

Barnhill Community High

Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

Information for applicants

INFORMATION ABOUT THE POST

STAFFING

Modern Foreign Languages is a hard working, supportive and enthusiastic team. The Curriculum Area is currently staffed with a team of four experienced full time teachers of Spanish and French. There is also a Curriculum Support Officer who provides administrative support for the team. The team is lead by a very experienced Curriculum Leader and in addition there is a Deputy in Curriculum Area who has responsibility for KS3.

FACILITIES

All teachers have their own newly equipped language rooms. Each teaching room has an interactive whiteboard as well as traditional white boards. Rooms are situated together alongside an MFL office which has networked ICT access. There is an extensive collection of teaching resources available within MFL.

As with all Curriculum Areas in the school, we have access to the larger ICT suites where student have individual use of a PC on a booking basis, in addition there is a laptop trolley available for MFL use.

CURRICULUM

At present, we currently offer Spanish and French from Year 7. There are GCSE groups in both languages, following the Edexcel syllabus. Our results are outstanding, GCSE A* - C grades in French last year was 95%.

Students have four hours (60 minute slots) of languages in Years 7, 8 and 9, five hours at Key Stage 4 and 10 hours in Key Stage 5.

COMMUNITY LANGUAGES

AT Barnhill, we believe that it is essential to recognise the importance of languages spoken by our students at home. Celebrating and promoting these diverse languages gives our students confidence and raises their self-esteem. Where possible, we support our students to achieve their potential in their home language by providing support and accreditation. In the past we have been able to accredit Polish, Italian, Dutch, Arabic, Urdu, Hindi, Bengali, Portuguese and Panjabi.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

There are weekly KS3 and KS4 lunchtime French and Spanish clubs as well as after school clubs, these are run in conjunction with Foreign Language Assistants. In the summer term there are a variety of cultural trips organised for students to expand their experiences and practice their language skills first hand including a day trip to Boulogne and a week trip in Barcelona.

In KS4 we have regular revision sessions and targeted interventions. The MFL team is committed to helping our students to progress and achieve their full potential, this includes teachers volunteering to run (paid) Saturday morning and holiday revision sessions. In addition to supporting students in securing work experience placements and University courses.

SUPPORTING AND DEVELOPING OUR STAFF:

At Barnhill Community High we believe that our staff are our most valuable resource. For this reason we provide a wide range of ways to support and develop all members of our team. Each member of staff is valued and provided with opportunities for their career to develop.

All staff can benefit from:

- Childcare Voucher Scheme
- Cycle Scheme
- Strong and clear line management
- Good leadership and team spirit within Curriculum Areas
- Clear roles and responsibilities
- Access to training opportunities within school, within London networks and nationally
- · Career development posts created every year and good support for Threshold Applications
- Excellent admin and teaching assistant teams in operation
- All Curriculum Areas have dedicated suites of accommodation with excellent facilities
- Access to on site gym facilities

Staff new to the profession can benefit from:

- 1st July start date for NQTs available
- Range of personnel in post to provide personal support
- Well developed tutor/mentor scheme for new colleagues

HELPING WITH HOUSING FOR TEACHING STAFF

• First Steps London can provide information on New Build Homebuy (formerly known as Shared Ownership), a 'part buy/part rent' opportunity and other affordable housing schemes.

Contact details are: www.firststepslondon.org Telephone number 0203 535 2760 Email: firststeps@mht.co.uk



The school will do everything it can to support and promote your participation in one of the above schemes.

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