



**TRENT**  
COLLEGE

## **SPANISH LANGUAGE ASSISTANT (from November 2021)**

Trent College is a happy and flourishing HMC co-educational, independent day and boarding school. There are over 700 pupils in the Senior School, which includes over 120 boarders. There are over 400 pupils in The Elms, the Junior School to Trent College, which recruits pupils aged 0–11 and includes a Nursery.

The campus is located in beautiful grounds and is conveniently located on the border of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. Founded in 1866, Trent is a school with a rich heritage and traditions spanning over 150 years. Though we value our unique and distinguished past, we have our eyes firmly set on the demands being made on young people in the 21st century and a spirit of energy and innovation shapes our school life.

Academic study is important and we expect all our students to achieve high standards. At Trent we are committed to offering a broadly-based education, which celebrates the academic, creative, physical, emotional and spiritual, and which allows our young people to discover all of their strengths and make the most of their talents. Our aspiration is for each individual here to achieve their absolute personal best, in whatever they do.

### **THE DEPARTMENT**

Pupils have a choice of languages (French, German, Spanish) from Year 7 and most continue with a language through to GCSE as a compulsory subject. A small number of pupils choose to study a second language to GCSE.

The department is staffed with eight well-qualified and experienced linguists with a breadth of experiences and roles across the school and there are languages assistants for both French and German as well as Spanish. The department has two designated speaking rooms for language assistant classes.

### **THE SPANISH ASSISTANT ROLE**

The Assistant's role is crucial in supporting and enhancing the department's teaching. The assistant's main teaching will be with Sixth Form students, who are seen once or twice a week for approximately 50 minutes, and Year Eleven students who are seen once a week.

In this role, the assistant is required to:

- improve aural, oral and pronunciation skills, delivering mainly 1-1 / small group classes almost exclusively in the target language
- help prepare students for speaking exams, in line with the requirements of each syllabus
- have a full knowledge of the speaking elements of each syllabus
- enhance students' grasp of grammar by regular correction of oral (and sometimes written) errors
- help to develop a cultural understanding of Spanish speaking countries and enthusiasm for Spanish / Hispanic culture and the Spanish language
- have a command of Spanish culture and contemporary issues
- expand the students' vocabulary base
- improve the students' ability to think in Spanish
- develop students' confidence in Spanish
- help to research topics chosen by Sixth form students
- practise with students in preparation for public exams
- examine students in Mock and public speaking exams, if appropriate
- update the resources produced by the department to enhance students' oral ability and readiness for public exams
- undertake other linguistic and departmental tasks, as directed by the Head of Modern Foreign Languages
- Draw up a timetable by liaising with students and the head of MFL to establish the details of attendance, based mainly around their non-teaching periods.

Day to day affairs:

- to keep a register of attendance
- to inform Head of MFL of any student absences
- to inform the Head of MFL and class teachers of student progress

A confident use of IT is required in this role.