



Information about the Languages Department

Philosophy

Bishop Vesey's Grammar School is a six form entry boys' grammar school converter academy situated in a pleasant environment of North East Birmingham, close to Sutton Park. Boys are selected for admission to the school on the basis of grammar school tests adopted by the Grammar Schools of Birmingham Consortium. The school has a large co-educational sixth form of 428 students.

We seek an ECT or an experienced Teacher, who has the ability to teach Spanish up to A level, to join our ambitious and forward-looking school, where together we offer our students the 'Vesey Experience'. Candidates for teaching posts at the school are expected to show a willingness to participate in the extra-curricular activities we offer students.

Teaching and Learning

The Languages department is a dynamic department, which places innovation in teaching and learning at the core of their practice. They have a very strong reputation within and outside of the school, supported by excellent records of exam success.

Key Stage 3

At Key Stage 3, students are presently taught French and Mandarin in year 7. Thirty students are selected for the Mandarin Excellence Programme and will continue with Mandarin beyond Year 7. In Year 8, pupils study French and Spanish. Those on the MEP study either French or Spanish alongside Mandarin. These choices continue through Year 8 to Year 9. Assessments take place once per term for Spanish and half termly for French.

Spanish Key Stage 4/5 and exam results

We have an outstanding record of GCSE and A' Level results.

All classes are taught by subject specialists. The GCSE Spanish classes have between 23-30 students per class who follow the Edexcel specification.

In Sixth Form class sizes for Spanish range from 14-20 students who follow the AQA specification.

Assessments take place 3 times per year in KS4/5 Spanish and half termly for French.

Other information

All classrooms in the Languages Department are equipped with an interactive white board. Lessons are interactive and make use of the target language as much as possible. There is access to computer suites and surface tablets which are used for presentations and online resources. Assessments take place 3 times per term in Key Stage.

There are currently 10 Languages Teachers, including the Head of French, Head of Spanish and Head of Mandarin and a number of part time staff. It is a very supportive, lively department and staff are full of passion and enthusiasm about teaching their subject.

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