

### **MFL at Appleton Academy**

Studying Modern Foreign Languages at Appleton Academy involves finding out about other languages, countries and their cultures. Our learners are taught Spanish and due to its vast global reach and its relevance to our students' lives, our curriculum is designed to inspire a sense of curiosity around the language and the countries where it's spoken. Students have the opportunity to develop their linguistic skills in order to communicate effectively and express their thoughts, feelings and ideas in another language. Not only are students prepared to talk about themselves as individuals but are encouraged to consider big global issues and how these affect both them personally and society more broadly. We work hard to ensure that our learners understand the importance of foreign languages and feel confident to use theirs in order to participate in today's fast-moving globalised society. Students are not only taught a foreign language, but *how* to learn a foreign language, building strong foundations for further language learning. An appreciation of, and sense of respect for, all foreign languages, their speakers, countries and culture is at the heart of the MFL department, and students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular opportunities to learn additional languages.

### **Meet the team...**

Miss Smith has been teaching at Appleton for nearly three years now. She teaches Spanish, but can also speak German and Italian and is learning French too! Miss Smith studied Languages with TESOL at Sheffield Hallam University and has also studied in Bergamo, in Italy, and taught at a school Andernach, in Germany. Miss Smith's favourite things are kind people and animals. She loves to spend time with her dog, O'Shea, and her cat Toffee. Miss Smith finds other countries with their customs and languages very interesting and exciting, and cannot wait to share all her knowledge and passion with her new students!



Miss Shepherd has been teaching MFL at Appleton for four years now. She teaches Spanish, but can also speak French and Catalan and keeps trying to learn some Russian! Miss Shepherd studied Modern and Medieval Languages at the University of Cambridge and has also lived in Barcelona, where she worked in a school and for a charity. Miss Shepherd loves trying to learn new languages, travelling and reading. She finds other countries, their customs and languages fascinating and hopes her students will love MFL as much as she does!



Miss Sanchis is an MFL teacher who is new at Appleton. She is from Spain, Valencia, so she can speak Catalan and Spanish as her native languages. She studied English and other languages at University of Valencia and a master's degree in teaching languages. She absolutely loves foreign languages, especially English and English literature. She studied several languages, including French at Marjon University and Japanese at York University in Toronto. She has got many hobbies, among them – dancing, hiking and cooking. She hopes her students will love Spanish and learn about her culture.