



Our Motto is "The Pursuit of Excellence"

Wootton Academy Trust

Wootton Upper School and Kimberley 16 - 19 College (in the nearby village of Stewartby), are both operated by Wootton Academy Trust [WAT]. The two institutions are 3 miles apart and linked by a shuttle bus.

WAT is ambitious and its vision is to provide outstanding education in all of its component parts.

Wootton Upper School, with 900 pupils across Years 9 -11, was rated good by Ofsted in November 2017. Results across the core subjects are very high. Progress 8 was 0.13 in 2017; 0.26 in 2018 and 0.2 in 2019.

Most of its pupils come from two local middle schools.

Kimberley 16 - 19 College has 650 students. In September 2022 this will rise to 700. Around 175 pupils in each year group join the College from Wootton Upper School; the rest join from other local schools.

Kimberley is rated as good by Ofsted with outstanding for Personal Development, Behaviour and Well-being. The College has regularly featured in the Sunday Times list of the top Sixth Form Colleges in the UK based on the proportion of students getting 2As and 1B or better in facilitating subjects. In 2019 Kimberley College was ranked as the 14th highest Sixth Form College in the UK.

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.

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 pupils/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.