



# **BROOKFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

## **COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE**

### **MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT**

The Modern Foreign Languages Department at Brookfield Community School is composed of a Head of Faculty and three more enthusiastic linguists who have excellent subject knowledge and who are united in their goal of imparting a love of languages to all students, working collaboratively to facilitate the delivery of Spanish, German and French across Key Stages 3-5. We are committed to a knowledge-rich curriculum and believe in explicit instruction based around the three pillars of language learning; Grammar, Vocabulary and Phonics. Our teaching practice has been greatly inspired by Lemov's 'Teach Like a Champion', Rosenshine and the latest developments in cognitive science.

Upon entry in Y7, each year half is allocated one of the two languages available for that cohort, which is run on a rotatory basis year on year. This allows for an even distribution of the three languages as new cohorts enter the school and reinforces a rich appreciation of all three modern languages in the school culture. Students are taught in mixed ability groups and, over a three-year curriculum, develop the ability to discuss a varied range of topics in the foreign tongue. At the end of Year 9 students opt for their GCSE subjects and the recruitment of students is supported by the Senior Leadership Team through a guided pathways approach. At KS4, students are motivated and supported to develop their knowledge of the language further in order to achieve a GCSE qualification. In addition, we celebrate students' home and first languages, and support them in achieving additional qualifications whenever possible.

The department is small but well resourced. We are highly collaborative, with curriculum responsibilities shared across key members of staff; supporting a strong ethos building and developing resources. The curriculum is carefully planned in order to guarantee high-quality teaching to ensure that students make excellent progress across all key stages.

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is committed to providing language-immersion opportunities and to fostering a rich appreciation of other cultures. We actively seek opportunities for all students to independently extend their skills beyond the classroom and develop the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life; our aim is to prepare our students for life beyond Brookfield Community School and mould them into global citizens of the future. Last year, we ran a successful KS3 trip to France and we also hosted a language residential with our partner school in Germany. In half term six of the academic year we regularly participate in the "School and Family" programme, organised through our contact in Madrid, who is dedicated to organising English homestays and school placements for Spanish students.

Modern Foreign Languages is a skilled and proficient department that regularly contributes to the cultural capital of the school through vibrant assemblies and inter-house competitions. The successful candidate will also benefit from Trust wide MFL CPD opportunities, such as MFL networks, subject INSET days and the MFL Trust Conference which ensure that we continually improve our practice in line with the latest MFL methodologies.

We look forward to receiving your application.