

Faculty and subject information - The Carlton Academy

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Overview of the Faculty / Department

Outcomes
Outcomes for all pupils have continued to rise both across the academy and within our subject area. The team is focused on ensuring that we continue this very positive trend and continue to recruit more pupils into Key Stage 5 courses in our subject area. We currently run A Level French and Spanish. Further information on our achievements and progress can be provided to candidates who are invited for interview or by making contact with the subject leader.
Facilities
We benefit from very well maintained and purpose-built accommodation with high levels of access to ICT facilities. All classrooms are suited together to help provide an ethos of collaboration and support for all colleagues. The academy has continued to invest in our facilities and receives good levels of funding from the Redhill Trust to ensure we remain well-resourced and work in facilities that the staff and students can thrive within.
Curriculum
At KS3 we offer both Spanish and French to all students. They study 2 hours of Spanish or French a week. Students will then continue studying until Year 9. At GCSE, we use Edexcel as our exam board and teach the course over 2 years. Themes covered at GCSE include family relationships, identity, hobbies and social media, school and the world of work, and cities, holidays and environment.
These topics prepare our students for the A Level course. We currently only offer Spanish at A-Level, with AQA. Students look at Aspects of Hispanic society and Artistic culture in the Hispanic world at AS and Multiculturalism in Hispanic society and Aspects of Political life in the Hispanic world at A2. Alongside these themes studied at A Level, students also study a film and a book, which they will write 2 essays about as part of their exams at the end of A2. The themes at A Level really gives our students an insight into Hispanic culture in today's society.
We currently also offer A-Level French from September 2024, with AQA. The description of the course is very similar to the modules described above, but for French speaking countries instead. The students are also taught a film and a book.
Network and CPD offer
We benefit from, and contribute to, the wide CPD offer in the academy and also the Trust subject networks. Working in partnership with other subject leaders and teachers provides us with the opportunity to share expertise and ensure we are continually able to reflect and further improve all that we do in order to raise the achievement of students.
Enrichment
Within the department there are many enriching opportunities available for the students, which allows them to gain a wider understanding about the cultural aspect of languages. Throughout the year, we deliver lessons that address European Day of Languages, Hispanic Day and Bastille Day as part of our ECO Days (Enriching Curriculum Opportunities). We organise trips to the theatre, dinner at authentic restaurants and university sessions. Alongside this, there are residential trips that take place, which in the past have included Paris and Valencia. We believe that this gives students an opportunity to really learn and experience the culture of the country that speaks the language they are studying and therefore students will engage in language learning on a new level that will positively impact their learning.