

AMDG



STONYHURST  
1999-2019 Celebrating 20 Years of Co-Education

# TEACHER OF FRENCH

Candidate Information



## AN INTRODUCTION TO STONYHURST

Stonyhurst is a Catholic, Jesuit, HMC (Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference), independent boarding and day school for boys and girls from 3-18. At the College, there are almost 500 pupils aged 13-18, over two thirds of whom are boarders. At Stonyhurst St Mary's Hall, the adjacent preparatory school, there are about 300 pupils aged 3-13. The College is in stunning countryside, near the Ribble and Hodder rivers and the beautiful Trough of Bowland. Manchester is only about an hour away by road or rail. The market town of Clitheroe is 4 miles away, and we are 12 miles from the city of Preston. The Lake District can be reached in about an hour, and the Yorkshire Dales are even closer.

Stonyhurst has a fascinating heritage, being the oldest continuously existing Jesuit school in the world. It was founded in St Omers, northern France, in 1593, and moved to its present site in Lancashire's beautiful Ribble Valley in 1794. The original quadrangle at the centre of the College is part of a 16th century mansion, donated to Stonyhurst at the beginning of the 19th century by Mr Thomas Weld of Lulworth. Throughout the years of religious persecution in England, Stonyhurst educated boys from Roman Catholic families. In 1996, Stonyhurst became fully coeducational, and today it educates boys and girls from Catholic families, and also those of other denominations.

The College's Jesuit mission and identity, and its sense of community, set Stonyhurst apart from other schools. Pupils are urged to do as much as they can for other people following the example of Jesus Christ, 'the Man for others'.





# THE FACULTY

The French Department has a long tradition of academic excellence. 2019 GCSE results saw 48% of pupils achieve grades 9-7 with 28% achieving the top grades. Sixth form results are similarly strong with A-Level and IB candidates achieving top grades year on year. Applications to read modern languages at elite universities are usual and pupils are supported through the application process including Oxbridge preparation.

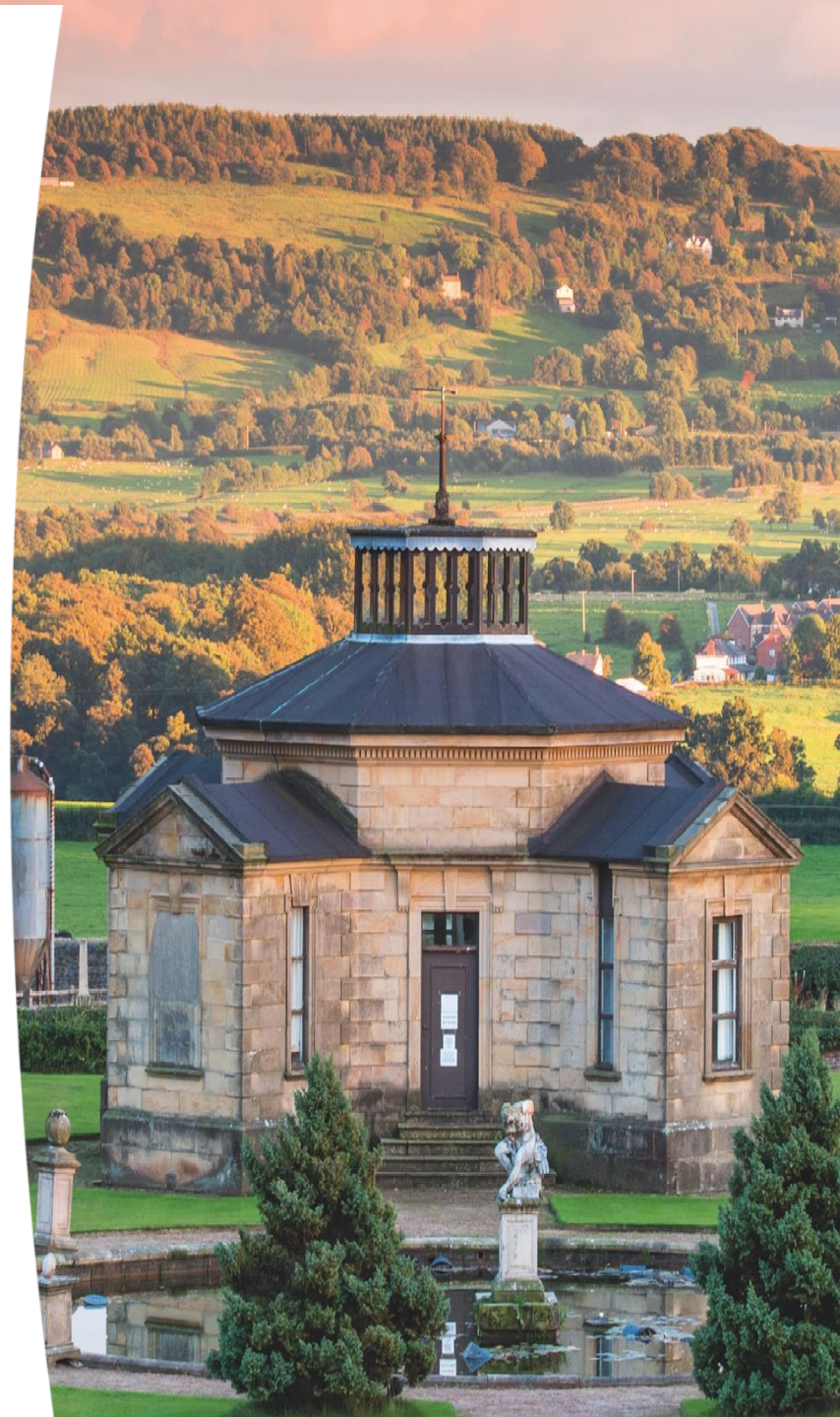
The following courses are offered: AQA A level French, AQA GCSE French and IB Language A and Language B where students may choose from Higher Level or Standard level. Pre-IB students are taught AQA GCSE in one year.

At Stonyhurst the number of pupils studying French is consistently on the rise due to outstanding teaching from committed and dedicated staff. We seek to foster in our pupils a love for other cultures and an interest in the wider world, together with good verbal and written communication skills in French and English which will serve them well in their adult lives.

The modern languages department is well-resourced, having a dedicated suite of classrooms, which includes its own computer room with 24 workstations. All classrooms are equipped with electronic screens and a range of online resources and subscriptions to enhance the range of language learning resources available to pupils and teachers. All pupils are supplied with course textbooks as both hard copy and in digital form, and their learning is significantly enhanced by a variety of web-based resources including [thisislanguages.com](https://thisislanguages.com) and Quizlet along with our online language laboratory Schoolshape.

The French department comprises 4 members of staff and a full-time language assistant who provides support in lessons and who conducts 1-1 speaking classes for examination cohorts. The French department is part of the Faculty of Modern and Classical Languages which provides a comprehensive range of courses in French, Spanish, German, Italian, Latin and Greek. The department also offers tuition in other languages such as Chinese, Polish and Russian, subject to demand.

We aim to give our French language learners the opportunity to visit a French speaking country in order to embed their language skills and fully experience the culture. A yearly cultural trip to Paris is offered as is the opportunity to participate in our exchange programme with our partner school in St Omer.





# KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

A Teacher of French is expected to:

- Teach across the full age and ability range; an ability to offer a second language to at least GCSE standard is desirable but not essential.
- Ensure that gifted and talented pupils are stretched to their maximum potential;
- To ensure that pupils who find the subject particularly challenging have access to the best possible support;
- Further develop the use of technology to enhance the learning opportunities for our pupils;
- To enhance the current extra-curricular provision offered by the French Department;
- Contribute to the smooth-running of the department as is required by the Head of Department.
- Actively promote the Stonyhurst ethos as set out in the College Mission Statement;
- Contribute to the games and/or co-curricular programme;
- Play a full part in boarding pastoral care, usually as a member of a Playroom or House team;
- Provide tutorial support as tutor to a group of pupils;
- Cover for absent staff as required;
- Attend whole school events such as assemblies, school masses, etc.;
- Attend parent events such as Parents' Weekends, Great Academies, etc.;
- Complete one or more weekly studies supervision and one other staff duty.







## QUALITIES & KEY SKILLS

The successful candidate is likely to demonstrate the following:

- Be in sympathy with the ethos of Stonyhurst as set out in our Mission Statement
- Personal academic credibility
- Be a good teacher, with the ability to teach French and ideally a second language to the required level
- Be a hard-working person with drive and determination
- A good communicator with the ability to build good relationships with pupils, parents and colleagues
- Be an effective team member
- Be able meet deadlines and work under pressure
- Have an interest in, and be able to make some contribution to, extra-curricular activities
- A genuine enjoyment of working with others for the betterment of young people
- A commitment to all-round education
- The ability to teach French to A-level and another language to GCSE level (Spanish preferred)

In addition, the successful candidate must:

- Be entitled to work and reside in the UK
- Have an excellent employment record
- Have excellent references
- Be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people

This role would be suitable for an NQT

The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.



# TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The salary will be commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

## **Weekly Commitment**

This is a full time position within a busy boarding school and lessons are timetabled over six days, Monday to Saturday. In addition to academic teaching, there is an expectation that staff will be involved in the wider life of the school, co-curricular contributions and an evening boarding duty each week.

## **Appointment date**

September 2020.

## **Pension Scheme**

The School is an accepted school for the purposes of Teachers' Pensions. As a member of the teaching staff you will automatically become a member unless you were to elect to opt out.

## **Provision of meals**

Meals and refreshments are provided free of charge in the Refectory during working hours.

## **Sports Centre**

The College has a wide range of sporting facilities which are available for use by staff at subsidised rates with free access to the swimming pool.

## **Safeguarding**

All staff share responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of the pupils and must adhere to, and comply with, the School's Child Protection Policy at all times.

## **Pre-employment checks**

The appointment is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring check. The notice period will be one full term, following an initial probationary period.





## APPLICATION PROCESS

To arrange a confidential discussion about the role, please contact:

Damien Morley ([d.morley@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:d.morley@stonyhurst.ac.uk))

The deadline for receipt of applications is 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 at **12 noon**.

Interviews will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

To apply, candidates should apply via TES online and any queries regarding the application process may be directed to [recruitment@Stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@Stonyhurst.ac.uk)



