

“It takes a whole community, to bring up a child”



Ark Boulton Academy

Dear Parent/ Carer

I would like to introduce myself as the new Director of Faculty for Modern Foreign Languages and share with you some news about our curriculum offer for 2018-19.

We are nearing the end of Key Stage 3 for our Year 9 students and now is the time for them to consider the subjects that they want to continue to study in KS4. Further information on your child's options will follow shortly.

This year, Year 9 students that will be taking their GCSEs in 2020, the study of French will be optional at Ark Boulton Academy. However, we would encourage students, with the ability to perform strongly in the languages to study French at GCSE. A French GCSE will ensure that an English Baccalaureate can be achieved which will be an impressive qualification to add to their future CVs and applications, and give them the best chance to study the career of their choice or pursue a place at the country's top universities. In addition to the study of French at GCSE, we are looking to offer GCSE Arabic as an extra qualification for those students who opt for GCSE French and have strong language skills. This will be delivered as an extra-curricular opportunity with the examination being completed at the end of Year 11.

Here are some of the headlines about why French is an important language to learn and why we encourage as many of our students to opt for it as possible:

- French, or a modern language, is a requirement to gain entry on a variety of courses at Russell Group universities (top 24 universities in the UK). It is also a qualification that is respected by companies looking to recruit top apprentices.
- Graduates who are qualified and proficient – or even better, fluent – in a language have a better chance of gaining employment in the competitive job market for graduates and top apprentices.
- 275 million people speak French worldwide! That means there are many opportunities for people to work in business trade and commerce internationally, especially with emerging markets in North Africa.

We are very excited by the opportunities now provided by an excellent Modern Foreign Languages team, which include: Mr Djafar Sadi (Director of Faculty), Mrs Safae Bennani (Key Stage 3 Curriculum Leader), Mr Michael Swaba (Assistant Principal) and Miss Rebecca Fay (Teacher of French).

I look forward to as many students, as possible, taking the opportunity to study both French and Arabic, next year.

Should you have any further questions about MFL at Ark Boulton please feel free to contact me through the academy's main reception number.

Yours faithfully,

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