

APPOINTMENT OF MFL TEACHER - SPANISH

Contextual

This is a great opportunity to join a thriving 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'.

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 Spanish to join our team. We particularly welcome applications from candidates who can offer French to at least Key Stage 3.

The MFL department

The MFL department is a highly regarded department within the school. Last year we achieved a record set of GCSE results for both French and Spanish. Last year in Spanish, 80% of our cohort achieved a grade 4 or above. We run a successful Level 2 and Level 3 Business for French course in Key Stage 5 and we are delighted to be teaching A Level French from September 2026.

The MFL team currently consists of six subject specialists. Within the MFL team, resources and systems are well-established and successful but we are looking forward to the new ideas and perspectives you will bring. We are constantly seeking to develop and improve our curriculum, resources, and teaching practice, especially in light of the new GCSE. Recently, for example, this has included an introduction of a new phonics programme in both French and Spanish.

The MFL Curriculum

All lessons are 1 hour long and there are 5 in a day. In Year 7, students learn French, benefitting from 4 MFL lessons each fortnight. In Year 8, we introduce Spanish alongside French, and students have 5 MFL lessons per fortnight. 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 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. For GCSE and for A Level French, we follow the AQA courses.

The Humanities Faculty

The MFL Department is part of the Humanities Faculty. This includes the subjects of Citizenship, French, Geography, History, Politics, Spanish and SPHERE. It is likely to soon include GCSE Religious Studies. We currently have 23 teachers delivering a range of subjects within the faculty. Leadership is provided by a Humanities Curriculum Leader as well as Subject Leaders for History, Geography, Social Sciences, MFL and SPHERE.

The Facilities

There are currently 18 dedicated Humanities classrooms. All classrooms have a projector or interactive screen and audio facilities. In addition, it is possible to book computer rooms as needed. We occupy 2 'resource bases' where staff have access to quiet working areas, and other resources. In MFL, all teachers have access to Kerboodle, our online textbook, and Language Gym, a resource we use to set homework.

Extra-Curricular

The extra-curricular opportunities offered by the MFL Department are many and varied. This year these include a mutual homestay French Exchange, a KS4 trip to Andalucia and a Year 8 French residential trip to the Opal Coast. 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.

The role within the MFL 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 Department, Faculty and School. We look forward to receiving your application.

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