

BRINE LEAS SCHOOL
BLS - Believe, Learn, Succeed

Teacher of German

The Modern Languages Department

The successful applicant will be expected to play an integral role within the team, contributing ideas and energy. We place great value on evidence informed practice and are always seeking to improve outcomes for students. This well-established and successful department has ten other languages staff and regularly trains associate teachers.

The Modern Languages Department is situated on the first floor at the front of school. All rooms are equipped with either an interactive whiteboard or a projector linked to a laptop, with a sound system. Teaching rooms are well equipped and well maintained. We have a specialist languages suite in our sixth form building, where students have access to computers and authentic materials such as books, magazines and DVDs.

On entry at Year 7, students are allocated one language – either French, German or Spanish, They continue with this language through to GCSE. Languages are compulsory at Key Stage 4. We follow AQA specifications at both GCSE and A-Level.

All classes are mixed ability and have 5 lessons of MFL per fortnight in years 7-11, and 9 hours per fortnight at Key Stage 5. We place strong emphasis on grammatical knowledge and we have high academic expectations of our students. Vocabulary learning, retrieval practice, extended writing and redrafting key pieces of work are core elements of our teaching.

The department also has strong links with feeder primary schools and offers taster days and workshops alongside primary pupils in extra curricular week.

Extra-curricular activities are greatly valued. Each year an Inter – House Languages Competition is held when each house produces and performs a play and this is becoming immensely popular. We offer a 4-day residential trip to Picardie for Key Stage 3 students. The department is proud of its well established exchanges to Brive, Murcia and Cologne which are run each year for year 10 and year 9 students. The successful candidate must be willing to participate in both the extra curricular work of the department and ideally exchanges or trips.

We seek a candidate who wishes to be a part of this committed and enthusiastic team. As a school, we make every effort to support our colleagues in terms of professional and personal development. Brine Leas is an exciting, warm and rewarding place to work, with a friendly, supportive Leadership team, and you will be encouraged to develop your own interests and professional expertise, whilst you are with us.