

SETTLE COLLEGE

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

This is an opportunity for a suitable candidate to form a team of 2 forward-thinking, innovative, specialist modern linguists.

MFL teachers have their own teaching room with a Smart interactive whiteboard and an impressive range of electronic resources. In addition, we have good access to computer suites.

Our Year 7 & 8 curriculum has the chief aim of generating knowledgeable and confident linguists. Emphasis is placed particularly on linguistic literacy skills and an ability to apply knowledge to a variety of contexts. The KS3 scheme of work is based on the national curriculum new orders and includes a different skills focus for each half term.

We currently offer a one year French and/or Spanish GCSE course to students in Years 10 and 11. We follow the AQA specifications for both GCSE French and Spanish.

At Key Stage 4, we use a wealth of electronic resources. Students have access to a varied diet of learning experiences. We are keen to seek out MFL software and internet sites and regularly discuss and update our resource bank.

We are very pleased to adopt an innovative approach to continue to offer "A levels" French and Spanish in spite of challenging numbers nationally in recent years. This may include collaboration with other establishments. Both languages are examined by the AQA specification.

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is recognised as a strong and enthusiastic area within the College. Our aim is to become an outstanding department and the trend of our results suggests that we are on track. Within the last few years it has reached a peak of 87% of Y9-Y11 students achieved A*-C in GCSE French and Spanish – well above our College FFT target and national figures.

We are keen to continue to raise the profile of Modern Foreign Languages and we embrace new initiatives. The successful candidate will be expected to share our interest in promoting the cultural awareness of Spanish speaking countries in addition to preparing students for examination success.