

## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The department currently has seven full-time and two part-time language teachers that include the Head of Department, Subject Coordinators and a MEP (Mandarin Excellence Programme) Coordinator. The department also benefits from the support of a Hanban teacher from China. Furthermore, Beths Grammar School has Hub Confucius Classroom School status and was one of the first schools to deliver the Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP) through partnership with the DfE and University College London/Institute of Education/Chinese Network. We are proud to say that we are the number one provider of the MEP in the UK.

The department offers all students the opportunity to study French, Spanish, German, Italian and Chinese Mandarin at various stages of their time at Beths. The current arrangement for languages in Year 7 is for all students to study French, Spanish or Chinese as their main language. In Year 8, they choose, as their second language, one of Chinese, German, Italian, French, Latin or Spanish. All six languages are offered through to GCSE and A Level and it is the school's expectation for all students to study a minimum of one language to GCSE. The department subscribes to the AQA GCSE specification in all language subjects. The department currently offers A level Edexcel and Pre-U Chinese in the sixth form and other languages follow the AQA A-Level specification.

The department is accommodated in a suite of classrooms with a spacious office, and a nearby dedicated ICT room with a language laboratory.

We are well-stocked, with additional resources to support our schemes of work. Colleagues use a variety of ICT resources to boost engagement and students benefit from Activelearn, Quizlet (for Chinese), Memrise, Kerboodle, Edmodo (for MEP), LanguageNut and a wide range of other learning platforms.

The department currently offers a wide variety of enrichment opportunities including trips abroad: Year 7 to Le Touquet, KS3 to Madrid and St Malo, Years 8, 10 and 11 to China and Year 12 to Lille. Other activities include a Language and Culture Week, clubs and cultural sessions, intensive language days and GCSE cinema study days at the BFI in London. The successful applicant will continue to build on the school's successes in raising the profile of MFL in the school.

The successful applicant will become part of a highly supportive and committed team of professionals and will have every opportunity for further career development. This exciting post offers the chance promote languages and lead on projects as well as organise enrichment opportunities related to the subject.



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