

APPOINTMENT OF MFL TEACHER - FRENCH

Contextual

This is a great opportunity to join a growing MFL department in a lovely, successful school. The department is expertly led, attuned to all the latest MFL strategies, blessed with an established group of supportive colleagues and a deeply ingrained sense of 'Team MFL'. The extra-curricular opportunities offered by the MFL Department are many and varied. This year these include a mutual homestay French Exchange, a homestay trip to Valencia and an overnight trip to Boulogne.

We look forward to welcoming an enthusiastic, well-qualified colleague, who will work with us to build on our established strengths and make a significant contribution to the continuing success of the Faculty and School. We are looking for a teacher of French to join our team. We particularly welcome applications from candidates who can offer Spanish to at least Key Stage 3. We welcome applications from those interested in full or part time positions.

The Humanities Faculty

MFL is part of the Humanities Faculty. Within Humanities, we currently teach GCSE History, Citizenship, Geography, French and Spanish. SPHERE is also taught to all students in Years 7 – 11 and comprises a blend of RE, PSHE and Citizenship. At A Level, we offer Geography, History and Sociology.

Further information about specific courses, and exam boards, for each of the subjects we offer is available on the School web site or on request.

We currently number 20 staff across 4 main subject teams. Each subject team is headed by a Subject Leader. There is a Humanities Curriculum Leader responsible for the Faculty as a whole, and the Faculty benefits from a number of experienced colleagues with whole-school leadership roles who will take a keen interest in supporting you.

The Facilities

There are currently 13 Humanities classrooms. All classrooms have a projector and audio facilities. In addition, it is possible to book computer rooms as needed. We occupy a 'resource base' where staff have access to quiet working areas, and other resources. The School is in the process of expanding the building, and Humanities will acquire a number of new classrooms as part of that expansion.

Curriculum

All lessons are 1 hour long and there are 5 in a day.

In Year 7 and Year 8, students benefit from 5 MFL lessons each fortnight. In Year 7, students study only French whilst in Year 8 we introduce Spanish alongside French. We run a 2-year KS3 model with students selecting 7 options prior to the start of Year 9 to ensure they have a broad and balanced curriculum.

GCSE Options subjects (History, Citizenship, Geography, Sociology, French and Spanish) are allocated 3 lessons per fortnight in Year 9, and 4 lessons per fortnight in Years 10 and 11 after a further Options process at the end of Year 9 when students refine their choices to continue with 5 subjects to examination.

At A Level, students take 3 subjects from the start of Year 12. In Humanities, we currently offer History, Geography, and Sociology. We review our curriculum offer annually and may reintroduce French in future.

Extra-Curricular

The school offers a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, and any new member of staff would be most welcome to take part in the existing extra-curricular provision or offer other opportunities for students. There are a number of visits and residential trips offered by the Humanities Faculty, and we expect all colleagues to contribute to these where circumstances allow.

The role within the Humanities team is one which we hope will also give the successful candidate the chance to progress their own career and development, and we look forward to appointing someone who will play a leading role in the Faculty and School.

We look forward to receiving your application.

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