

## **Languages Department**

The Modern Languages Department at Valentines High School is innovative, successful and thriving. French and Spanish are taught in years 7 to 13.

The Modern Languages Department is accommodated in a modern school building in four rooms, one of which being equipped with its own suite of computer technology. Four teachers contribute to the teaching of languages.

All students are taught in tiered groups. In each year group half of the students do Spanish and half do French.

At Key Stage 3 the French course is based around "Studio" and the Spanish is based on Mira.

At KS4, we use the Pearson GCSE coursebooks.

Many students in Year 10 study a Modern Foreign Language. The department follows the Edexcel Syllabus in both French and Spanish. A variety of materials are used to fulfil the requirements but the schemes of work have been designed according to this excellent syllabus content.

The department has achieved excellent examination results over the past years, with over 95% of students achieving a grade 4 or higher and over 30% achieving grade 7-9 at GCSE.

The department is committed to an oral approach to learning a language. The building of the students' confidence in their ability to communicate is a prime concern. Grammar, aural, written and reading skills are developed gradually at various levels of complexity according to age and ability.

The department works well together and ideas are constantly shared. The candidate would be expected to play a full part in the future development of this high achieving department.