



Teacher of French (with Spanish)

We are seeking a teacher of French who can also offer to teach some Spanish. The position will be a full-time two years renewable contract starting August 2018

French within the Languages Faculty

French is a thriving subject within the school with iGCSE groups and three IB groups spanning ab initio, Standard and Higher level. The popularity of the subject within the school is matched by the success of our students who attain above expectations and who achieve positive value added.

You will be teaching within a team of committed linguists who teach Spanish, French and Chinese. Your timetable will be mostly French, across the full age and ability range, including IB Standard and Higher level. You should also be able to teach Spanish to at least iGCSE.

All teachers at West Island School are tutors to a group of approximately 15 students within a particular year group.

In addition to being a committed team player with the ability to contribute to the work of the French Department and Languages Faculty, the ideal candidate will have the following qualities:

- A high proficiency in French language
- A degree in languages, postgraduate teaching qualification (PGCE or equivalent) and 2-3 years teaching experience
- The ability to teach both IB Standard and Higher Level (or equivalents)
- Relevant recent teaching experience of GCSE and/or IGCSE (or equivalents)
- Sound understanding of how to teach students with different learning needs
- Experience of teaching students from diverse cultural backgrounds
- Willingness to embrace change
- Excellent writing and speaking skills in English

Working at West Island School

West Island School is a rewarding environment to pursue your career as a teacher. We prioritise professional development and are engaged in appreciative inquiry developing our own practice as a community of teachers who learn from each other.

You will find your colleagues to be pro-active, passionate about our students, adaptable and supportive of you in both the school and Hong Kong. It is indeed, an exciting place to live and work.

Our students are well motivated, ambitious for themselves and for the whole school community. Our distinction is the diversity of backgrounds which creates an inspiring community of learners that motivates us as teachers.

In 2017, the average IB score was 36.7 with 2 students achieving 45 points and 4 students achieving 44 points. 49% of grades at iGCSE are A*-A. We also cater for a cohort of students who achieve highly in Btec Qualifications, 78% of grades are D*-D. As an inclusive school, we cater for a number of students who have particular learning difficulties and experience success in personalised pathways.

As a result, student outcomes are excellent and they are able to access the universities of their choice, many of which will be the most prestigious.

Over the next three years, we are planning to move towards the MYP curriculum for Years 7-9, so it would be useful but not essential if you are able to make an active contribution to this change. You do not need a detailed knowledge of the curriculum, but a willingness to learn and an empathy for inquiry based learning approaches.

Finally, there are a range of extra-curricular events and activities which every teacher is expected to contribute to. Many activities are based on teacher's own interests or in support of students who are leading activities within school. We would be interested to know what you may be able to contribute to the wider life of our school.

As part of the English Schools Foundation, you will join a large and very established community of educators in Asia, where ideas, learning and best practice are shared in our schools. Professional learning and career progression is encouraged.

In return for your passion and delivering a quality education, English Schools Foundation offer a highly competitive salary, gratuity, housing allowance, passage, healthcare and school places for your children. Our strength as part of a foundation means that we offer security and the opportunities that are inherent in an established organisation of our size.

Please refer to the ESF recruitment website as well as our own school based website for further information. Do not hesitate to contact us if you require anything further.

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