At Bassingbourn Village College, we believe that language learning opens doors. In an increasingly connected world, where technology and artificial intelligence are transforming the way we communicate, the ability to understand languages, cultures and people is more valuable than ever. Our ambitious languages curriculum equips every student with the knowledge, confidence and communication skills they need to thrive in education, employment and modern society.

Every student studies Latin alongside either French or Spanish. This distinctive curriculum gives students both a classical and a modern perspective on language. Through Latin, students explore the language and civilization of Ancient Rome while developing a deeper understanding of English vocabulary, grammar and the roots of many modern European languages. Studying Latin alongside French or Spanish strengthens literacy, enriches vocabulary and develops students' understanding of how languages work.

Our curriculum is inclusive, ambitious and inspiring. Students build secure foundations in vocabulary, grammar and phonics, enabling them to communicate with increasing confidence and accuracy. Alongside linguistic knowledge, they develop resilience, curiosity, problem-solving skills and the confidence to take risks in communication—qualities that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Language learning also broadens horizons. Through the study of diverse cultures, traditions and perspectives, students become open-minded, empathetic and respectful of others, while celebrating the diversity within our own community. Enrichment opportunities, including educational visits in the UK, Italy, France and Spain, alongside clubs and competitions, bring language learning to life beyond the classroom.

By the time students leave Bassingbourn Village College, they will appreciate the value of languages in connecting people and cultures. They will possess the linguistic knowledge, cultural understanding and confidence to communicate beyond their own community, preparing them to contribute positively as informed, compassionate and globally aware citizens.