



Case Study

## Chingford Foundation School

London

Phil Smith is Head of Languages at Chingford Foundation School, London, where he has been teaching for the last three years. His department have been using Boardworks with digital projectors to teach French and Spanish across KS3 and KS4 and they have just purchased the new Boardworks product for AS French.

“We use tailor-made Boardworks to teach nearly 100% of the time” says Phil, who has found the resources great for streamlining the level of teaching across the department. “As Head of Languages, Boardworks was an ideal sort of management tool for me to say, ‘right, this is what we’re doing and when we are doing it,’ and to support the teachers ensuring that they were using it correctly at the right time.”

The resources have been enthusiastically received across the department: “There’s a combination of different teaching experiences here”, says Phil. “Some of the teachers had never really had much technology use whereas some of them had. That said, all of them absolutely love it because it’s just made their lives so much easier.”

Because they are all created in PowerPoint, the resources are also editable, making it easy for Phil to create flexible lesson plans to suit his teaching. “The resources are fantastic, they cover all the core skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing, and I’ve been able to simply tailor them to the specific needs of my students [...] I’ve now got a Programme of Study that perfectly suits our purposes at the school.”

Boardworks has successfully transformed the way that MFL is delivered at Chingford Foundation School, and the students have responded really well. Phil comments: “The students enjoy the listening activities; the whole thing is very visible, very transparent, and it’s very easy to wander round as a teacher, intervene with the students, give them reassurance and actually see the progress that they’re making as opposed to having to use headphones. [...] “We don’t use any textbooks at all at KS3 – everything I need is on my memory stick!” In 2009, French GCSE results stood at 97% at Chingford which stemmed from an interesting and engaging French curriculum at KS3.