

**CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL**  
**Chew Magna, Nr Bristol BS40 8QB**



**APPOINTMENT OF**  
**TEACHER OF MODERN LANGUAGES**  
**(MPS)**

**PERMANENT FULL TIME CONTRACT**

[from September 2010]

## **TEACHER OF MODERN LANGUAGES**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Chew Valley School is a highly successful comprehensive school with Specialist School status in the Performing Arts. All Faculties benefit from the additional revenue via a 'Creativity Fund' which supports teaching and learning opportunities which develop pupils' creativity. The school was named in HMCI's list of Very Good and Excellent Schools in 2005 and we aspire to become a High Performing Specialist School in due course. Please visit the school website ([www.chewvalleyschool.co.uk](http://www.chewvalleyschool.co.uk)) for further information about the school including a visual prospectus which will, I hope, give applicants a better understanding of the range of opportunities here for staff and pupils which makes school life so successful and enjoyable.

### **2. LANGUAGES CURRICULUM**

The school has an enviable reputation for high quality language teaching. We are keen to recruit an outstanding teacher with commitment and enthusiasm to promote language learning in the school, and beyond it.

The current position is that pupils learn either French or Spanish on entry to the school. Able linguists are identified and, in Y8 commence their second language (currently German). In Y10, 70%+ of pupils will pursue a language to GCSE, choosing from French, Spanish and German.. The pupils who do not follow a language at GCSE pursue vocational options or a special needs programme.

At A Level, we have been able to sustain small classes in French, Spanish and German as a result of the school's commitment to Language teaching. Our wish, of course, is for numbers of students choosing languages to grow.

We have secured the services of a Foreign Language Assistant for French and share one for Spanish with another school.

The Languages team is committed to enrichment opportunities. There are annual visits to Normandy and the Christmas market at Boppard Am Rhein. An exchange has been maintained with a school in Normandy and a recent innovation has been a joint exchange with a local school to the Munich area. The school regularly arranges visits to Spain and Italy and there is an annual ski trip. As a further example of our commitment to cultural diversity, two of the MFL teachers are voluntarily leading the school's attempts to link with a school in Zambia.

### **3. ACCOMMODATION**

The Faculty teaches in five dedicated languages classrooms most of which are equipped with interactive whiteboards. There is some overspill to other general teaching rooms though the school has plans to increase classroom accommodation and Languages would be a likely beneficiary. The Faculty has a well-appointed office and resources area. Two of the rooms have interactive whiteboards and it is anticipated this will increase in the future.

### **4. OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Teachers are expected to be Form Tutors and this is a most important part of our work. It involves having pastoral oversight of about 30 pupils; as well as the obvious duties of registration, record-keeping and other minor administrative matters, the Tutor is expected to keep a close eye on the pupils' well-being [happiness, integration in the community, behaviour, appearance, etc]. There is a well-developed programme of Personal, Social and Health Education to follow in the fortnightly tutor period. The Tutor is responsible to the Head of Year and Year Teams meet regularly to discuss matters concerning pupils in their Year.

### **5. PERSON SPECIFICATION**

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
PHYSICAL	Excellent health and attendance records	
QUALIFICATIONS	Degree in relevant discipline Post Graduate Certificate in Education Ability to teach two of the languages offered by the school	Ability to offer a third language – especially for enrichment activity.
EXPERIENCE	An outstanding practitioner who is either newly qualified or seeking to consolidate their experience in a second school.	Experience of teaching at Advanced level.
PERSONAL QUALITIES	Presence and confidence Warmth and sensitivity Enthusiasm, energy and a sense of humour A commitment to excellence Outside interests which indicate a sense of proportion and balance	Willingness to work with others in curriculum development.  Willingness to share these interests and skills to develop the educational opportunities for our students
PERSONAL SKILLS	Good communication skills both orally and in writing  Good interpersonal skills and ability to maintain good working relationships with pupils, colleagues, parents, governors and the wider community.  Good organisational and ICT skills  Proven ability to work as an effective team member	

## 7. APPLICATIONS

A completed Bath & North East Somerset Application Form together with a letter of application should be sent to the Headteacher as soon as possible. The closing date for applications is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010.

Unfortunately it is not possible to acknowledge all applicants individually. Please accept my thanks for the interest that you have shown in this post.

Mark Mallett  
Headteacher  
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