

Vision and Rationale for MFL

Vision – Summer 2017:

“The Modern Foreign Languages Faculty will be a place where pupils and staff can work together to succeed in learning through enthusiasm, enjoyment and relevance, both in lessons and extra-curricular opportunities. Pupils will leave their language learning at Bridgewater with transferable skills, greater cultural awareness and a sense of achievement.”

Rationale in response to changes 2017-18:

The curriculum model which we offer is evolving, but is aimed at making sure that our pupils have the access to languages that provide future openings in terms of careers.

- German and French are the 2 most requested languages by British business and industry (most recent British Council report 2015).
- A foreign language on a CV is valued beyond the skills which that language can bring; being seen as adaptable, conscientious and hard-working are some of these hidden attributes.
- Many top flight universities value German in particular as an entrance qualification due to its elite status in the country (small numbers of candidates at A-Level). The top ability pupils therefore should have the opportunity to study German to enhance their future ability to access courses at these universities.