

VERULAM SCHOOL

# SPOTLIGHT ON:



EDITION 9 : 01/12/2023

MFL AT VERULAM

At Verulam we believe that being a good linguist is not about being fluent; it's about being open and willing to learn and make mistakes in an effort to communicate with others .

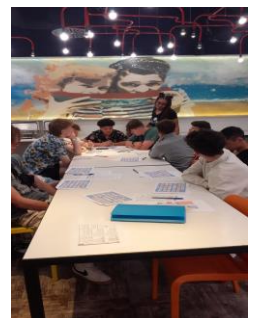
Our ethos in MFL is to foster a love of languages and create confident linguists who can communicate effectively in the real world, with a good foundation of grammatical knowledge. We want our students to explore cultures of other countries and be able to apply the skills they learn in our classrooms to other subject areas, as well as to non-academic areas of interest. We aim to offer a good balance of support and challenge, and we encourage our students to be independent and resilient learners.

In lessons the students practise all four skills: Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing, so that they are able to communicate and understand languages in many different situations and contexts.

We led very successful trips to Paris and Barcelona last year, and will be taking our Year 9 & 10 students away again next summer. These trips are enormous fun and allow the students to immerse themselves in French and Spanish culture.

In the summer of 2024, Year 9 & 10s will be going to Paris, where they will visit Montmartre, go to the top of the Eiffel tower, enjoy a cruise down the river Seine and see the Mona Lisa in the Louvre museum. They will also visit Notre Dame, the Pompidou Centre and spend a day in the Asterix theme park. They will of course have lots of opportunity to enjoy fine French cuisine too!

Year 10s will also have the opportunity to go on a trip to Spain, taking in three beautiful cities: Malaga, Granada & Seville. Students will take a guided tour of La Rosaleda Football Stadium in Malaga, visit Atarazanas Market, La Alcazaba Palace, enjoy scenic views of Castillo de Gibralfaro and relax on Malagueta beach. They will also enjoy a guided Tapas Tour; a guided tour of La Alhambra in Granada followed by time in the vibrant Albaicín district . There will be a day at Isla Mágica Seville theme park, a cooking class and also a Visit to the Royal Alcázar of Seville. We hope that our students enjoy learning French and Spanish with us, and visiting our target language countries as much as we love teaching them and taking them on trips!



# COMING UP SOON:

Date	Event	Time
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Sixth Form breakfast meetings begin	During form time
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	DPR log ins for Year 8 sent to parents and printed for students	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production	7pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8 Information Evening	5:50pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production	7:30pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Rugby U18s v. Sandringham at home	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production to primary school	During the afternoon
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production	7pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	County Badminton Finals	9am – 2:30pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Iceland Trip Parents' Information Evening	7pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Apprenticeships Evening	6pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Mark Prince Event	6pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	U18s v. Longdean at Home	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8 DPR drop in	6-7pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	All day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 12 Blue Peris Trip departs	