

RAINHAM MARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Teacher of German – September 2021

The Department

The department currently has ten linguists offering French, German and Spanish. All students study two languages in KS3 – a combination of French, German and Spanish, and it is expected that most students will be at a comparable level in both languages by the end of Year 9.

In KS4, students choose at least one language to take at GCSE. Some opt to study two and there are A level groups in all three languages. Examination results at A level and GCSE are very good and compare favourably to similar schools in the area and nationally.

The department is well resourced. The department has interactive whiteboards in all of the language classrooms, which all teachers use. In addition, a range of published courses is used and are backed by DVDs, CDs, flashcards, readers and teacher-produced materials; colleagues are encouraged to share ideas and there is a shared resource area.

The department has foreign language assistants in all three languages who work chiefly with Year 10 upwards. Teaching is mainly in a suite of dedicated rooms. There is also a large storeroom and a departmental office where all teachers have their own working space.

All students have access to the school's computers for word-processing, desktop publishing, e-mail and the Internet. Furthermore, it is possible to book an ICT room whenever it is felt beneficial to the topic that is being taught.

There is usually a range of trips on offer to students. In French, there is a Year 10 trip to the Loire Valley. In German, students in Year 9 are able to make a four day visit to Aachen and there is a five-day trip to the Black Forest for Year 10. There is a three day visit for students in Years 12 and 13 to Berlin. In Spanish, there is a five day visit to Barcelona for Year 10 students and for students studying A level Spanish, there is a five-day trip to Madrid, where we have links with a secondary school.

Courses and Resources

Students take the AQA examinations at GCSE and A level. We use Mission Français / Dynamo / Echt / Echo / Mira textbooks in Key Stage 3 and the Pearson (Active Learn) recommended textbook for AQA GCSE and A level. In addition, the department has plenty of other resources to supplement these textbooks and staff all share resources in shared areas.

The Post

We are looking for a well-qualified and enthusiastic linguist able to fit into our hardworking and friendly team. The successful candidate will ideally be able to offer two of the three languages taught at RMGS - German with either French or Spanish. The successful candidate must be able to offer German to at least GCSE. Applicants able to offer only one language will still be considered as there is flexibility within the department. Previous experience in a selective school is not necessary. NQTs and more experienced teachers are equally welcome to apply.

If you would like more information about the post or would like to visit the school, please contact Ms Sara Gooding (Head of MFL) at sgooding@rmgs.org.uk

Thank you very much for your interest. We look forward to receiving your application.