

# Languages

## Modern Foreign Languages

### How will Modern Foreign Languages benefit you?

The benefits of learning a modern foreign language are huge. Being able to communicate across borders is just one of the many skills students should gain from learning a modern foreign language. Through the process of learning a language, students discover different ways of thinking, seeing and relating to the world. This will help them appreciate diversity and enhance their sense of social responsibility. Learning a language has also been proven to enhance creativity, memory ambiguity tolerance and problem solving skills. In our increasingly global society, speaking multiple languages is one of the most sought after skill sets required. Learning one foreign language greatly increases one's aptitude to learn other languages.



At Coláiste na Mí we offer both Spanish and French. Students can give their preference when applying, which will be taken into consideration when forming class groups. As modern foreign languages are an entry requirement for most universities in Ireland, it is compulsory to study one modern foreign language at Coláiste na Mí up to Junior Certificate. In the Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations students are examined on their reading, writing, speaking and listening abilities. These four attributes are at the center of each lesson. In Coláiste na Mí we place particular importance on students' communication skills so that students are able to use the language in real life situations.

### Cross-curricular links

The languages department is complimented by its co-operation with other subjects, such as Music, Art, Home Economics, Geography, History and Business Studies. This is achieved through a variety of activities such as songs, cultural projects and school events such as MFL week. We have also offered international school tours to France and Spain.

