

Modern Foreign Languages



The Modern Foreign Languages Department at Ashcroft Technology Academy offers French to all students on entry in year 7. Students must study MFL up to GCSE level and consequently Spanish and Italian are offered as an additional option when students express their preferences in Year 8. KS4 studies therefore commence in earnest in year 9. The exam board used by the Academy is Edexcel.

French runs at A level and as a language option for The International Baccalaureate at SL/HL. Students at present can study Spanish at Ab Initio/Standard level and Italian at Ab Initio.

The department comprises a Curriculum Manager and five full-time teachers/one part-time. All classrooms have interactive whiteboards/visualisers and specific ICT software such as ActiveLearn.

The department subscribes to other language learning sites such as Linguascope and French Teacher net. The MFL team works in an integrated way and places great emphasis on teamwork, cooperation and collaborative planning. All team members are expected to contribute to the sharing of good practice in raising student achievement. This includes making full use of the information handling facilities available in the MFL area.

We are looking for someone who:

- is committed to the aims and ethos of Ashcroft Academy;
- will play a full and proactive role in the MFL team;
- is ambitious and seeking to further their professional development;
- is willing to organise and participate in trips abroad and will support our partnership work with the French Institute;
- has the potential to deliver outstanding examination results;
- wants to participate in curriculum development;
- displays a commitment to excellence across the ability range;
- has excellent ICT skills and understands the potential of ICT in MFL teaching;
- has high expectations of her/himself and students, and the presence to promote them in the classroom and beyond;
- has the ability to teach to A level standard in French but an additional language such as Spanish or Italian would be useful;
- is interested in pursuing training to be an examiner in the subject