**Teesdale School and Sixth Form Centre**

**MFL Department**

Teesdale’s MFL Department currently consists of three teaching staff who between them have taught French, German Spanish and Russian up to A level. From September 2017, French and Spanish will both be taught from Year 7 with 2 hours per week for one language and 1 for the other.

The department is well resourced with access to: ICT suites, interactive whiteboards in all classrooms and a range of innovative resources aimed at giving students the best possible experience to foster a love of language from an early age.

From September 2017, Key Stage 3 classes in Year 7 & 8 will be taught in mixed ability groups, covering topics such as: My School, Home and Family, My Town and Leisure Time, Holidays, Jobs, Work and Future Plans and Food and Healthy Eating. Using Spanish and French films, literature, TV and other authentic materials the department aims to build not only an understanding of language, but also an appreciation of the culture of the countries being studied.

At Key Stage 4 students follow the AQA GCSE French or Spanish specification, culminating in a GCSE in the chosen language(s) at the end of Year 11. The department are following the new AQA GCSE syllabus from September 2016. In September 2017, students in Year 9 will embark on a three year Key Stage 4 with 3 hours per week, per option. Most students will study at least one language and several are studying currently for additional language GCSEs as an extra-curricular option after school.

KS5 students follow AQA French or Spanish specifications which allow students to rapidly improve their linguistic ability, empathising with a range of cultural and modern day topics. The department has a successful track record at ‘A’ level and in 2016 sent students to Cambridge and Durham universities to study for degrees in French and Spanish.

MFL is a rapidly growing department within the school. Staff are committed, well-motivated and have a strong team ethos, constantly striving to improve standards and develop the curriculum to reflect both the constant change in national strategies and the technological world. The department has fostered various links with schools in Chile, Spain, France and Germany and is the driving force behind the international work the school does. In addition the department runs regular trips abroad including an annual year 7 trip to France and for older students these have also included trips to Barcelona, Berlin and St Petersburg. Our language students at ‘A’ level have also won three years in a row, a national competition to visit the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

The school is looking to appoint a teacher who will be an enthusiastic, energetic, creative and a forward-thinking practitioner with a strong team ethos, who can share ideas and their enjoyment of the subject with staff and students alike.