



MFL

AT ARCADIA

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- KS1-3 FRENCH & SPANISH
- FS-KS2 GLOBAL LANGUAGES
- MOTHER TONGUE PROGRAMME
- GCSE LANGUAGES KS4



MOTHER TONGUE PROGRAMME

YEAR 1 – 6

With the objective of supporting our students' home languages and providing a space where those languages can be applied and developed alongside peers, the bespoke Arcadia Mother Tongue Programme is open to eligible students in Year 1 – 6.

Native-speaking tutors provide fun, weekly sessions conducted entirely in the target language with a focus on the communication skills of speaking, listening and reading through activities, stories, games and crafts.

For the academic year 2023-24, the following languages will be available:

French
Hindi
Italian

Russian
Spanish
Turkish

New languages will be incorporated into the programme subject to student numbers. Entrance to the programme is subject to an informal assessment of the student's communication skills. The programme is provided at no extra cost.



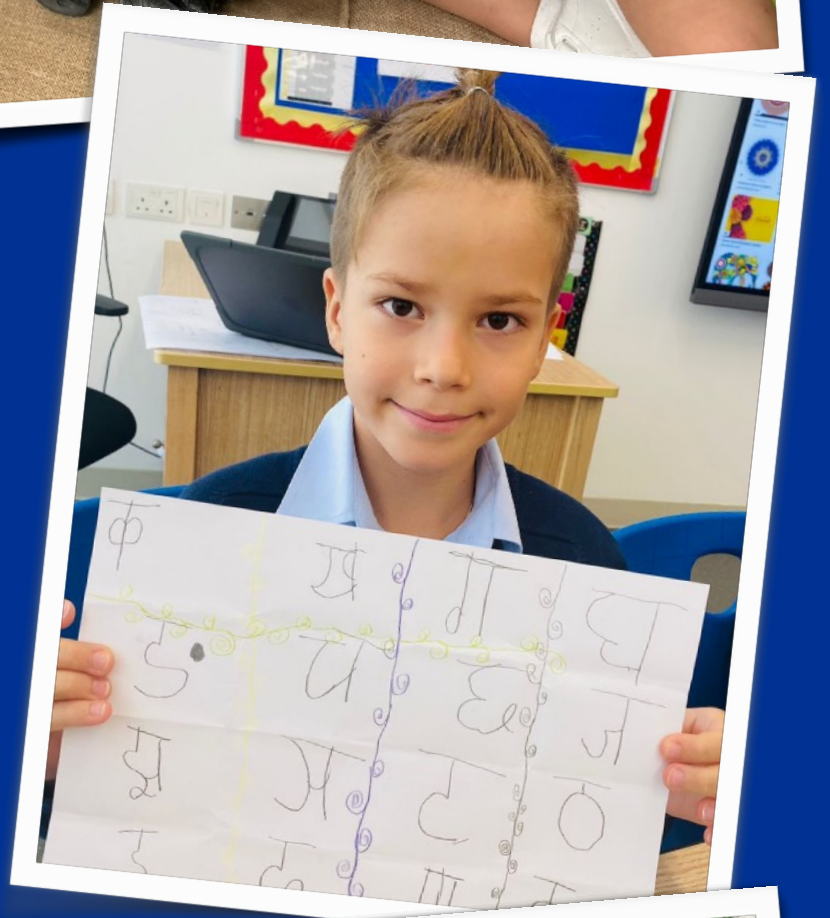
GLOBAL LANGUAGES

FS1 – YEAR 5

Arcadia is an international community with so many different languages and cultures to celebrate. To honour this, from FS1 to Key Stage 2, all students take part in our Global Languages programme.

This programme does not aim to explicitly teach how to speak each language, rather, to raise awareness of the rich variety of languages that exist around the world and to expose students to new sounds and to interesting alphabets. Students' ears, eyes and minds are opened to some of the languages spoken by our community such as Korean, Hindi and Japanese, as well as lesser-known but incredibly interesting languages such as Xhosa, ASL and Esperanto.

In Foundation Stage, Global Languages forms part of Continuous Provision accessed independently by students. In KS1 and 2, Global Languages is part of the Quest enrichment programme on their timetables.



YEAR 2 FRENCH & SPANISH

INTRO TO MFL COURSE KS1

By the time students reach Year 2, they are ready to take on a new language learning challenge! During Year 2, all students take part in a trial course of both French and Spanish. Three half terms will be dedicated to an introductory course of French and the other three half terms to Spanish (August to January, then February to July). This helps the students get a feel for each language and make an informed decision by the end of the year about which language they would like to study once they begin Key Stage 2 in Year 3.

MFL lessons in Year 2 are once per week and are focused on speaking and listening skills with some introductions to reading and writing. Students make meaningful connections to their learning in other subjects through cross-curricular topics taught through the target language. Students enjoy topics such as plant life, local area, map skills, healthy food, oceans and continents.



YEAR 3-4 FRENCH & SPANISH LKS2 MFL COURSE

At the beginning of Year 3, students choose between studying either French or Spanish as a new language to continue through their time at Arcadia.

MFL lessons are once per week throughout the year with formal assessment at the end of each term.

Cross-curricular language learning follows along closely with termly topics in geography, history and science. Students study clothing vocabulary through an investigation into what The Vikings wore; learn food vocabulary by looking at what the Ancient Greeks used to eat and learn how to describe the position of the places around the town of Pompeii.

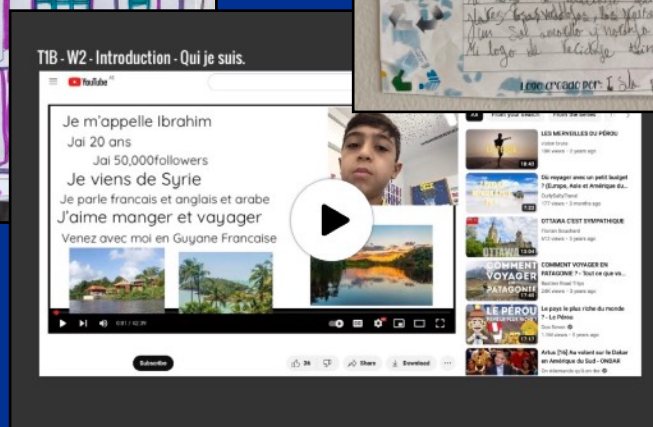
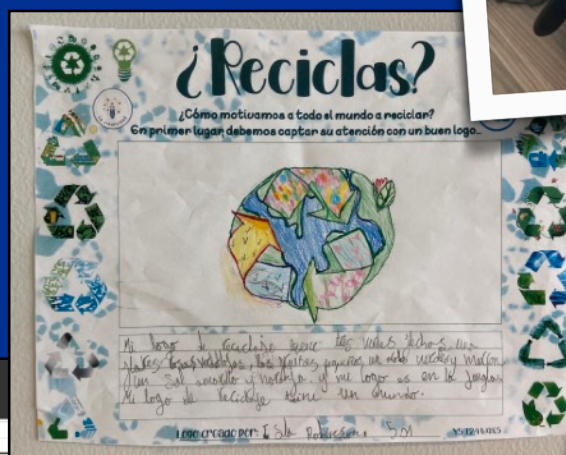


YEAR 5-6 FRENCH & SPANISH UKS2 MFL COURSE

Following on directly from the LKS2 course, Year 5 and 6 students continue to have one lesson per week in their chosen language.

Teaching continues to be immersive and cross-curricular and students begin to focus on reading and writing longer and more complex sentences and paragraphs with an emphasis on using the target language as much as they can.

Students compare Victorian homes when learning vocabulary of the home; use descriptive adjectives when looking at the topic of recycling and learn the months and seasons of the year through an investigation into the Mayan calendar.

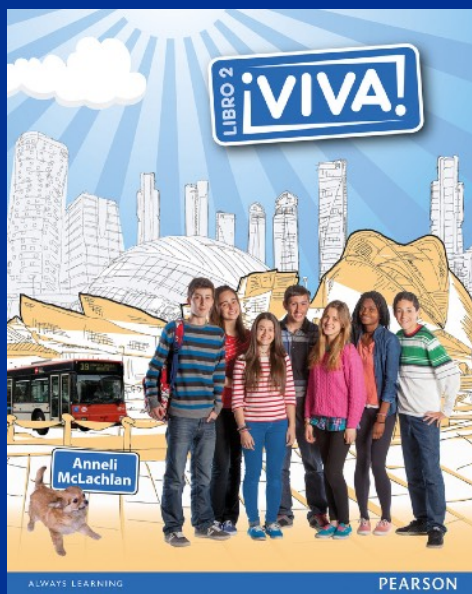
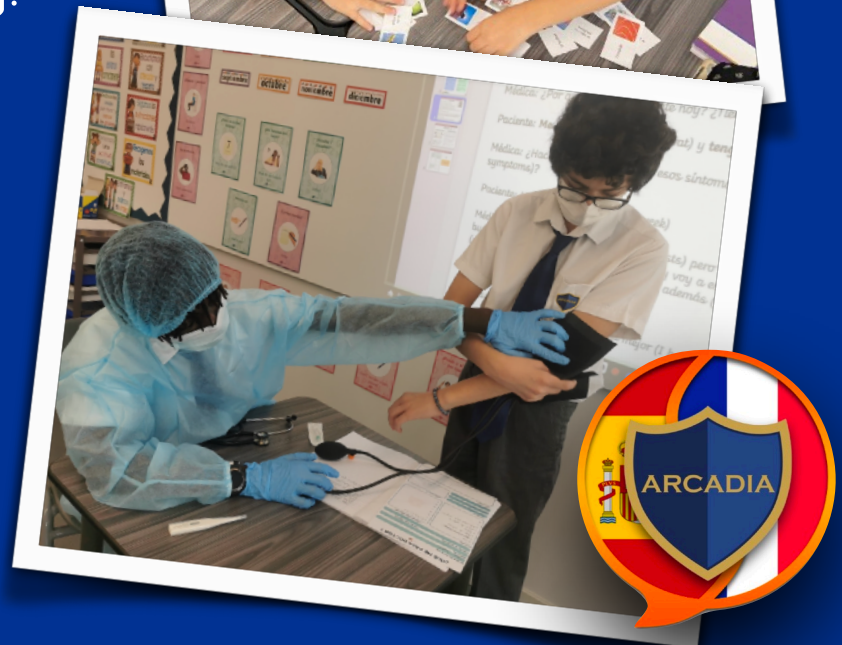


YEAR 7-9 FRENCH & SPANISH KS3 MFL COURSE

In Year 7, students are introduced to many more of the formalities of language learning, such as the all-important grammar of verb conjugation and tenses. This is facilitated through a carefully selected Pearson course (Viva for Spanish and Studio for French) which eventually leads seamlessly into the iGCSE course. Arcadia teachers skillfully use a combination of projects; whole-class learning; group tasks and individual study, using the textbooks to complement their teaching.

During Key Stage 3, students will take part in cross-curricular projects in collaboration with other subjects, bringing their language learning into context. Using the language as much as possible is encouraged through role-plays, presentations and team games.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students have two timetabled lessons per week, as well as one piece of homework per week to consolidate their learning.



YEAR 10-11

FRENCH &

SPANISH

GCSE OPTION

Students who choose to continue their language learning journey into Key Stage 4 will study the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE course for three timetabled lessons per week. Students become competent speakers, readers and writers through focused study as well as authentic opportunities to use the language. In order to prepare for success, students are frequently exposed to exercises in the format of those that are featured on the formal exams. Final exams are taken at the end of Year 11, following which we look forward to inviting the students forward into our A Level programme for Key Stage 5.



GCSE LANGUAGES

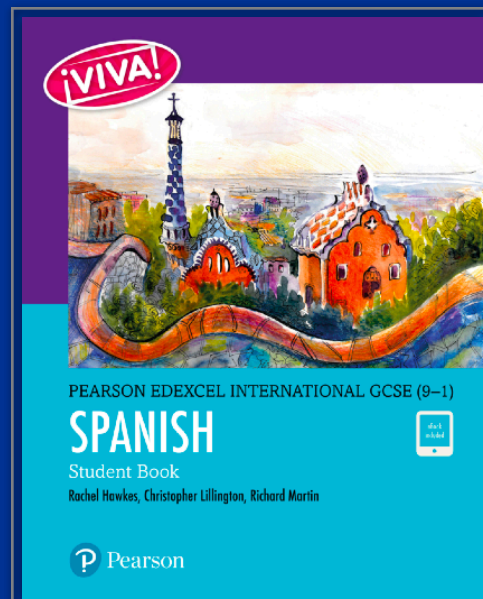
YEAR 10 EARLY ENTRY

FOR NATIVE/FLUENT SPEAKERS

For those year 10 students who are already fluent in one of the Pearson Edexcel offered GCSE languages, early entry into the exams is a great option for them to get a qualification under their belts a year early!

Arcadia will support students in their preparation journey through fortnightly study skills sessions with the MFL team. Preparation sessions will focus on exam skills and taking a detailed look at question format and requirements in order to obtain the highest grade possible in the final exams. Students will be given time to prepare presentations, practise writing short essays and articles and sit full mock exams under exam conditions.

Available languages for GCSE are currently; Italian, Turkish, Russian, Persian, Chinese, Greek, Urdu and Japanese. For International GCSE; German, French and Spanish. (Arabic is also available via the Arabic department) Requirements for early-entry are; a native-level of fluency and literacy; excellent self-study skills and some home support.



MFL TEAM 2023-24

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