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



ALL about MFL!

This month Emily Lewis, one of our specialist teachers at Thames West Language Hub, attended the ALL Language World Conference, alongside representatives from NCLE and the 15 other nationwide NCLE hubs.

The ALL Language World Conference, organised by the Association for Language Learning (ALL), is renowned as a premier event in the field of language education. This year's conference brought together educators, specialists, and enthusiasts from around the globe to exchange ideas, share best practices, and explore innovative approaches to teaching languages.



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

Thames West Language Hub launch

We were thrilled to welcome our partner schools to the launch event at Ada Lovelace CofE High School on 4th March. The energy in the room was electric as partner and affiliate schools came together to share best practises, insights and a collective vision for the future of language education.

Highlights of the day included engaging discussions on designing dynamic language curricula that empower students to thrive in a globalised world, exploring innovative assessment methods that nurture growth and celebrate linguistic achievements and inspiring sessions on extending language learning beyond the classroom - connecting cultures, fostering empathy, and opening doors to endless possibilities.



Our partner schools

- Ada Lovelace CofE High School – Lead School
- Barnhill Community High School
- Chelsea Academy
- Nower Hill High School
- Oak Wood School
- Springwest Academy

Our affiliate schools

- The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School
- Chiswick School
- Christ the Saviour CofE Primary School
- Dormers Wells High School
- Ealing Fields High School
- St Jerome CofE Bilingual School
- Twyford CofE High School
- William Perkin CofE High School

French Play

In February, Year 9 students from Thames West Language Hub partner and affiliate schools watched a French play performed by the Onatti theatre company. The play was performed entirely in French, so it was a tribute to students that they were able to follow the plot with ease. There was even a chance for audience participation!



German Exchange

In March, Ada Lovelace CofE High School, our lead partner school, welcomed German Exchange visitors from their partner school in Bavaria. During their stay the German students enjoyed a range of cultural day trips as well as a full day in school.

Students took part in a group workshop attended by IBM staff and produced a joint project considering the role of technology and AI in schools and future careers.



UCL Visit

Thames West Language Hub was delighted to welcome Bernadette Holmes MBE from UCL to Ada Lovelace CofE High School. Bernadette, who was conferred Honorary Professor at IOE in February 2023, has made major contributions to languages education in England.

Internationale Deutscholympiade



Two students from Thames West Language Hub schools (Ada Lovelace and William Perkin) competed in the final of the Internationale Deutscholympiade at the Goethe Institute. They performed extremely well and we are so proud of them both.

Shida Bazyar at the Goethe Institut



Thirty students from Thames West Language Hub schools attended a German literature trip to the Goethe Institut where they met German author Shida Bazyar and heard the author read from her German novel while they read parallel passages from the English translation.