SMSC in MFL at Desborough College

Spiritual development in MFL

Our curriculum is planned and taught to encourage acceptance and celebration of other languages and cultures. Students learn about tradition and culture and celebrate beliefs such as Heiligabend and Mardi Gras in spoken and written forms of communication. At KS3 we look at role models from German speaking countries around the world and do a research topic for the students to explore this topic and to present this role model to their peers. Topics range from travel, role models, authentic literature to healthy living and social awareness of their own and other socio-demographies such as South Sudan in the GCSE German topic which looks at poverty and homelessness. Stereotypes are challenged and compassion is nurtured.

Moral development in MFL

Students are taught about charity work and opportunities and look at young people's accounts of these experiences such as working in the salvation army in France or volunteering for the Secours Populaire in France. This extends in the German curriculum to looking at different types of volunteer work such as working in an Orangutan centre in Borneo.

Social inequality such as poverty and global issues are tackled through class discussion in target language and brought together in a comparison to their look at their own area and facilities. This leads to discussion on individual and collective responsibilities.

Social development in MFL

MFL lessons encourage the spoken work and students are encouraged to make mistakes and learn from them, we support our students to embrace the process to be rewarded by excellent communication skills in their chosen language, offering opinions and proactively using target language to improve their accuracy and ability to manipulate content on chosen topics such as inequality and social differences. From year 7-9 where they work together to create menus in their chosen language in order to sell their creations to raise money for charity to year 10 and 11 where they are conscious about their roles and responsibilities in the world and are keen to development their target language ability in this area.

Cultural development in MFL

At Desborough we recognize that culture is the "passion" that inspires our students to learn. All key stages of our curriculum is being developed to include cultural pathways wherever possible. We use displays from our language teachers quoting their favourite authors such as Dumas and Kafka which the students will stop and peruse. We offer extra-curricular KS3 clubs such as French culture club to celebrate French music and games. Our language day celebrations recognise our own taught languages but also all the languages of our school community. We run trips to Berlin and Normandy at KS4 to encourage cultural curiosity. Students are taught that differences should be celebrated and that our school community is rich in diversity and culture.