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In this edition of our termly newsletter we are pleased to update everyone on what's been happening at Thames West Language Hub recently.



Important Visitors!

We were delighted to host some important visitors at Thames West Language Hub at Ada Lovelace CofE High School on 12th June.

We were joined by Bernadette Holmes, NCLE language hub lead, as well as two UCL researchers, and a representative from the DfE.

Visitors enjoyed speaking to staff and pupils about the joy of language learning, as well as visiting lessons to see MFL in action, and were impressed by the standard of language learning.

To find out more about the Thames West Language Hub and upcoming events from our key stakeholders, join our mailing list or visit our website.

CPD Roundup

AfL in MFL

This online presentation on 7th May highlighted how to ensure students don't get lost.

	Where the learner is going	Where the learner is	How to get there
Teacher	Clarifying, sharing and understanding learning intentions	Engineering effective discussions, tasks, and activities that elicit evidence of learning	Providing feedback that moves learners forward
Peer		Activating students as learning resources for one another	
Learner		Activating students as owners of their own learning	

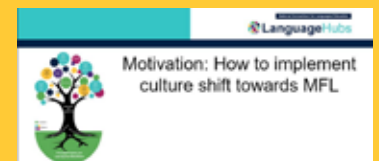
New MFL GCSE

On 3rd June we enjoyed a presentation on the new GCSE specification and looked at different approaches to preparing for this with our partner schools.



Motivation: How to implement cultural shift towards MFL

This session enabled us to learn from best practice in place at our partner and affiliate



All of our CPD presentations can be found on the Thames West Language Hub website <https://www.thameswestlanguagehub.org.uk/cpd>

Special welcome to these new affiliate schools who have joined Thames West Language Hub:

- Montpelier Primary School
- The Edward Betham CofE Primary School

Partner School Visit

We enjoy our regular visits to our partner and affiliate schools.

In April Thames West Language Hub specialist teacher Emily Lewis visited Barnhill Community High School to work collaboratively and share best practice. Emily (L) met with French subject lead Celine Abelard.



Stephen Spender Translation Project

We were delighted to host professional translators from the Stephen Spender trust to launch a 5 MLC Young Translators project.

Over 5 weeks, students from language hub schools will explore the process of creative translation, working with poetry in French and Portuguese.

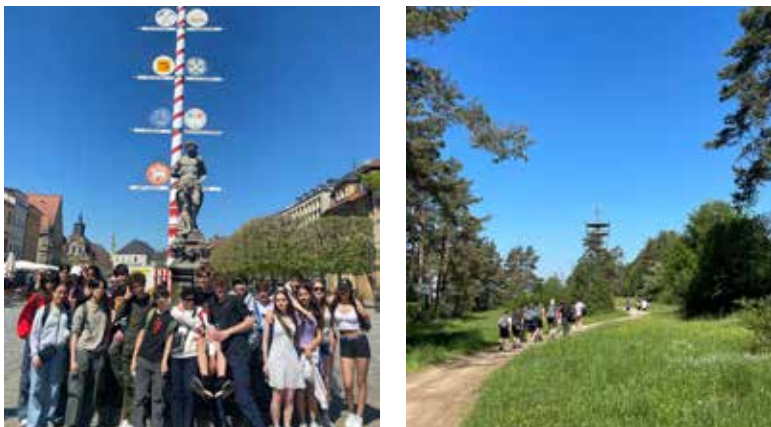
We are looking forward to seeing the project develop!



German Exchange

Year 9 Thames West Language Hub students have just participated in the German exchange visit to our partner school, the Johannes Kepler Realschule in Bayreuth, Bavaria. During the week, students lived with their German exchange host families and experienced an authentic week in Germany, including spending a day in lessons at our partner school.

In addition, students visited Bayreuth and Nuremberg, as well as hiking in nearby Pottenstein. During the weekend, students spent time with their host families. The week ended with a joint farewell meal.



German Embassy Sommerfest



On Monday 1st July, students from Language Hub schools Ada Lovelace and William Perkin were invited to participate in the German Embassy Sommerfest, hosted at the Goethe Institut.

Students performed German literary and musical pieces Bach's Jesus bleibet meine Freude and folktales Die drei Schmetterlinge and Rapunzel.

Students enjoyed speeches and awards from the German ambassador, illustrator Axel Scheffler and the Gimagine programme, followed by delicious German food.



NCLE Conference 9th July 2024

Joining with our fellow Language Hubs and NCLE to celebrate the first year of the Language Hub programme. This online conference is open to all partner and affiliate schools and will share examples of teaching and learning approaches to motivate MFL learners/teachers.



One of our affiliate schools Twyford CofE High School is delighted to be welcoming a trainee from Teach West London's first MFL cohort in September. If you would like to know more about becoming a placement school please contact itt@teachwestlondon.org.uk