

Heathside School and Sixth Form Centre – information for applicants

We are seeking an enthusiastic and well qualified Subject Leader of French, (second subject Spanish), to lead and teach across all key stages and abilities in our highly successful 11-18 Academy. Heathside School is an over-subscribed, high-performing school located in Weybridge, Surrey. Heathside is the founding school in the ElmWey Learning Trust.

The Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum Area is a successful, enthusiastic and friendly team of seven teaching staff teaching French and Spanish. We are a very supportive Area and have successfully mentored both students and NQTs in recent years. There is a commitment to the communicative approach to language teaching and to achieving very high standards. The overwhelming majority of the school's KS4 students take at least one language to GCSE and examination results are 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 both languages.

Heathside has retained GCSE languages as core so the majority of students continue learning a language at this level.

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 in all languages.

Accommodation and Resources

The Curriculum Area is 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 GCCE textbooks in addition to other textbooks 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 on the school's VLE. The department also has the opportunity to use Ipads in the language classroom.

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.

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.