

Modern Foreign Languages - Helen Wareham

Helen is Head of MFL at a high achieving 11-18 comprehensive school. She has 22 years' experience of teaching both French and Spanish, and has been a Head of MFL for 19 years. Prior to relocating to Lancashire in 2005, she worked at a large 11-18 comprehensive school in Gloucestershire, before seeking promotion and transferring to an 11-18 girls' grammar school, also in Gloucestershire, where she worked for 6 years as Head of MFL. She has also worked for AQA as both a GCSE moderator and examiner for the past 18 years. Helen has recently established a thriving MFL network for schools in the region, which meets half termly, and she has also delivered INSET sessions on a variety of topics. She has experience of supporting colleagues at different stages of their career, with very diverse needs.

As an SLE, Helen can support MFL departments with:

- Preparing students for the new GCSE and A-Level specifications.
- Identifying underperformance and implementing intervention strategies.
- Writing SoW and assessments.
- Dealing with 'life without levels' at KS3.
- Individual target setting (pupils and staff).
- Identifying areas for development and implementing a meaningful Departmental Development Plan.
- Strategies for increasing uptake at GCSE MFL and raising the profile of MFL.
- Coaching members of staff in order to increase their confidence and improve performance.