



The Redhill Academy

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES FACULTY

The Modern Foreign Languages Faculty at Redhill is a thriving and extremely successful faculty of six staff. This includes a Director of Languages, an Associate Head of Faculty and a Head of KS3, who work collaboratively to facilitate the delivery of French and German across Key Stages 3-5. We are currently looking for a new German teacher with the ability to teach French to join the team which is expanding to work with other Redhill Trust Schools.

The MFL department consists of 5 well equipped rooms including an interactive whiteboard and projector, which are sited in the same area of the school. This helps us to be a strong team, working closely together to deliver the best possible outcomes for our students.

The teaching of French begins in mixed ability classes in Year 7 with a strong emphasis on providing engaging learning, focusing on the basics of effective language learning such as phonics, pronunciation and literacy. We also aim to nurture a love of language and an understanding of the relevance of languages in the modern world. At the end of Year 7, after several assessments, a Language Aptitude test and teacher recommendation, the students are setted. The two top sets then study German as a second foreign language and the French sets two to four continue to learn French. Students then opt for their GCSE subjects at the end of year 8 and the recruitment of students to AQA GCSE French and German courses is strong.

Although we do not strictly follow a textbook course, all staff have access to Oxford's AQA French and German GCSE and A Level courses as well as Métro and Logo in KS3. There is also a strong ethos of sharing resources across the department and materials and schemes of work are stored on the shared staff area on our network and used by all. Schemes of Work and assessments have been recently adapted to meet the needs of new KS3 assessment procedures and the new requirements of the new GCSE. We meet as a faculty on a regular basis and meetings are planned to ensure that improving teaching and learning in the department is at the heart of everything we do.

The Modern Foreign Languages Faculty is committed to providing opportunities for its students to visit foreign countries and learn about the culture of French and German speaking countries. In Year 8 two trips are organised to Dieppe and we also have links with Thurgau University and the British Council. This allows us to employ a French Foreign Language Assistant to support students with their spoken French and we have also benefited in the past from German and Swiss trainee teachers working with us on short placements.

Modern Foreign Languages has raised its profile hugely at Redhill over the past few years and we are now proud to consider ourselves one of the best performing departments in the school. The successful candidate will help the department to develop further as we look for ways to continue to improve our teaching and learning in MFL.

We look forward to receiving your application.

D Gilwhite – Trust Director, MFL
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