**George Spencer Academy**

**FACULTY OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION**

The Faculty is responsible for the promotion and development of Modern Foreign Languages and the International Dimension.

The current languages taught are French and Spanish in KS3, French and Spanish at GCSE Level and Spanish and French to Advanced Level.

The Faculty is well-resourced and well-funded. The Faculty has enjoyed a new building since September 2002 with excellent classrooms and ICT facilities, including interactive whiteboards in all classrooms. There is a wide range of ICT based language learning packages available on the network.

The Faculty has 7 full-time members comprising a Curriculum Leader and 6 other full-time teachers. There are 2 part time teachers. There is one TLR2 point in the faculty shared between two members of staff. The Faculty works in a collegiate and mutually supportive manner and meetings are held regularly, designed to inform, consult, and develop issues outlined in the faculty action plan. There are close links with the Individual Needs Department from whom support is available.

French and Spanish is taught to all pupils in Years 7 from September with students stating a preference between the two languages in December. Classes are then re-timetabled for a January start. This arrangement is continued in Year 8 with students choosing their GCSE course at the start of Year 9. In Key Stage 4, languages are optional and French and Spanish GCSE (AQA) are offered. We also offer A Level courses (AQA) in French and Spanish.

In Key Stage 3 the National Curriculum is delivered using a variety of materials with a grammar focus leading the teaching and learning of topics/themes. In Key Stage 4, the course is supported by the use of textbooks and their accompanying resources. The Faculty also develops and shares a wealth of its own electronic resources and has implemented appropriate documentation for recording and assessment. There is a wide range of hardware and software available, including Interactive Whiteboards, digital voice recorders, video recorders and Linguascope.

The Faculty has a visit abroad. Year 8 pupils are offered a 4-day educational experience in France during the Summer term. Over the years the Faculty has also initiated and contributed to a number of cross-curricular events. We also have strong links with our feeder primary schools in terms of language provision.

**METHOD OF APPLICATION**

Complete the application form online that can be found on our Trust website, ensuring that your personal statement outlines your experiences, ambitions and what you could bring to George Spencer Academy and the Spencer Academies Trust.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you require further information or for a conversation regarding the post, please contact Lorraine George, Curriculum Leader (MFL) by phone on 0115 9170100 or email lgeorge@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk