

Sir Roger Manwood's School

French and Spanish Departments

The school had a languages specialism for many years up to 2011 and is well known in the area for both the language opportunities offered by the school as well as the outstanding results achieved.

The school holds the prestigious International School Award and in non-pandemic years, runs trips to schools in Gambia, India and China as well as France (for Y7 and Y10) and Spain (Y10) annually.

As well as the Heads of French and Spanish there is one full time French teacher, one full time Spanish teacher, and a Spanish teacher who is also Head of Sixth Form. All are highly qualified and experienced linguists. We are looking for a full time teacher of French and Spanish to join these teams. The successful candidate must be able to teach French to A Level, and Spanish to at least GCSE Level.

Both departments are committed to enriching students' study of languages, and to that end, trips and visits are seen as an essential part of what is offered. In French, there is a five day residential trip to Paris for Year 10 students alongside an annual trip to either Lille or Boulogne for Year 7 or Year 8. In Spanish, there is five day residential trip to Spain each year.

French has always been taught to all year groups in KS3 starting from Year 7. Spanish used to be introduced from Year 8, but from September 2022 all students will also be studying Spanish from Year 7 for the whole of KS3 so that from then on, all students will be studying both French and Spanish for all 3 years. They get 5 hours a fortnight in each language.

It is compulsory to study one language at GCSE and results are amongst the best in the school both in terms of attainment and progress in all languages. Pupils may opt to study both French and Spanish to GCSE if they wish.

French and Spanish are both offered to A Level.

In French, the AQA specification is followed at both GCSE and A Level and in Spanish, the AQA specification is followed at GCSE and the EDEXCEL specification is followed at A Level.

Each classroom has an interactive whiteboard, DVD and video player. Both departments stock a selection of original language films, books and magazines. Teachers regularly take groups to the networked ICT rooms.

Textbooks used in French are Equipe and Encore Tricolore at KS3, and the AQA text book at GCSE and A Level.

Textbooks used in Spanish are Mira at KS3, the AQA text book at GCSE and the Edexcel text book at A Level.