



Rossett School

Success for everyone

Welcome to the Modern Foreign Languages Faculty

❖ Please introduce yourself

Bonjour! ¡Hola! My name is Mr Halliwell and I am the Director of Studies for Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) here at Rossett. I love languages so much that I studied French at university and decided to learn Spanish from scratch.



❖ How long have you worked at Rossett?

I trained at Rossett before working in South Leeds. I loved Rossett so much that I moved back here when the opportunity arose and have been here ever since. This year will be my sixth year teaching here.

❖ Describe your faculty in three words

Passionate. Innovative. Supportive.

❖ What makes your faculty an exciting place to learn?

This year we have launched a brand-new curriculum which seeks to get students as confident as possible in communicating in the foreign language. We prioritise communication over accuracy which means that students should never be afraid of making a mistake. Once they are more confident with language, we then study the grammar which means it makes it easier to learn the rules. This is something students have always struggled with; we are trying to make it easier for them to learn in doing it this way! We are very fortunate to have many native speakers in the faculty as well as language assistants which means students get to use their French or Spanish with people who were actually born in those countries. They will then get a chance in Year 9 or Year 10 to put their skills into practice by visiting France and Spain on a school trip.

❖ How do you support your students to achieve their best?

We have a very supportive approach. All students are challenged to learn, improve and get better. Students who need support in lesson get it; students who are more confident are pushed even further.

❖ What is the first topic Year 7 study when they arrive and why have you chosen this?

The first topic covers introducing yourself and saying what you like and dislike. We have chosen this because we think it's important to get to know our students and learn all about them.

❖ What amazing things have your students gone on to do after leaving Rossett?

Each year we send students away from Rossett with a passion for languages. Many go on to study languages. In the past few years we have had students go on to travel, to live in France and Spain, to learn new languages (including at Oxbridge), working abroad; we even have past students who are now lawyers!