Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) – French (Permanent Contract)

Full-time or Part-time

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.

From September 2024 Bishop Challoner Catholic College will be a partner school within a local Language Hub. The Language Hub’s programme is an exciting initiative funded by the Department for Education and managed by the National Consortium for Languages Education to re-energise language learning across England and to improve learning opportunities and outcomes for all pupils. Being a partner school provides Bishop Challoner with a fantastic and exciting opportunity to transform languages education.

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 and Department Provision**

The Modern Languages Department is made up of a strong team of 5 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.

**Results**

In 2023:

* Over 60% of our students studied GCSE French
* We achieved a 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 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.

The 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 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.

**GCSE and A level:**

At Key Stage 4 we follow the AQA Specification

At Key Stage 5 we follow the Edexcel Specification.

Thank you once again for your interest in the post.

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