

## **THE TEAM/FACILITIES**

The department has the use of the whole of the upper floor of the Library Block on the Newport Pagnell Campus and are based on the first floor at Olney, giving it a clearly defined space including facilities for small group work, meeting areas and storage. All classrooms are equipped with whiteboard, teacher's PC, and projector. There are 2 computer suites within the department at the Newport Pagnell campus. The language teachers in the Department habitually create and share resources and this means that there is a wealth of both departmental and commercially produced materials available. French is the main language at Ousedale. Exchanges with European schools are often organised as are a range of other visits and enrichment activities.

## **YEARS 7, 8 AND 9**

During Year 7, the first year at Ousedale, students follow the French Key Stage 3 course based on the 'Studio' text book which builds on the foundations of their primary school work. In Year 8 some students also have the opportunity to study Spanish. They have two 60 minute lessons per week or three in Year 8 and 9 for students taking two languages. Most students study at least one language in Year 9. Only in exceptional circumstances do they drop languages altogether.

## **YEARS 10 AND 11**

At the end of Key Stage 3, students may continue with one or both of their languages. GCSE is offered in French and Spanish at Newport Pagnell and Olney. The examining board used is AQA.

## **SIXTH FORM**

In the Sixth form, French and Spanish are offered at AS and A2 level. Some Year 12 students also take beginners German as part of their Core Curriculum option. Students follow the AQA Course. Students are also encouraged to undertake independent study.

## **STYLE**

The Department is committed to a communicative and active approach to language learning. The use of target language is encouraged and departmental staff aim to create a lively and supportive atmosphere in the classroom in which students will feel confident and achieve their potential.