

The Latymer School



French Language Assistant



Welcome

Thank you for considering applying for the role of French Language Assistant at The Latymer School, North London. We are seeking an exceptional candidate, who is eager to play a central role in reinforcing and developing the school's already strong position.

The Latymer School is a high achieving, selective grammar school with a great tradition of success. We aim to provide a first class education for all students. In the academic year 2023/24 our GCSE results were outstanding, with 39.3% of students achieving a grade 9, 66.7% achieving level 9/8, and 85.5% achieving level 9/8/7. At A Level 30.7% of grades were A*, 66.8% were A*/ A, and 86.3% were A*/ B. As in previous years, the majority went on to attend the country's top universities, and a large number were successful in their applications to Oxford or Cambridge.

As a school, we are clearly committed to developing pupils' intellectual abilities and celebrating academic achievement. We want students to have a real thirst and love for learning so that they are well equipped for life after Latymer. However, the school prides itself on much more than its exam results. As our mission statement asserts, we aim to provide 'a first class liberal education', develop 'lively enquiring minds', and encourage students to 'achieve their full potential and show consideration for others'. Staff at Latymer foster an academic environment that takes students well beyond the classroom curriculum. We provide an array of exciting and worthwhile extra-curricular activities in areas as diverse as music, drama, sport, and chess.

Although we expect applicants to demonstrate excellent subject knowledge, prospective applicants should not be daunted by the prospect of teaching high ability groups. We are an incredibly caring school and value our staff highly evidenced through the excellent CPD and support we provide. If you would like to find out more about the school we will be happy to arrange a visit prior to applying.

We look forward to welcoming you to our inclusive community and receiving your application for the post.

Joseph Gilford, Headteacher.







The Curriculum

We are a selective grammar school for boys and girls aged 11 to 18. We aim to provide a broad and stimulating education and maintain the highest of standards within the formal curriculum. While an outstanding education is often regarded as a building block towards adulthood and future employment, we also believe that students should enjoy learning, and value the relationships they build throughout their years at Latymer.

Latymer is proud of its outstanding musical tradition, which still inspires a wide range of music making, mainly as an extra-curricular activity, today. Drama, sport and outdoor pursuits are also very strong. Our field centre in North Wales (Ysgol Latymer at Cwm Penmachno), owned by the Foundation, is used as a base for outdoor pursuits and field courses in Year 7 and we take Year 9 to Conwy in North Wales and all

staff have the chance to accompany groups.

Our aim is to enable each pupil to develop his or her talents and interests to the full, while experiencing a broad and balanced curriculum throughout Years 7-11. Courses offered challenge pupils to develop insight and independence of thought through an active and problem-solving approach, which relates learning to the real world and values both sound learning and intellectual rigour. At GCSE students take 10 examination subjects.

In the Sixth Form pupils currently take 4 AS-levels in Year 12. Some pupils will continue with 4 subjects to A-level, but most will carry on with 3. The majority of Sixth Formers progress to study degree courses at universities, or other forms of Higher Education in Music, Drama, Art and other areas. We have a tradition of students attending the top UK universities, including Oxford and Cambridge.

Pastoral Care

Every teacher takes responsibility for a form group, and stays with their form throughout their time at the School. Form tutors build close relationships with the students in their form group, but they will also be supported by Heads and Assistant Heads of Year. We pride ourselves on the quality of care we give to our students, and recognise that being part of an academic grammar school community can often be challenging. In light of this, we ensure that we support those children who find the academic standard demanding, as well as extremely gifted children.

Library and Learning Resources Centre

The School Library is a vital resource for teaching throughout the School. Some 17,000 volumes (which are constantly reviewed, 'weeded', and replenished) are housed in the handsome setting of the Ashworth & War Memorial Libraries. There is also a wide selection of periodicals. We are proud of the number of students from all year groups who use the library before and after school, during the day, and at break and lunchtimes.

Computer facilities include three computer rooms for general use, and another in the Technology area. All staff are provided with a laptop and the school has a wireless network throughout. All classrooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards.



The House System

The House system is embedded in the traditions of the school and is one of its strengths. It provides the structure for much of the extra-curricular activity in the school. House loyalty is fostered by the House identity of the 6 Forms in each year (Ashworth, Dolbe, Keats, Lamb, Latymer, Wyatt). Staff are allocated to Houses and are Form Tutors to pupils in their own House. Much of the House activity is run by Senior Pupils, elected by their House, under the supervision of Senior House Staff. Tutors, and Year Heads, progress with their form from Year 7 to Year 11. Sixth Formers are in smaller pastoral groups with experienced tutors.

Ysgol Latymer Outdoor Pursuits Centre

In 1966 The Foundation purchased a former primary school in the village of Cwm Penmachno, within the Snowdonia National Park. Since that time, the building has been developed into a comfortable and well equipped centre accommodating one standard form group (32) and accompanying staff. Each year every Year 7 pupil has the opportunity to spend a week in Wales, taking part in a variety of outdoor activities. Our Year 9 pupils undertake a similar experience in Conwy, Anglesey. These include hill walking, orienteering, mountain cycling, climbing, abseiling, horse riding, canoeing, kayaking, rafting and swimming. In addition, older students visit the centre for Outdoor Pursuits related to Duke of Edinburgh Award and GCSE PE. Both staff and pupils alike cite visits to the centre amongst their most enjoyable and memorable experiences of Latymer School life.



Leadership and Governance





The Governing Body

Latymer's Governing Body is ultimately responsible for the performance of the School, setting its overall strategic direction and ensuring that the highest standards of education, safeguarding and financial probity are maintained. Our experienced and talented Governors bring to bear their considerable professional experience in business, finance, the law, information technology, and a range of other professions, to provide constructive support and challenge to the Headteacher and the Senior Leadership Team.

Further information about the Governing Body can be found on the school website.

Application and Appointment Process

How to apply.

To find out more about The Latymer School please do take a look at the website at www.latymer.co.uk or contact the PA to Headteacher, Jackie Soday (SDYJ@latymer.co.uk) to arrange a telephone call with the Headteacher, if you have any questions.

If, after reading the information, you are interested in joining us please create an account at [mynewterm](#) and apply.

Closing date for application is:

10am on Monday 7 July 2025

We reserve the right to shortlist and interview strong candidates on receipt of application and make appointment to the post before the closing date.

