

French at Freman College

At Freman College we value languages highly and believe that a language GCSE places students at a great advantage. As a result, while in many schools languages have dwindled, at Freman they have a high profile in the college.

The French department

We have two full-time teachers of French, including the Head of Department, Ian Driscoll.

The department has an outstanding reputation both within and beyond the college. The quality of teaching and learning is consistently high and the support for new staff is excellent. There is a strong culture of sharing resources in the department, and there are detailed schemes of work at all levels.

The subject is taught in its own specialist accommodation and all teachers have their own classroom. Teaching rooms are well-equipped and recently refurbished, with data projectors, interactive whiteboards, laptop computers and all the resources one would expect to find in a successful languages department. We are also fortunate in having a full time French Assistant.

All of our students who join us from our two partner middle schools have studied French from Year 5, if not earlier. In Year 9, when they join the college, all students continue to study French. The most able 90 linguists also have two hours of Latin a week.

All students who we believe to be capable of achieving a good grade at GCSE are strongly encouraged to take French and / or Latin. We anticipate that in September there will be approximately 130 students in KS4 studying French in 5 classes. In 2022 94% of students taking French GCSE achieved a grade 4 or above; 79% achieved a grade 5 or above. The French department regularly achieves high value-added scores; in 2022, 79% of students met or exceeded their upper quintile target.

There are French A level groups in the Lower and Upper Sixth. Each year our Upper Sixth Form students have the opportunity to spend a week on work experience in Loches.

The post

This is a great opportunity someone, whether newly qualified or more experienced, who is passionate about French and completely confident in their use of the language as they will be teaching classes up to A level. They must be enthusiastic and committed to making learning in French exciting, challenging and enjoyable.



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