

# TEACHER OF MODERN LANGUAGES/FRENCH

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## The Post

We are looking for an enthusiastic, committed teacher of French to join our successful and ambitious department. As a result of pupils' very positive experience and progress in Key Stage 3, languages are now core at GCSE and A-level take-up is strong.

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## The Department

We are a department of six full-time specialist linguists all of whom teach both French and German at KS3. Five staff specialise in one language for GCSE and A-level; one colleague offers both. At A level our work is supported by our language assistants in French and German.

Languages are now part of the core: the presumption is that everyone will take either French or German (or both) for GCSE unless there is a valid reason why this would not be appropriate for the student. E. Bacc has influenced this, but our numbers were growing long before that as a result of the work we have done in Key Stage 3 to make the curriculum relevant, engaging and rigorous.

Our outcomes at GCSE and A Level reflect the hard work of the pupils and the department. Even with 85% of students now sitting an examination in a language, outcomes remain higher than national averages and value-added measures are very strong.

Currently all pupils start with French in Year 7 for 5 x 1-hour periods per fortnight. This changes after Christmas to 3 lessons of French and 2 of German. In Year 8 pupils continue with both French and German for 3 hours per language per fortnight. In Year 9 students continue with their choice of GCSE language for 4 lessons per fortnight; we gradually make the transition from KS3 curriculum to the GCSE course over the year.

The department is well-resourced with smartboards and digital projectors in our recently refurbished suite of teaching rooms. (In French, Year 7 use resources from the new Dynamo range, and Year 8 uses a mixture of Studio and Métro resources. In Years 9 and 10 we use the new Edexcel Studio GCSE resources and in Y11 we use the Studio resources). (In German Year 8 use new resources from the Zoom Deutsch range, and Year 9 and 10 use the new Edexcel Studio GCSE resources. In Year 11 we mainly use Stimmt resources). All textbooks across both languages are supplemented extensively by our own electronic bank of material and various online subscriptions. At A level we use new Hodder resources in both languages to prepare for the new specification Edexcel exams.

One area that colleagues have developed is our VLE, and embedding this across the department is part of the development plan.

To inspire our students and bring their languages to life the school runs an annual one week residential for **all** Year 8 pupils to northern France or Belgium. This is a huge exercise, and the benefits to pupils are immense. They study history, geography, RS, and citizenship all in a French-speaking environment, and take part in visits and experiences that stay with them throughout their school lives and, we hope, well beyond. The department also runs a trip to Berlin for Year 10 and 12 students. They explore the main attractions of the area, practising their German and experiencing the culture first-hand. There is also an annual French/Art trip to Paris for Year 10 and 12, where students explore Paris by metro, taking in the key sites and finding out about culture and language.

The successful candidate will join a very professional and committed team. The culture is strongly collegial, with staff working together to ensure a high quality of provision for all pupils. We are looking for a hard-working and innovative teacher who loves their subject and wants to share it with our engaging and ambitious students, who want to do well, work hard, and enjoy success.

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### Method of Application

Full details and application forms for this post are available from the school website.

**CVs will not be accepted.**

Email completed application forms to: [vacancies@blue-coat.org](mailto:vacancies@blue-coat.org)

Applications by post should be marked '**Teacher of MFL (French)**' and should be returned to:  
**Mr R Higgins, MA, Headteacher, The Blue Coat School, Egerton Street, Oldham, OL1 3SQ.**

*It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure correct postage.*

Closing date for applications: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 9.00am

Interview date: tbc

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