

Julie Hopkins – Modern Foreign Languages

Julie has recently joined ELTSA, having worked as a SLE for a Salford TSA since 2013. She has an excellent track record and has supported a number of MFL departments and other middle leaders.

Julie is currently in her 21st year of teaching modern languages, working in an academy in East Lancashire. She teaches French at present but can also teach German and Spanish and has completed qualifications in Mandarin Chinese.

Julie started her teaching career in a large comprehensive school near Preston, before transferring to a school in Wigan, where she worked for 3 years as Assistant Head of MFL and Assistant Head of Year 8. She then became Head of MFL in a large comprehensive school in East Lancashire, where she worked for 13 years, one of those on secondment to SLT as Assistant Headteacher.

Julie consults for The Prince's Teaching Institute (The PTI); supporting MFL departments nationwide to achieve the PTI Kitemark for excellence in language teaching; and is also part of their Languages CPD Development Team. She has delivered INSET sessions on various themes and has vast experience in improving the performance of the students, teachers and department teams she supports.

As a SLE, Julie can support MFL departments with:

- Developing the MFL Curriculum and writing SoW to ensure progression and engagement through the key stages.
- Preparing students for the new GCSE specifications, and transition to A Level.
- Identifying underperformance and implementing intervention strategies to improve progress.
- Identifying areas for development and implementing a meaningful Departmental Action Plan.
- Strategies for increasing uptake at GCSE and raising the profile of MFL in school and the local community.
- Coaching members of staff in order to increase confidence and improve performance.

Julie can also support middle leaders with:

- Providing CPD in order to build and further develop capacity within a department.
- Developing structures to support inexperienced members of staff.
- Quality Assurance.