Teacher of Modern Languages (French) One Year Temporary Contract)

Welcome

I would like to thank you for your interest in applying for the above post. You now have the opportunity to join a thriving and very successful department built upon relationships of mutual respect between students and staff alike. Having had the chance to read our recruitment pack and find out a little bit more about our school and our department, I very much look forward to receiving your application.

**Staffing**

The Modern Languages Department is made up of a strong team of 4 specialist teachers. It is a very friendly and extremely supportive group of colleagues. The Modern Languages department has 4 fully equipped rooms with access to ICT resources when required.

**Results**

Our examination results have been consistently high year on year and in August 2019 our students achieved:

* 99% at grade 4 and above in GCSE French
* 24% at grade 7 and above in GCSE French
* 100% pass rate in A level French

**Our Curriculum**

Our curriculum is designed to equip our students with vital tools such as learning to learn, problem solving, the basic understanding of grammar, and the enrichment of their vocabulary in both their own language and in French. Moreover, with the regular use of the target language in classrooms, we want to model to our students how to become confident speakers, as well as to take pride in the work they produce, thus improving their employability.

Languages programme of study states that *‘Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures’.* It is our aim to not solely teach our students a foreign language, it is also to give them an opportunity to see the world through different eyes, whether they choose to carry on learning French at a higher level or not.

Through this philosophy, we will aim to:

• Ensure that teaching and learning in French lessons is of a high quality, meets the needs of our students and is in accordance with the examination board specification.

• Provide high challenge and expectations for all abilities and allow students opportunities to celebrate their success and recognise individual achievement.

• Instil a life-long love of critical analysis and develop resilience when faced with challenging content.

• Give students the opportunity to develop their love of French through attending a range of different non-classroom based experiences.

• Develop and refine our students’ use of language, promoting vocabulary acquisition within the field of French

• Ensure that lessons provide students with opportunities for personal growth, developing moral and social awareness.

• Function as a team in developing and sharing common approaches to the teaching of French, working in collaboration with other schools.

• Contribute fully to the life and work of the School.

• Enhance students’ creativity and enjoyment of French

• Provide regular enrichment activities through educational visits and projects

• Utilise the latest pedagogical research, in order to inform teaching strategies and lesson design.

**At Key Stage 4** we follow the AQA Specification

**At Key Stage 5** we follow the following the Edexcel Specification:

Thank you once again for your interest in the post.

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**Head of Modern Languages**

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