Modern Foreign Languages concepts 2024-25

The Concepts listed below are underpinned by the 3 pillars of Grammar, Vocabulary and Phonics. These 3 pillars are essential to effective communication and are at the heart of all MFL teaching at the Holy Family Catholic School.

The research-based approach of Extensive Processing Instruction (EPI) is used in all years to support quality language acquisition for all learners.

Concept	Explanation of concept
1. Describing and identifying people	Providing personal data, describing appearance, personality, expressing likes/dislikes
2. Describing places, objects and	Describing location, size, appearance, weather
natural phenomena	
3. Creating questions	Requesting factual information - including directions, making invitations, asking opinions
4. Expressing feelings	Expressing positive and negative emotions, reacting to events, providing reasons for emotions/reactions
5. Making arrangements	Making suggestions, inviting, accepting, refusing
6. Comparing and contrasting	Expressing likes and dislikes, supporting an opinion, explaining preferences, talking about the best and worst of
	someone or something, making comparisons
7. Describing routine behaviour in the	Talking about what you and others usually do/are doing, indicating time, expressing a purpose, referring to
present	cultural events
8. Describing routine behaviour in the	Talking about what you and others used to do/were doing, indicating time, expressing a purpose, referring to
past	cultural events
9. Describing past events	Talking about what has happened, setting the scene, sequencing events, evaluating the consequences of actions
	and events
10. Making plans for the future	Indicating time, making predictions, hypothesizing, discussing probabilities, referring to cultural events
11. Indicating agreement and	Expressing opinions on events and phenomena, explaining why, supporting an argument, providing examples
disagreement	
12. Solving problems	Describing the problem, providing solutions, discussing possible consequences, arguing for and against

Year 7						
	Half term 1	Half term 2	Half term 3	Half term 4	Half term 5	Half term 6
Learning	Talking about my age. Saying when my birthday is.	Describing hair and eyes. Saying where I live and am from.	Talking about family members. Giving their age. Saying why I like/dislike them.	Saying why I like/dislike family members. Talking about pets I have and would like to have.	Saying what jobs people do, why they like/dislike them and where they work. Comparing people.	Saying what is in my school bag. Retrieval of year 7 content.
Concepts	1. Describing and identifying people.	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. 	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. 	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Indicating agreement and disagreement. Expressing feelings. 	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Creating questions. Expressing feelings and contrasting. 	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Creating questions. Expressing feelings.
What is needed to master the learning	Giving and understanding names and ages, numbers 1-15, siblings and friends	Describing and understanding descriptions, colours, high frequency present tense verbs	Discussing relationships (getting on or not), giving details about family members, numbers 31-100	Using to have and to be, adverbs of intensity and frequency, use of the present tense	Comparing family members and pets, using the conditional tense to say what you would like, forming questions, jobs	Expression possession, using adjectives and nouns together, using the indefinite article
AO	Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.	Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.	Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.	Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.	Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.	Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.
Common misconceptions	Verb endings.	Verb endings and adjectival agreement.	Verb endings and word order.	Word order. Translating word for word.	Comparative form, verb endings and agreement.	Adjectival agreement and word order.
Retrieval		Numbers 1-15. Verbs 'to have' and 'to be'. Birthdays.	Numbers 1-31. Hair and eye description.	Introducing yourself. Family members.	Family members. 'To be'. Describing people and pets.	Colours. Introducing yourself. Pets.

Year 8						
	Half term 1	Half term 2	Half term 3	Half term 4	Half term 5	Half term 6
Learning	Talking about food (likes/dislikes/ reasons). Mealtimes.	Clothes and accessories. What I wear. Saying what I and others do in free time.	Talking about the weather, free time, and my daily routine.	Describing my house, indicating where it is located, giving opinions about it and saying what I do at home.	Talking about future holiday plans. Saying where I live.	Saying what I can do in my area.
Concepts	 2. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. 3. Creating questions. 4. Expressing feelings. 7. Describing routine behaviour in the present. 11. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	 Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Creating questions. Expressing feelings. Making arrangements. Describing routine behaviour in the present. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	 Describing and identifying people. Creating questions. Making arrangements. Comparing and contrasting. Describing routine behaviour in the present. Solving problems. 	 2. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. 3. Creating questions. 4. Expressing feelings. 6. Comparing and contrasting. 7. Describing routine behaviour in the present. 11. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 12. Solving problems. 	 2. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. 3. Creating questions. 4. Expressing feelings. 5. Making arrangements. 6. Comparing and contrasting. 7. Describing routine behaviour in the present. 10. Making plans for the future. 11. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	 2. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. 3. Creating questions. 4. Expressing feelings. 5. Making arrangements. 6. Comparing and contrasting. 7. Describing routine behaviour in the present. 11. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 12. Solving problems.
What is needed to master the learning	Saying what food you like/dislike and why, Using the verbs to eat and to drink, expressing varying degrees of preference, Mealtimes	Saying what clothes you wear and when, Give a wide range of words for clothing items and accessories, Saying what you do using to play, to do, to go	Saying what you do in different types of weather Talking about where you do activities and who with. Use of and	Discussing where your house is located, What your favorite room is, What you like to do in each room, Using the present tense of reflexive verbs	Giving detailed information about your house, Saying what you intend to do on holiday, where you will stay, Methods of transport. Use of to	Saying where I live and my opinion of it, Describe the location of where I live. Saying what you did in the past.

			recognizing		be able to (1 st	
			reflexive verbs.		modal verb).	
			Places in town,			
			Saying what you do			
			every day and when			
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	Reading and	Reading and	Reading and	Reading and	Reading and	Reading and
	Writing.	Writing.	Writing.	Writing.	Writing.	Writing.
Common	Word order.	Adjectival	Word order and	Reflexive pronouns.	Verb endings.	Verb endings.
misconceptions		agreement and	verb endings.			
		word order.				
Retrieval	Time markers.	Time and frequency	Weather, sports	Adjectives,	Time markers,	Negation, justifying
	Justifying opinions.	markers, colours,	and hobbies, family	frequency markers,	reflexive verbs,	opinions, describing
		adjectival endings,	members, present	countries and	telling the time,	my house and
		weather, pets and	tense of 'to do', 'to	indefinite article	description of	location, giving
		adjectives.	play' and 'to go',	use.	people and places,	opinions and
			clothes, numbers		the verb 'to go',	present tense or
			and free time		free-time activities	regular verbs.
			activities.		and adjectives.	

Year 9						
	Half term 1	Half term 2	Half term 3	Half term 4	Half term 5	Half term 6
Learning	Saying what places are in my street. Describing where	Making plans for the future. Saying what I and others	Saying what chores, I and other family members have to	Suggesting an activity. Accepting/refusing	Describing a past holiday. Saying what you had to	Discussing a cultural event/festival visit. Saying what
	things are located. Discussing what my house is like and saying what is in each room.	did in the recent past. Discussing daily activities. Saying what you have to/want to do.	do. Talking about my chores in the past. Saying why I didn't help at home in the recent past. Discussing a typical day at school.	invitations. Describing a typical day in the past, present and future. Saying what you had to and wanted to do.	and wanted to do. Saying what other people did on holiday. Giving your opinion about your holiday likes and dislikes.	activities, you did in the past. Saying what you have to do. Accepting and giving advice.
Concepts	 2. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. 3. Creating questions. 6. Comparing and contrasting. 7. Describing routine behaviour in the present. 11. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	 Creating questions. Making arrangements. Describing routine behaviour in the present. Describing routine behaviour in the past. Describing past events. Making plans for the future. 	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Creating questions. Expressing feelings. Making arrangements. Comparing and contrasting. Describing routine behaviour in the past. Describing past events. 	 Creating questions. Expressing feelings. Making arrangements. Comparing and contrasting. Describing routine behaviour in the present. Making plans for the future. Indicating agreement and disagreement. Solving problems. 	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Creating questions. Expressing feelings. Describing routine behaviour in the past. Describing past events. Making plans for the future. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	 2. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. 3. Creating questions. 4. Expressing feelings. 6. Comparing and contrasting. 8. Describing routine behaviour in the past. 9. Describing past events. 11. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 12. Solving problems.
What is needed to master the learning	Using locative adverbials and prepositions, Negating sentences,	Using the future tense (1 st person singular and plural), Referring to past	Using modal verbs, Using 1 st person of perfect tense, Using imperfect tense of	Using interjections, Using modal verbs (all parts of speech), 1 st person	Using to go, to stay and to travel to refer to the past.	Using time markers to sequence events, All parts of speech

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	Definite and	events (1 st person	to have. Positive	conditional tense.	Correct use of	in the perfect and
	indefinite articles,	singular and plural)	and negative uses	Modal verbs across	prepositions.	imperfect tenses.
	expressing and	using to do, to go,	of modal verbs.	tenses, First person	1 st person of Perfect	Using modal verbs
	justifying opinions,	to play, to watch.	Questioning. Use of	singular of key	tense, justifying	to say what you
	Questioning. Being	Present tense	high frequency	verbs to refer to	holiday choices,	have to do.
	able to recognize	modal verbs (1 st	verbs to refer to	past, present and	using the	Questioning
	and discuss rooms	person). Discussing	different times.	future events.	conditional tense.	
	ina house and	daily activities,		Questioning	Questioning	
	furniture	using modal verbs.				
		Questioning				
AO	Listening, Speaking,	Listening, Speaking,	Listening, Speaking,	Listening, Speaking,	Listening, Speaking,	Listening, Speaking,
	Reading and	Reading and	Reading and	Reading and	Reading and	Reading and
	Writing.	Writing.	Writing.	Writing.	Writing.	Writing.
Common	Negative	Word order,	Word order and	Tenses and time	Prepositions and	Cultural norms and
misconceptions	constructions.	literally translating	verb endings.	markers.	tense formation.	question forms.
		and auxiliary verbs.				
Retrieval	Describing location	Free-time activities.	Family members	Free-time activities,	Holiday activities,	Travel
	and houses.	Pronouns and verb	and present tense	question forms and	opinions, perfect,	arrangements,
	Negatives.	endings. Time	verbs.	tenses.	imperfect and	modal verbs,
		markers.			future tenses.	perfect and
						imperfect tenses.

Year 10						
	Half term 1	Half term 2	Half term 3	Half term 4	Half term 5	Half term 6
Learning	School Life (Thematic context: Studying and my future) Describing school, talking about subjects and teachers and rules and problems in school. Talking about plans for a school exchange. Describing activities and achievements.	Interests and freetime (Thematic context: My personal world, Media and technology) Talking about what you usually do and sports. Discussing what is trending and different types of entertainment. Talking about who inspire you. Talking about social networks,	Family and friends (Thematic context: My personal world) reading preferences, friends and family. Making arrangements. Describing people. Cultural events and festivals.	Healthy living (Thematic context: Lifestyle and wellbeing) Sports, physical and mental wellbeing, what is important, Accidents and illnesses, good habits and bad habits	My Neighbourhood (Thematic context: Travel and tourism) Describing the features of a region. Planning what to do. Shopping for clothes and presents. Talking about problems in a town. Describing a visit in the past.	Revision and reinforcement (Thematic contexts 1, 2, 3, 4) Describing holidays and school life, talking about family and friends, interests and influences, discussing regions.
Concepts	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Creating questions. Expressing feelings. Making arrangements. Comparing and contrasting. Describing routine behaviour in the present. Describing routine behaviour in the past. Describing past events. 	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Creating questions. Expressing feelings. Comparing and contrasting. Making plans for the future. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	 Describing and identifying people. Creating questions. Expressing feelings. Making arrangements. Comparing and contrasting. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	 Describing and identifying people. Creating questions. Comparing and contrasting. Describing routine behaviour in the present. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	 2. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. 3. Creating questions. 4. Expressing feelings. 5. Making arrangements. 6. Comparing and contrasting. 7. Describing routine behaviour in the present. 8. Describing routine behaviour in the past. 9. Describing past events. 11. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Creating questions. Expressing feelings. Making arrangements. Comparing and contrasting. Describing routine behaviour in the present. Describing routine

Using the present, perfect and imperfect verb tenses. Using verbs of opinions to refer to different people. Using three tenses together (Present/Perfect/ Imperfect) Using different structures to give opinions. <u>EXAM SKILLS:</u> Understanding high numbers, giving opinions in the past, identifying positive and negative opinions and working out the meaning of new words. <u>HIGHER:</u> Justifying opinions using a range of language, comparing 'then' and 'now'. Understand and	Using comparatives and superlatives, negatives and phrases followed by the infinitive. Using the near future tense and object pronouns. <u>EXAM SKILLS:</u> Distinguishing between the present and the imperfect, tackling harder listening exercises, asking and answering questions and justifying pinions. <u>HIGHER:</u> Understanding percentages and using questions to form answers.	Word order with multiple verbs, using the present tense. Using a range of connectives, relationship verbs and possessive adjectives. <i>EXAM SKILLS:</i> Extending responses by referring to others Improvising dialogues. recognising similar ideas expressed differently and referring to the past and present. <i>HIGHER :</i> Understanding more detailed descriptions.	The imperfect tense and the perfect tense. Using a range of past tenses together. Using useful adjectives. <u>EXAM SKILLS:</u> Looking at context to identify missing words. Listening for different tenses and for clues. Agreeing and disagreeing. Translating a text into English. <u>HIGHER:</u> Identifying correct statements about a text, using words that have more than one meaning and adapting a model. dialogue to fit different situations.	Verb tenses: Present, imperfect, perfect tense, future and conditional tense, adjectival agreement <u>EXAM SKILLS</u> : Using verbs of opinions to extend responses, working out the meaning of new words, identifying positive and negative opinions, distinguishing between the present and the imperfect, expressing and justifying opinions, listening for clues and different tenses, asking and responding to questions. <u>HIGHER</u> : Identifying correct statements about a text. Understand and	behaviour in the past. 9. Describing past events. 10. Making plans for the future. 11. Indicating agreement and disagreement. Different verb tenses referring to the past, present and future. <u>KEY EXAM</u> <u>SKILLS:</u> Understanding high numbers and percentages, identifying and justifying positive and negative opinions, looking at context to work out the meaning of new words.
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and written language	and written language	and written	and written	and written language	spoken and
in speaking (AO1) and	in speaking (AO1) and	language in speaking	language in speaking	in speaking (AO1) and	written language
respond to spoken	respond to spoken	respond to spoken	respond to spoken	respond to spoken	respond to

	in writing (AO2), Demonstrate knowledge and accurate application of the grammar and vocabulary prescribed in the specification (AO3)	in writing (AO2), Demonstrate knowledge and accurate application of the grammar and vocabulary prescribed in the specification (AO3)	(AO1) and in writing (AO2), Demonstrate knowledge and accurate application of the grammar and vocabulary prescribed in the specification (AO3)	(AO1) and in writing (AO2), Demonstrate knowledge and accurate application of the grammar and vocabulary prescribed in the specification (AO3)	in writing (AO2), Demonstrate knowledge and accurate application of the grammar and vocabulary prescribed in the specification (AO3)	in speaking (AO1) and in writing (AO2), Demonstrate knowledge and accurate application of the grammar and vocabulary prescribed in the specification (AO3)
Common misconceptions	Present tense verb endings, word order when using 'weil'	Word order when using more than 1 verb (eg. Modal verbs, past tense and future tense) and using separable verbs	Using multiple tenses, difference between accusative & dative case	Forming comparative & superlative, Word order	Word order when forming questions, prepositions with the correct case	Exam & revision technique, word order, verb endings, tenses
Retrieval	<u>Vocabulary areas</u> : School subjects and facilities. Adjectives to describe subjects and teachers. Justification of opinions. <u>Grammar:</u> Comparatives, superlatives and negatives. Phrases followed by the infinitive. The near future tense and object pronouns.	<u>Vocabulary areas</u> : TV programs and films, free-time activities and sports. Adjectives of nationality and types of entertainment. <u>Grammar</u> : Strong verbs. The perfect and the imperfect verb tenses.	<u>Vocabulary areas</u> : Personal information, adjectives to describe others and family relationships. <u>Grammar:</u> Connectives and adjectival agreement. The present tense.	<u>Vocabulary areas:</u> Sports and wellbeing <u>Grammar:</u> 'The perfect and imperfect, future and conditional verb tenses. Demonstrative adjectives and agreement of adjectives.	<u>Vocabulary areas</u> : Local amenities and facilities, directions and shopping. Transactional dialogues. <u>Grammar</u> : Present, perfect and imperfect verb tenses. Opinions	Verb tenses and opinions. Speaking and Writing skills. Exam strategies.

Year 11						
	Half term 1	Half term 2	Half term 3	Half term 4	Half term 5	Half term 6
Learning	Holidays and travel (Thematic context: Travel and Tourism) Describing school, talking about subjects and teachers and rules and problems in school. Talking about plans for a school exchange. Describing activities and achievements.	Our World (Thematic context: My Neighbourhood, My Personal World) Describing school, talking about subjects and teachers and rules and problems in school. Talking about plans for a school exchange. Describing activities and achievements.	The Future (Thematic context: Studying and my future) Describing school, talking about subjects and teachers and rules and problems in school. Talking about plans for a school exchange. Describing activities and achievements.	Revision and reinforcement (Thematic contexts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) Describing holidays and school life, talking about family and friends, interests and influences, discussing regions, future plans. Exam skills consolidation	Revision and reinforcement (Thematic contexts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) Describing holidays and school life, talking about family and friends, interests and influences, discussing regions, future plans. Exams skills consoldiation	
Concepts	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Creating questions. Expressing feelings. Making arrangements. Comparing and contrasting. Describing routine behaviour in the present. 	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Creating questions. Expressing feelings. Making arrangements. Comparing and contrasting. Describing routine behaviour in the present. 	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Creating questions. Expressing feelings. Making arrangements. Comparing and contrasting. Describing routine behaviour in the present. 	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Creating questions. Expressing feelings. Making arrangements. Comparing and contrasting. Describing routine behaviour in the present. 	 Describing and identifying people. Describing places, objects and natural phenomena. Creating questions. Expressing feelings. Making arrangements. Comparing and contrasting. Describing routine behaviour in the present. Describing routine behaviour in the past. 	

	 8. Describing routine behaviour in the past. 9. Describing past events. 10. Making plans for the future. 11. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	 8. Describing routine behaviour in the past. 9. Describing past events. 10. Making plans for the future. 11. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	 8. Describing routine behaviour in the past. 9. Describing past events. 10. Making plans for the future. 11. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	 8. Describing routine behaviour in the past. 9. Describing past events. 10. Making plans for the future. 11. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	 9. Describing past events. 10. Making plans for the future. 11. Indicating agreement and disagreement. 	
What is needed to master the learning	Using the Imperative, recognising negatives, Referring to past and future events, using possessive adjectives, Referring to events in the past and future, practising key sounds. <u>EXAM SKILLS:</u> Forming questions, Using correct word order with modal verbs and weil, Using the conditional tense.	Prepositions, recognising and using cases, asking questions, expressing agreement and disagreement, modal verbs. <u>EXAM SKILLS:</u> Pronunciation of key sounds, using different tenses in a single text, Deciphering and using compound nouns	Using verbs and structures with zu, reflexive verbs, referring to future events/plans, using subordinating conjunctions. <u>EXAM SKILLS:</u> Extending written work, formulating an argument, dealing with unfamiliar vocabulary.	Consolidation of prior learning, referring to past, present and future events, expressing opinions, justification of opinions, referring to others as well as self. <u>EXAM SKILLS:</u> Application of models to own context, using ideas and structures from across thematic contexts.	Consolidation of prior learning, referring to past, present and future events, expressing opinions, justification of opinions, referring to others as well as self. <u>EXAM SKILLS:</u> Application of models to own context, using ideas and structures from across thematic contexts.	
AO	Understand and respond to spoken and written language in speaking (AO1) and in writing (AO2), Demonstrate knowledge and	Understand and respond to spoken and written language in speaking (AO1) and in writing (AO2), Demonstrate knowledge and	Understand and respond to spoken and written language in speaking (AO1) and in writing (AO2), Demonstrate knowledge and	Understand and respond to spoken and written language in speaking (AO1) and in writing (AO2), Demonstrate knowledge and	Understand and respond to spoken and written language in speaking (AO1) and in writing (AO2), Demonstrate knowledge and	

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	accurate application					
	of the grammar and					
	vocabulary	vocabulary	vocabulary	vocabulary	vocabulary	
	prescribed in the					
	specification (AO3)					
Common	Tense verb endings,	Word order when	Forming questions,	Gender of nouns,	Gender of nouns,	
misconceptions	word order when	using tenses and	word order with	tense formulation,	tense formulation,	
	using 'weil', gender	verb inversion.	future tense,	word order,	word order,	
	of nouns and cases		formulation of	compound nouns,	compound nouns,	
			future and	cognates/near-	cognates/near-	
			conditional tenses.	cognates.	cognates.	
Retrieval	Vocabulary areas:					
	Holidays, methods	Personal	Future plans,	Consolidation of all	Consolidation of all	
	of transport,	viewpoints,	school, world of	thematic contexts	thematic contexts	
	opinion phrases,	environmental	work, Hopes for the	<u>Grammar:</u>	<u>Grammar:</u>	
	key travel verbs	concerns, problems	future	Tenses, opinions,	Tenses, opinions,	
	<u>Grammar:</u>	and events of	<u>Grammar:</u>	word order, gender,	word order, gender,	
	Referring to past,	today's world.	Future and	cases (Revision)	cases (Revision)	
	present and future	<u>Grammar:</u>	conditional tenses,			
	events,	Justifying complex	Using adjectives as			
	interrogative and	opinions,	nouns,			
	demonstrative	compound nouns,	subordinating			
	adjectives.	modal verbs, cases.	conjunctions			