CHESTERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

FACULTY OF MODERN LANGUAGES

The Modern Languages Faculty comprises the Director of Learning and 2 full-time members of staff.

The languages taught are Spanish at Key Stage 3 and French and Spanish at Key Stage 4. All Key Stage 3 students are taught within 2 bands, the higher ability students having access to languages at GCSE. For Key Stage 4 students in the most academic Pathway a Modern Language is compulsory, approximately 100 in each of Years 9, 10 and 11. The GCSE and A Level students sit examinations set by AQA.

The Faculty is very well resourced. Various textbooks and resources are used to deliver the curriculum. We have moved away from using textbooks extensively in the light of recent specification changes. The resources used are Studio, Viva, Mira, Pearson and Hodder Dynamic Learning and these are supplemented by a wide range of extra materials.

Every classroom has its own projector and desktop computer. All members of teaching staff are provided with their own iPad. In addition, the Faculty has 48 student iPads in a portable trolley. We are constantly looking for new pieces of software and resources to enhance the enjoyment of learning of Modern Languages.

Chesterfield High School currently offers trips abroad to Year 8 students to Spain.

The Faculty has had good results at GCSE and A Level. There are currently 4 students studying A Level Spanish. The Modern Languages Faculty is always aiming for improved practice. The Faculty has an excellent record in developing teachers' professional skills. Continued professional development in teaching is a key priority.

There is a strong emphasis on team work within the Faculty where staff share good practice and resources. The person appointed will have a clear understanding of how to make languages relevant, exciting and challenging for all pupils. The successful candidate will join a hardworking team of teachers who are passionate about languages and expect the highest possible standards from their students.

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