

# BEAMINSTER SCHOOL

## The MFL Faculty

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Dear Colleagues

Thank you very much for your interest in this post, and we hope that the information provided encourages you to make a formal application. We can offer you the rare opportunity of working in a small, rural, vibrant school community, situated in a delightful part of Dorset close to the Jurassic Coast, a World Heritage site.

We are seeking a committed and inspiring teacher to join our supportive and successful Languages team. We are at an exciting point in the development of our curriculum and are working closely together to innovate our department.

The MFL team consists of three members of staff with their own laptop and a projector in each of the two rooms, plus regular access to computer rooms. The department is well resourced, and as a school we are always looking for new and innovative ways of delivering learning.

At Key Stage 3 all classes follow our ambitious scheme of work which uses a variety of resources. We use Dynamo and Studio at KS3, supplemented by independent resources. We also use This is School to improve language acquisition, phonics and listening skills.

We introduced Spanish into Year 7 in September 2022 and are delighted to now have two GCSE Spanish classes in current Year 10.

At Key Stage 4, we have three teaching groups in Year 10 with students following the AQA French and Spanish courses.

Enrichment / clubs, run by the MFL department, focus on the development of conversation in both Spanish and French. We also run a trip to Northern France in December.

We have a Joint Sixth Form with the nearby Sir John Colfox Academy in Bridport, with staff from both campuses sharing teaching and working closely together on the planning and delivery of Sixth Form courses. Students travel between the two school sites as required, but staff teach only at their base school. At A Level, we deliver French and Spanish.

This year, our team improvement focus is how to make learning stick. We aim to reduce the cognitive load for students whilst focusing on the key aspects of learning, thereby aiding retrieval. We are enjoying exploring and developing our Teaching and Learning to incorporate this with a renewed focus on vocabulary acquisition through repetition, phonics, supported by white board use and frequent low stake assessments.

All teaching staff are also form tutors who play an important role in the wider life of the school.

Our most recent Ofsted inspection (September 2023) reflected the aims and ethos that we promote as inspectors said:

*"Beaminster School is a community that pupils, parents, staff and governors are proud to be a part of... Adults know pupils well as individuals. As a result, pupils get the help and support they need."*

We hope the details supplied will give you all the information you need, but should you have any further questions, or would like to come and visit the school, please contact the Head's PA, Mrs Nicola Chalkley: [NChalkley@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:NChalkley@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk) or 01308 862633.