

Modern Foreign Languages – French

Background

The Charles Dickens School is seeking for an enthusiastic and well-qualified French teacher to join the MFL Faculty as a Subject Lead of French as we extend our languages provision.

The person appointed will be an excellent classroom practitioner with experience of teaching French to KS4. An ability to teach Spanish to KS3 would be advantageous.

You will work in our MFL department and within the context of the schools' aims and policies, you will develop and implement subject policies, plans, targets and practices and promote outstanding teaching and learning and will take the lead on professional development within the Faculty.

Key Stage 3 (Years 7 & 8)

We offer Spanish at KS3 and KS4 and are introducing French in September 2020. We therefore intend MFL to be a two-subject department from KS3 to KS4 in time.

Spanish is delivered in Years 7 and 8 through three 60 minute lessons per fortnight, and homework is set weekly. We follow the Viva course supplemented by other resources, ensuring that a variety of activities is offered to suit every type of learner.

Students are assessed on each key language skill: listening, reading, speaking and writing. By the end of KS3 we expect most students to achieve at least grade 4, while the good linguists should be reaching a grade 5 or 6. Students are rewarded with points on Behaviour Watch in line with whole School policy at KS3.

Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 & 11)

Languages are an optional subject at KS4 and good linguists are encouraged to study the language at GCSE level via the E-Bac pathway. The time allocation for KS4 is five 60 minute lessons per fortnight.

We currently use the AQA examination board for GCSE. Students are assessed on reading, writing, listening and speaking, with each examination attracting 25% of the final grade awarded.

Students study all of the following themes on which the GCSE examinations are based:

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

Formal GCSE assessment is by examination only at the end of Year 11, but a comprehensive programme of formative and summative assessment is delivered throughout the KS4 course.

Facilities

The department uses language software programmes that can be accessed at home as well as school. Interactive whiteboards are in every classroom, using SMART Notebook as part of our normal daily teaching.

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