

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

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King Ethelbert School is an 11 – 18 mixed, non-selective school with 870 students on roll, situated in the lovely seaside resort of Birchington.

The school is part of a federation with Dane Court Grammar School in Broadstairs. Our federation with Dane Court has meant that although we are officially an 11 – 16 school we have been able to start a Sixth Form. We are an authorised IB World School, offering the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP) which offers a unique balance between practical / vocational study, academic rigour and global and cultural diversity. The school is part of a special pilot to introduce this qualification worldwide and Thanet has become a world focus for the IB organisation.

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and capable MFL specialist to work with the HOD in leading our MFL department. This is a fantastic opportunity for a committed and inspiring teacher to be part of a successful team aiming to deliver high achievement for all students. The successful applicant will demonstrate the potential to become an outstanding classroom practitioner and have the ability to inspire and motivate students with their knowledge and enthusiasm for languages. The confidence to teach in Target Language is essential.

Students are banded in tutor groups according to ability in Year 8 and Year 9 and currently mixed ability in Year 7. Students in Years 8 and 9 all study Spanish and we are proud that we have successfully reintroduced French to some of our year 7 cohort. At Key Stage 4 currently, all students have to take at least one GCSE option from Spanish, history, geography or computer science. The AQA syllabus is currently studied and Spanish is growing in popularity as a GCSE option subject. In the 6th form, all students study a new language, currently Japanese or French as part of the cultural Core element of the International Baccalaureate Careers related Certificate. Additionally, we are offering the Ab Initio Spanish qualification as one of the IB options within the IBCP programme. In 2010 the school's international dimension was recognised through the successful awarding of the British Council International Schools' Award, once again and we have built on this good work of raising global awareness with our students. The MFL department can also boast a successful relationship with local language schools, where they often host foreign students and collaborate with native speaking practitioners.

The school was part of Wave 3 Building Schools for the Future programme and the modern foreign languages suite is in a newly refurbished building, with large, spacious classrooms and includes an MFL office and a room for speaking activities. All rooms have data projectors and interactive whiteboards.

This is a fantastic opportunity to work in an outstanding school at the cutting edge of educational developments developing a national reputation for its success.

King Ethelbert School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This position is, therefore, subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service application.

The successful candidate may also hold a pastoral responsibility as a tutor within a year system.

Vicky Willis
Head of School

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