

#### Recruitment Information & Job Pack

# TEACHER OF MFL (FRENCH & SPANISH)

Permanent, Part Time
MPS/UPR

Closing Date: Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 10.00am

**Interview Date:** Wednesday 26 May 2021

#### **Letter from the Principal**



#### **Dear Applicant**

Thank you for your interest in Exmouth Community College. We have an exciting opportunity for you to join our College and work with highly motivated staff, enthusiastic students, supportive parents and knowledgeable Governing Board. We are a hardworking, dedicated and supportive learning community.

The College is committed to recruiting the very best staff for our young people and as a result I have the pleasure of working alongside a fantastic team of both teachers and support staff. Staff at the College work hard and set high standards for our students and ourselves. Consequently, the College is a stimulating place to work and the professionalism of staff here ensures that the College is constantly moving forward.

In terms of student outcomes at both GCSE and Post 16, we were delighted with many aspects of our results in 2019. We have implemented a range of changes to further improve outcomes such as redeveloping our curriculum offer and introducing accelerated reading at the start of many lessons. We are sure that with our excellent staff, both teaching and non-teaching, we will continue to achieve great results for our students.

If you are looking for a College which is completely focussed on ensuring consistently great teaching and learning, investing in your professional development, and where your passion and ideas will be welcomed enthusiastically, we would love to hear from you.

I hope that you find the information in this pack to be both interesting and informative. I would also urge you to explore our website to get a deeper understanding of why we are so proud of this dynamic College: www.exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk

Having myself only joined Exmouth Community College in September 2017, I recognise that much time and thought goes into preparing an application which I thank you for in advance and we, in turn, will give your application serious consideration.

If you require any further information regarding the post or the application process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

**Andrew Davis** 

Principal

#### The School

Behaviour in lessons is generally good. Pupils told inspectors that there is little disruption in lessons and this was confirmed by the observations that inspectors made. (Ofsted 2017)

Exmouth Community College is one of the largest secondary schools in the country with over 2,300 students currently enrolled (almost 400 of these in Post 16). The College, which converted to Academy status in April 2011, is set in a leafy split-site location.

Our catchment area extends northwards towards Exeter

city boundary and eastwards to include Budleigh Salterton and many attractive rural villages. The College embraces working as part of the community and has strong local partnerships.

The College's mission is to provide a positive, enjoyable and structured approach to learning, where success is rewarded and students' individual aptitudes are given the chance to develop. We are an inclusive school and we pride ourselves on catering for all abilities. We offer a safe, secure,



non-threatening environment in which students develop consideration for others, self-discipline and positive relationships. We aim to provide a thorough education which prepares students for their future.

Teachers have positive relationships with their classes and have high expectations of behaviour. Most pupils respect their teachers, and so interruptions to learning are rare.

(Ofsted 2017)

As an academy, we have more flexibility in the way we manage the College. The Exmouth Community College Trust is overseen by the Governing Board who are committed to delivering the best comprehensive education for the young people of Exmouth and the surrounding villages.

We believe that young people should be given the opportunity to develop the qualities we expect of good citizens. Our curriculum is broad and challenging; designed to stretch students of all abilities and to provide the widest range of opportunities. The curriculum includes, over and above the normal provision,

enrichment, work based learning, Lead Learner and supportive elements; all of which combine to

Sixth-form students make strong progress on their courses because they are motivated to succeed and are well taught. (Ofsted 2017)



In addition the College provides opportunities beyond the classroom in: sport, the arts, adventure, travel and more, everything from Rocket Clubs

ensure that all students have an opportunity to develop their intellectual

authors and speakers.

and practical skills.

The school has a strong pastoral system organised on a Key Stage basis and excellent contacts with partner primary schools.

The leaders of the sixth form demonstrate a genuine passion for the success of all students, no matter what their starting points. (Ofsted 2017)



#### **Our Vision**

Our vision is to create a College for the whole of our community that emphasises the importance of progress and innovation alongside more traditional values such as integrity, honesty and respect. For everyone we will provide the skills, knowledge and awareness to enable all to play an active and positive role in their families, workplace and global community. We will do this through world-class teaching delivered by reflective and skilled practitioners, a broad and differentiated curriculum model and opportunities beyond the classroom.

Teachers are well motivated.
They have welcomed the new
Principal's recent initiatives to
improve the quality of teaching.
They are keen to share ideas
and consider how they can
accelerate pupils' progress.
(Ofsted 2017)

#### **Characteristics of our students**

Our focus groups identified eight key characteristic traits that any students from Exmouth Community College should be able to demonstrate and have been given opportunities to learn and develop during their time at the College:



- 1. Know how to be healthy and stay safe.
- 2. Always endeavour to show resilience to be the best they can be.
- 3. Be aspirational and understand their career options.
- 4. Know how to behave well and respect other members of our community.
- 5. Have confidence and communicate effectively.
- 6. Be mutually tolerant and empathetic individuals.
- 7. Be knowledgeable and able to deeply understand and recall information easily.
- 8. Be skilled in applying this knowledge in a range of circumstances.

#### The Area

Exmouth is a town of 40,000+ inhabitants situated at the mouth of the River Exe. As with so much of the South West, employment in Exmouth is largely in the service sector and the College is by far the largest employer in the town. Employers also include primary schools, Exmouth Hospital and a thriving retail and tourist trade.



Exmouth is a very pleasant place to live. It is situated at the start of the Jurassic Coastline which has been officially ranked alongside the Great Barrier Reef and the Grand Canyon as one of the natural wonders of the world. East Devon is an area of outstanding natural beauty.

The town has a marina and the two mile beach front offers a variety of water sports. An indoor tennis centre is attached to the College campus and is used on a daily basis by both the College and the public. Exmouth also has other excellent sporting facilities including a large Sports Centre with two

heated pools, fitness suites, squash and badminton courts. The town has a wide range of hotels and restaurants, a number of pubs and night clubs as well as shopping facilities.

On the outskirts of Exmouth is Woodbury Common. It is a huge and beautiful moorland, ideal for walking, riding, mountain biking and picnics. The common is also the home of Woodbury Golf and Country Club offering two golf courses, one to championship standard. Exeter, the capital city of Devon, is just 10 miles from Exmouth and offers a wealth of shopping, sporting, cultural and historic attractions.

(Post 16) Teachers have good subject knowledge and well-developed strategies for helping students to make progress. As a result, students are challenged to think deeply about their learning in many subjects.

(Ofsted 2017)

#### **Introduction to the Languages Department**

#### **Staffing**

The department currently consists of ten members of teaching staff, of whom four are part-time and one is a Head of Year. The department has dedicated clerical support. All teaching staff are specialist language teachers and most are dual-linguists. Apart from the Head of Department, three members of the department have TLRs and we have a coordinator for each Key Stage.

#### **Accommodation and Resources**

There are nine language rooms, one of which is a dedicated Post 16 room. All classrooms are equipped with a data projector and computer and the majority of them have an interactive whiteboard. Most teachers have their own room. Most Post 16 teaching takes place in the Telfer Centre – a purpose built Post 16 block on the Gipsy Lane Site.

#### **Key Stage 3 Curriculum**

All students in KS3 have three languages lessons a week. Year 7 are taught in mixed ability tutor groups but in Year 8 they are taught in different groupings. In Year 9 students have the option to take French, Spanish or both.

We are constantly updating our Schemes of Work and have moved a long way towards incorporating the teaching of language-learning skills, rather than focusing on content. We are also building up cross-curricular activities, for example with the IT department. We have had speakers from a University as part of the Routes into Languages scheme, to help promote languages at Options time.

#### **Key Stage 4 Curriculum**

French and Spanish are optional in KS4. In KS4, students have three lessons a week. The examination board for GCSE is currently AQA. All Year 11 teachers give their time for revision and catch-up classes.

#### **Post 16 Curriculum**

The number of lessons for Post 16 students depends on the number in each year group, up to a maximum of five hours per week. Post 16 French and Spanish students use. The examination board for Post 16 is AQA for French and Spanish. Many of our Year 12 students also help in classes lower down the school. The up take for French and Spanish in Post 16 is increasing.

#### **Results**

Our results at GCSE and A-Level are excellent and our P8 is consistently high when compared with other schools.

#### **Extra Curricular**

We run an annual trip to the Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy, France and a trip to Spain. We have visited Cadiz and Seville.

#### General

The Languages department at Exmouth has a friendly, positive, and enthusiastic atmosphere with teachers encouraged to share resources and ideas. Schemes of Work are laid out as guidelines and staff joining the department should be prepared to contribute to the constant development of teaching in this curriculum area.

### **Job Description**

Title: Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages (French & Spanish)

Contract Type: Permanent

Start Date: 1 September 2021

Salary: MPS/UPR

**FTE:** 0.3000 – 0.5000% FTE

**Reporting to:** Head of Modern Foreign Languages

**Responsibility for:** No line management responsibilities

#### Purpose of the Job

The College is currently seeking a qualified teacher to take on a role teaching MFL. The successful applicant will be expected to provide outstanding teaching and learning of MFL to ensure high attainment of students. The post holder will adhere to the professional duties of a teacher as set out in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions of Service document and College policies.

#### **Key Responsibilities**

- Provide a nurturing classroom and school environment that helps students to develop as learners.
- Help to establish / maintain discipline and good order in the classroom and across the MFL Department.
- Contribute to the effective working of the MFL Department.
- Participate in departmental CPD and undertake professional development as identified.

#### **Teaching and Learning**

- Plan and teach engaging and effective lessons that motivate, inspire and improve pupil attainment.
- Use regular assessments to monitor progress and set targets.
- Respond accordingly to the results of such monitoring.
- Ensure that all students make significant and continuing progress.
- Maintain accurate pupil data that can be used to make teaching more effective.
- Identify situations where the Key Stage Co-ordinator or Head of Department needs to be involved.
- Communicate enthusiasm of the subject, and the areas of learning related to it, to students.

#### **Department Ethos**

- Have an infectious enthusiasm for the teaching of MFL.
- Ability to initiate curriculum innovation and develop resources.
- Interested and involved in the College's aim to service the needs of the whole community.

## **Person Specification**

Attributes	Essential	Desirable	How Identified
Qualifications			
Qualified to degree level in Languages	✓		
Qualified teacher status	✓		Application, Certificates.
Ability to teach at French & Spanish KS3 level	✓		
Ability to teach French and/or Spanish at GCSE and A Level		✓	
Teaching Experience			
Successful experience of teaching MFL in a placement or a previous school	✓		Application, Interview,
Experience of raising attainment in a positive classroom environment	<b>✓</b>		Assessment/ Observation, Reference.
Teaching Standards			
Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge students	✓		- Application, Interview, - Assessment/ Observation, - Reference.
Promote good progress and outcomes by students	✓		
Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge	✓		
Plan and teach well-structured lessons	✓		
Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all students	✓		
Make accurate and productive use of assessment	✓		
Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe environment	✓		
Fulfil wider professional responsibilities	✓		
Personal Qualities			
Adaptable, flexible and creative	✓		Application, Interview, Assessment/ Observation, Reference.
Excellent written and oral communication skills	✓		
Confident user of ICT	✓		
Awareness and understanding of data protection and confidentiality	✓		
Able to take responsibility and show initiative	✓		
Enthusiastic and inspiring	✓		
Ability to command respect	✓		
Ability to work actively, productively and flexibly as part of a team	✓		

#### **Additional Criteria**

We have an expectation that <u>all</u> staff employed at Exmouth Community College will:

- Commit to the safeguarding and welfare of all students
- Understand and recognise the principles of equality and diversity
- Commit to regular and on-going professional development and high standards
- Demonstrate and promote good practice in line with the ethos of the College

#### **Important Information**

Please read the *Application and Recruitment Guidance Notes* available from the College website before completing your application.

We are committed to providing the best possible care and education to our pupils and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff to share this commitment. As part of our commitment, we need to ensure that all potential employees satisfy our employment checks. Please note that where appropriate, shortlisted and/or potentially suitable applicants will be required to undertake further checks. A satisfactory Enhanced DBS Disclosure (with Barred List check) will be required before the successful candidate can commence employment at Exmouth Community College.

#### To Apply

Please complete the Teaching application form available from the College website.

Your completed application form should be submitted before 10am on the closing date.

Email to: recruitment@exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk

Or post to: Human Resources

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#### **Questions?**

For further information about this post please contact Amanda Day:

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## Our six core values



We will always show **INTEGRITY** and operate in the best interests of the College. Our decisions are based on evidence, honesty and courage.



We recognise that achieving our best is difficult and requires hard work, determination and commitment. We value and aspire to be **RESILIENT INDIVIDUALS** who identify solutions and opportunities, seeing problems as challenges to resolve.



**CREATIVITY** and innovation are the hallmarks of active participants and good learners and are the key skills required for any successful organisation. We consistently look forward and find opportunities for ourselves and students to explore.



We all strive continuously to use our imagination and be curious about the world around us. We celebrate diversity and the **POWER OF EDUCATION** and learning.



We look beyond current expectations and are open to new ideas, feedback and best practice. We are outward facing, open and optimistic, **EMBRACE CHALLENGE**, persist in the face of setbacks and see effort as the path to mastery.



We are proud of our College. We do many things exceptionally well. As **REFLECTIVE LEARNERS** we find opportunities for feedback, listen to it and act where necessary to improve our performance. Fearless and dedicated we never give in or give up and, where we see others struggle, we reach out and give them support, strength and encouragement to be the best they can be.