

## THE MFL DEPARTMENT AT KINGDOWN

The MFL Department consists of 7 members of staff who are passionate about the teaching of Languages. We are enthusiastic and committed professionals who aim to deliver high quality lessons in a positive but well-disciplined environment. The success of the Department is due to the high expectations placed upon pupils and staff, good communication and the exceptional teamwork that is evident on a daily basis.

Working as a team is an important feature of the Department's practice. It is our aim that each teacher of MFL, whether full-time or part-time, and to whatever level of seniority, will feel able to contribute fully to the key policies and practices of the Department as well as sharing ideas and resources.

The Department structure currently is:

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| • Curriculum Leader & Head of Department: | Emma Rossetti    |
| • Head of Spanish:                        | Sara Wheeler     |
| • MFL teacher (French and Spanish)        | Rachel Ferris    |
| • MFL teacher (French and Maths)          | Claire Sainsbury |
| • MFL teacher (French)                    | Luke Blizzard    |
| • MFL teacher part-time (French)          | Patsie Quayle    |
| • MFL teacher HR Director and Deputy Head | Anna Williams    |

Other members of the Department are encouraged to take on responsibilities to enhance their professional development. These include such things as: PGCE mentoring, trips and visits, gifted and talented students, SEN students, literacy, data analysis and after school clubs.

There are five MFL classrooms in the Languages block which are well-furnished with PC, projector and whiteboard, as well as storage for students work and files. All teaching materials are close at hand, including a wide range of shared resources online. We have a comfortable staff room with space to work which enables us to socialise at break times and share thoughts and ideas.

### Key Stage 3

Students in Year 7 have five lessons of French a fortnight and students in Year 8 and 9 have four. We currently teach Spanish for 3 lessons a fortnight in Year 9 to students who opted to take it in Year 8. Our vision is to increase the number of students who take Spanish over the next few years. We have detailed schemes of work and excellent resources at KS3, resulting in high levels of motivation and attainment. We have a Year 7 trip to France each year in July.

### Key Stage 4

Our main GCSE language is French, where option numbers vary between 75 and 100 students per year. We have recently added GCSE Spanish to our offer, currently consisting of one group in Year 10 and one in Year 11 – with numbers looking promising for September.

We use the AQA exam board and have a wide range of resources including Expo and Metro text books, Boardworks and various website subscriptions (e.g. linguascope and atantot), as well as creating our own worksheets.

### Key Stage 5

We teach French and Spanish at A level using the AQA exam board. We consistently achieve excellent results at A level due to the high quality teaching and individual support provided. We started A level Spanish in September 2018.

### Overall

The MFL Department is a very good Department, aiming to become outstanding. We are looking for a highly motivated teacher who will contribute positively to the team and help us move towards this goal. If you are successful at interview, you will find that we are an extremely supportive team. You will be well looked after and will hopefully thrive in our environment.