside the other schools in West Norfolk Academies Trust, sharing expertise, ideas and opportunities to offer our students high quality teaching.

In KS3, all students study French or German: having 4 hours of lessons each fortnight. All lessons involve a mixture of the four Key Skills:

Speaking

Students practise speaking from the very first lesson, beginning with greetings and short sentences about themselves. Speaking may be to an individual, a small group or even the whole class. Encouragement and praise helps to build confident communicators.

Listening

Being able to understand what is said to us is hugely important. Students learn the skills for effective listening, for understanding what they hear in the classroom, as well as from recordings of real-life situations.

Reading

Our students are taught a variety of techniques to help with understanding of written texts. We use a wide range of texts to allow students to develop their skills in reading. These include: emails, brochures, leaflets and menus – very useful when you are on holiday!

Writing

Writing in the target language is a very important skill and one which begins with writing about ourselves. Everyone has plenty of ideas about this! As we progress, students learn to write in more depth and about other people too.