Wootton Upper School
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Kimberley College

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Wootton Upper School and Kimberley 16 - 19 STEM College (in the nearby village of Stewartby) are operated by Wootton Academy Trust [WAT]. The two institutions are 3 miles apart and linked by a shuttle bus. WAT is highly ambitious and its vision is to provide outstanding education in all of its component parts.

Wootton Upper School was inspected in November 2017 and graded as good in all areas. It has 900 pupils across Years 9 – 11. The school achieves GCSE results in English, Mathematics and Science which are well above national average and progress measures are also good.

Kimberley College 16-19 STEM College opened in September 2013; it now has 525 students. The College was last inspected in January 2017 and graded good in all areas, except for personal development and well-being, which was graded outstanding. The College regularly features in the Sunday Times list of the top 20 Sixth Form Colleges in the UK based on the proportion of students getting 2As and 1B or better in facilitating subjects.

The Modern Foreign Languages Department

All pupils in Year 9 at Wootton Upper School study French for two hours per week. French is the language taught in our two feeder middle schools. In one of the two feeder middle schools it is possible for pupils to have taster lessons in Spanish. Pupils may opt to take Spanish as a second language in Year 9 and normally around fifty opt to study Spanish in Year 9 for two hours per week. Previously, we offered German as a second language; the Trust is willing to offer German in the future, subject to securing an outstanding teacher of German. [We still have a German Exchange organized by the Music Department!]

In Years 10 and 11 pupils may opt for GCSE French and/or Spanish. The department teaches the AQA specification. It is not compulsory for pupils to study a language to GCSE. However, we recognize that many more pupils should be selecting either French or Spanish as an option subject, given the ability profile of the pupils and this is a priority for the Trust moving ahead. In the Sixth Form there are A level groups in both French and Spanish.

At Wootton the MFL Department is located in a suite of rooms on the first floor of the Humanities Block. At Kimberley there is one main teaching room but there are also smaller seminar rooms which are used for conversation and speaking work.

The team of Modern Linguists consists of three teachers. The Department has a Spanish Language Assistant and a French Language Assistant, who also teaches a small number of A level French lessons.

Senior Leaders are very keen to increase the profile of Modern Foreign Languages across the Trust and with our feeder middle schools and with our parents/carers. The person appointed to this post will be well supported and will enjoy teaching some delightful students.

If you would like any further information on our Modern Foreign Languages department or to arrange a visit, please contact recruitment@wootton.beds.sch.uk.