



Teacher of MFL

0.6fte

at Bishop Luffa School





Thank you for your interest in the post of 0.6fte Teacher of MFL at Bishop Luffa School.

Required from September 2024, we are seeking to appoint a dynamic and forward thinking Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) who is able to teach Spanish and/or French. The successful applicant will be passionate about languages and truly believe that it is the most important subject on the curriculum. Our vision is that every child experiences 'Life in all its fullness', so you will see learning a foreign language as an essential part of a full life.

We are looking for someone able to teach Key Stage 3-5, who is innovative, creative and passionate about languages. The successful candidate will love the challenge of working with teenagers and committed to supporting them to be creative, reflective and resilient learners. They will share our aspiration to help realise the school's vision 'Always our best because everyone matters'. This role would suit an experienced teacher or equally, a strong ECT.

All of our teachers are also tutors. We have a strong House system and we will be looking to recruit someone who will be an asset to the House that they join. The pastoral team will be involved in the interview process.

Bishop Luffa School is a very special place to work. Our students are proud of their school and take part in an incredible number of extra-curricular activities, such as House Drama, the Sixth Form Fashion Show and Charity Week. We would like to hear from people who share our vision that we are here to show students 'life in all its fullness' and who firmly believe that learning extends beyond the classroom.

Bishop Luffa School is a fully comprehensive 11-18 academy. We do not select students based on academic ability, but we do give priority to children whose families go to church. I hope that we live our Christian values of love and respect, which all of our staff and students support, regardless of their beliefs.

I would encourage you to come and view the school and looking forward to meeting you.

Best wishes,

Mr Austen Hindman
Head Teacher



*The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.
The successful candidate will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS check.*



Our Vision

Our aim is to show every child what 'life in all its fullness' means. We are a school of hope, where students are invited to explore their God-given potential.

Staff at Bishop Luffa commit to:

- ◇ Inspire all students to be ambitious about their futures
- ◇ Encourage and develop leadership amongst students and staff
- ◇ Develop Partnerships within, and beyond, the school
- ◇ Foster engagement in personal and spiritual development
- ◇ Nurture a sense of belonging to a safe school and the wider world



About Us

Bishop Luffa School is a busy and thriving mixed comprehensive, with 1603 students including 378 Sixth Formers, serving a wide area around Chichester. Founded in 1963, the School's Church academy status gives our Governors extra powers and responsibilities for the control of the School.

The School is regularly oversubscribed and enjoys a strong reputation for the quality of teaching and of our pastoral care. Our GCSE and A level results regularly place us within the top 200 mixed comprehensive schools in the country. Most of our Sixth Form students go on to Russell Group universities; a number gain places at Oxford and Cambridge each year. Students, parents and carers are strongly supportive of the school.



Our 97 teachers are organised academically into Faculties and pastorally into eight Houses and the Sixth Form. As an *Investor in People*, we are committed to the continuous professional development of all our staff. Faculty coaches support teachers to develop consistently outstanding practice, and lead CPD both in Faculties and across the school.

The Ofsted Inspection of December 2022 judged the school to be "Outstanding", with an Outstanding grade in every category.

The Anglican Schools' Inspection (SIAMS) in March 2020 calls the school "an outstanding Church school" and judges every category as "outstanding". Not all members of staff are practising Christians, but all support the Christian ethos of the School.

As a school we pride ourselves on the opportunities we give our staff to develop and grow. The successful candidate will be encouraged to take part in CPD programmes to prepare them for the next stage of their career. All of our teachers are tutors. Bishop Luffa School is supported by a strong House system, with each House having a distinctive identity. The successful applicant will have the opportunity to contribute to the life of the House and join in the many traditions associated with this, such as Burrows three legged race or the Ridgeway Reindeer Run!

Bishop Luffa School was founded on the aim of providing local children with the opportunity to experience a rich and diverse education based on Christian values. Our aim is to show our students 'life in all its fullness' (John 10), which means that we are not narrowly focussed on academic goals. Our staff come from many backgrounds and have diverse beliefs, and for some, no belief at all, but all agree with this fundamental aim.



The Languages Department

Aims

Students at Bishop Luffa School develop their linguistic confidence in a safe and supportive environment in which they are encouraged to take risks. The lessons foster cooperation, collaboration and teamwork.

Students develop their linguistic skills through the use of authentic materials (songs, articles, stories) in a positive atmosphere. Their teachers are experts in building positive relationships and they will have high expectations of students to engage and adapt to the pace of their lessons.

Students will find teachers draw on their own

experiences, which helps to take the subject outside of the classroom. They are challenged to question where they have seen language used in the wider world, out of school. Students are given the opportunity to participate in a residential visit abroad.



Resources

The department uses a variety of teaching methods, most recently developing the use of Conti's EPI in KS3. It is well-resourced with a base of designated Languages classrooms each equipped with interactive whiteboards. Teachers work collaboratively in teams to develop resources.

Key Stage 3 & 4



In Year 7, all students have the opportunity to experience each of the four languages on offer at Bishop Luffa (French, German, Spanish and Latin) within a carousel over three terms.

Students have five periods per fortnight. Before the end of Year 7, students will be asked (in consultation with parents/carers) to decide on one language to study for Year 8 and 9. From Year 8, where possible, classes are grouped in order to support student ability.

In Years 8 and 9, students study their chosen language for five periods per fortnight. There is an expectation that students continue their chosen language through to GCSE in Year 11.

More details can be found at <https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/about-us/our-curriculum/languages-2>

Key Stage 5

We offer students the opportunity to study A' Level French, German, Spanish and Classics in Years 12 and 13. A foreign language is a key to open doors to other worlds. It covers many topics taught in other areas, such as History, Sociology, Geography, Science, Literature, Economics and Religious Studies. It is useful in the working world as many companies have international links and prefer employees with knowledge of another language. It is also a challenging academic exercise, highly valued at university level, and it is enjoyable.



Students taking a modern foreign language in the Sixth Form will be able to build on their experience at GCSE by increasing their linguistic competence and their self-confidence to express their ideas in another language. They will gain a more detailed insight into the culture, improve their general communication and research skills and also learn much about other issues in the world about us.

International Links



The Languages department are involved in all aspects of school life. We were delighted that Bishop Luffa School was awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of our work to bring the world into the classroom. The school has earned this accreditation through its inspirational international work and links with schools abroad. By embedding an international dimension in children's education, we are preparing our students for successful lives in the UK or further afield, empowering them to be global citizens and have access to vital opportunities in an increasingly global economy.

Over several years we have also had the privilege of hosting trainee teachers from South Korea to complete their

International Training Programme with us at the school.

In March 2024 we ran our second exchange programme with our partner school, Nuryana School in Tenerife, Spain. We hosted 24 students from Years 9, 10 and 12. It was a wonderful experience with plenty of remarkable moments.

Our International Team also undertake outreach work with local primary schools.

More information can be found on the school website <https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/about-us/international-links/>



Job Description

Teacher

Following the School motto, 'Always our best because everyone Matters', we all work together to provide the highest quality education for all our students.

Role

To be an effective teacher who can teach and assess effectively, demonstrate thorough curriculum knowledge, take responsibility for professional development and enable students to achieve well.

Responsible to:

- Team Leader (as subject teacher)
- Head of House (as tutor)

Strategic

Teach students by planning your teaching to achieve progression of learning through:

- understanding and applying effective classroom management
- understanding and applying a range of effective teaching strategies
- positively targeting and supporting individual learning needs
- maintaining high levels of behaviour and discipline
- effectively using homework and other extra curricular learning opportunities
- demonstrating appropriate consistent progress
 - for all students
 - across all teaching areas
 - across all spectrums of background, ability and behaviour
 - that compares favourably with students in similar settings
 - effectively, managing other adults in the classroom

Operational

Monitoring, Assessment, Recording, Reporting

- use performance data to evaluate students' progress and set appropriate targets for improvement
- use assessment to inform planning and teaching
- report on progress to all stakeholders at the appropriate times

Pastoral Duties

Each member of the teaching staff is also a form tutor. You will:

- promote the general progress and well-being of individual students and of the Form Tutor Group as a whole
- liaise with the Head of House to ensure the implementation of the school's pastoral system
- register students, accompany them to assemblies and Eucharists, encourage their full attendance at all lessons and their participation in other aspects of school life
- contribute to the preparation of Action Plans and progress files and other reports
- alert appropriate staff to problems experienced by students and make recommendations as to how these may be resolved
- communicate, as appropriate, with parents and carers of students and persons or bodies outside the school concerned with the welfare of individual students, after consultation with appropriate staff
- contribute to PSHE, citizenship and enterprise according to school policy

Other Professional Requirements:

- have a working knowledge of teachers' professional duties and legal liabilities
- operate at all times within the stated policies and practices of the school
- know subject(s) or specialism(s) to enable effective teaching
- take account of wider curriculum developments
- incorporate national strategies in all teaching
- communicate learning objectives
- undertake professional development to enhance teaching and students' learning, and
 - apply outcomes and identify impact
 - share outcomes with colleagues
 - take responsibility for professional learning (for example, using the "Transforming Learning" tool)

For teachers on the Upper Pay Spine

Senior Teachers who have met and continue to meet the performance threshold/senior teacher standards demonstrate a high degree of sustained competence in their own subject areas and, through their general experience and expertise, make significant contribution to the ethos and success of the workplace. Teachers on the Upper Pay Spine are expected to contribute more fully to the development of our priorities than those on the Main Scale. They should:

- demonstrate that they have high expectations of, and establish respectful, trusting and constructive relationships with all the learners they teach.
- actively contribute to the development of the policies and practices of their workplace and share in the collective responsibility for their implementation.
 - draw actively on their own professional experience and expertise, and that of their colleagues and other professionals, to make informed choices about strategies designed to raise the level of learners' attainment and secure their well-being
 - communicate effectively with all children, young people, parents and carers.
- have an accurate understanding of their strengths and areas for professional development, both within the teaching of their own subjects/subject areas and in the wider school context and take effective actions to improve their performance through CPD.
- take the initiative in identifying and using opportunities to work with and manage colleagues in order to share and implement effective practice in the classroom, and in the wider school context.
- improve their practice through a discriminating approach to innovation, identifying those practices most likely to raise the level of learners' attainment both within their own subjects/subject areas and in the wider school context.

How to fulfil the role

In order to fulfil this role effectively, the teacher will want to develop the following qualities and characteristics, and a CPD programme is an important element of performance management.

Professionalism

- *Challenge & support: a commitment to do everything possible for each student and enable all students to be successful*
- *Confidence: the belief in one's own ability to be effective and to take on challenges*
- *Creating trust: being consistent and fair; keeping one's word*
- *Respect for others: the underlying belief that individuals matter and deserve respect*

Thinking

- *Analytical thinking: the ability to think logically, break down problems, recognising cause & effect*
- *Conceptual thinking: the ability to see patterns and links even when there is a lot of detail*

Leading

- *Flexibility: the ability and willingness to adapt to the needs of a situation and change tactics*
- *Managing students: the drive and the ability to provide clear direction to students, and to enthuse and motivate them*
- *Passion for learning: the drive and ability to support students in their learning, and to help them become confident and independent learners*

Planning and setting expectations

- *Drive for improvement: relentless energy for meeting challenging targets, for students and the subject*
- *Information seeking: a drive to find out more and get to the heart of things*
- *Initiative: the drive to act now to anticipate and pre-empt events, thinking and acting ahead*

Relating to others

- *Impact and influence: the ability to produce positive outcomes by influencing others*
- *Team working: the ability to work with others to achieve shared goals, sharing and gathering information*
- *Understanding others: the drive and ability to understand others, and why they behave as they do*

From Hay McBer – professional characteristics of effective teachers

Developing people

- *Act as role model to demonstrate leadership in line with the school's Christian ethos and values*
- *Encourage staff to work together and share expertise within the team*
- *Offer information, advice and guidance to help staff plan their professional development*
- *Use coaching skills to help staff achieve their potential*

Reflecting

- *Reflect on personal and professional development*
- *Use feedback from all levels of the school to help improve the way you lead, manage and develop staff*
- *Be aware of your own skills of self-management as regards time, prioritising workload and achieving a work/life balance*

Inspiring

- *Be able to inspire staff and students with the highest standards and expectations*
- *Be able to take the initiative and lead from the front*
- *Support and endorse the school's Christian ethos*

From Indicator 5 of the Investors in People Standard