

Heathside School and Sixth Form Centre – information for applicants

We are seeking an enthusiastic and well qualified Curriculum Area Manager for Modern Foreign Languages, majoring in either French or Spanish to teach across all key stages and abilities and to at least Key Stage 3 in the second language. Heathside School is a successful, over-subscribed, high-performing 11-18 Academy located in Weybridge, Surrey. It is the founding school in the ElmWey Learning Trust.

In July 2016 the Trust was successful in its bid to open a brand-new secondary school in Elmbridge. The school is planned to open in September 2022 and will be a state funded Free School, non-selective and non-faith based. It will grow year-on-year and when fully operational will have 900 students in the age range 11-16. You would therefore be joining Heathside at an exciting time in its development.

The Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum Area is a successful, enthusiastic and friendly team of six teaching staff delivering French and Spanish. They are a very supportive team and have successfully mentored both students and NQTs for many years. There is a commitment to the communicative approach to language teaching and to achieving very high standards. Languages are part of the core, so the overwhelming majority of the school's KS4 students take at least one language to GCSE with examination results being above national averages.

The Curriculum

Year 7 begin with French and Spanish for four 50-minute lessons a week. In Year 8, students continue with both languages and then select their core language at the end of Year 8. There is also an option to study dual languages.

In the GCSE groups, students are set by ability and numbers are usually evenly divided between French, and Spanish. All GCSE language courses follow Edexcel specifications.

In the Sixth Form, French and Spanish A-Level groups follow the Edexcel syllabi.

Accommodation and Resources

The Curriculum Area is housed within the main school block and each room has an interactive whiteboard and access to language learning software.

Currently *Studio!* is used for French in Key Stage 3; and *Viva!* series is used for KS3 Spanish respectively. All GCSE MFL classes use the Edexcel GCSE textbooks in addition to other publications and many other resources. We also have on the Modern Foreign Languages computer network a wide range of resources for each language and students have access to many other resources through the school's Microsoft Team's platform. The Curriculum Area also has the facility to use iPads in the language classrooms.

Visits

We have run a successful programme of visits including Year 8 cinema trips, exchange and study visits to France and Spain. In addition, 'A' Level students have had the opportunity to attend student conferences and undertake work experience abroad via the Halsbury programme.