



The Redhill Academy

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES FACULTY

The Modern Foreign Languages Faculty at Redhill is a thriving and extremely successful faculty of six staff. This includes the Head of Faculty, a Head of French and a Head of German responsible for KS3 & KS5 French and German. We are currently looking for a new French teacher to replace a valued colleague who has gained promotion at one of our alliance schools. As we also offer German from year 8 onwards there may also be an opportunity in the future for the successful candidate to teach German, but this is not essential.

We all enjoy the luxury of having our own rooms and equipment including an interactive whiteboard and projector, and being sited in the same area of the school. This helps us to be a strong team, working closely together to deliver the best possible outcomes for our students.

The teaching of French begins in mixed ability classes in Year 7 with a strong emphasis on providing engaging learning, focusing on the basics of effective language learning such as phonics, pronunciation and literacy. We also aim to nurture a love of language and an understanding of the relevance of languages in the modern world. At the end of Year 7, after several assessments, a Language Aptitude test and teacher recommendation, the students are setted. The two top sets then study German as a second foreign language and the French sets two to four continue to learn French. Students then opt for their GCSE subjects at the end of year 8 and the recruitment of students to AQA GCSE French and German courses is strong.

Although we do not strictly follow a textbook course, all staff have access to Métro (1-4), Logo 1-4), Nelson Thorne's AQA French / German GCSE & A Level course books and Kerboodle (which provides lots of On-line resources). There is also a strong ethos of sharing resources across the department and materials and schemes of work are stored on the shared staff area on our network. We will also be adapting our schemes of work to fit the needs of new courses across all 3 key stages this Summer. We meet as a faculty on a regular basis and meetings are planned to ensure that improving teaching and learning in the department is at the heart of everything we do.

The Modern Foreign Languages Faculty is committed to providing opportunities for its students to visit foreign countries and learn about the culture of French and German speaking countries. In Year 8 two trips are organised to Dieppe and we also have links with Thurgau University and the British Council. This allows us to employ a French Foreign Language Assistant to support students with their spoken French and we also benefit from a Swiss trainee teacher working with us on a 3 week placement each year.

Modern Foreign Languages has raised its profile hugely at Redhill over the past few years and we are now proud to consider ourselves one of the best performing departments in the school. The successful candidate will help the department to develop further as we look for ways to continue to improve our teaching and learning in MFL.

We look forward to receiving your application.

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