

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANT!

“ Having a Language Assistant is beyond negotiation in our school; they are giving our students life skills to work around the world and have opportunities in the UK and we couldn't teach languages without them.”

Paul Keogh,
Advanced Skills Teacher



Foreign Language Assistants are native speakers from 18 countries worldwide offering French, German, Spanish, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, Russian, Japanese and Arabic language teaching support. They also support whole school cross-curricular activity, international activity and ex-curricular activity. They are usually advanced students or intending teachers of English or other subjects and have an excellent command of English.

Raise GCSE, A-level & EBacc standards and increase take-up of foreign languages!

“ Our Foreign Language Assistants boost student confidence in speaking and engender a level of curiosity and enthusiasm for languages which improves overall motivation. As a result students are more willing to undertake independent practice before speaking exams. Our speaking component results at both GCSE and A-level have been significantly enhanced whenever we have had the support of a good FLA. In addition, where younger students have worked regularly with an enthusiastic FLA, they have been more likely to opt for a language at GCSE or higher level.” **Scott Rockingham,** Wollaston School

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Did you know?



Foreign Language Assistants have been supporting excellence in language learning and preparing young people for life and work for over 100 years

“*Language learning is an important way of helping to prepare our children for life in a global society, work in a global economy and fosters their intellectual development. Foreign Language Assistants bring immense value to the schools in which they work – in terms of the insight they bring into both a foreign language and culture.*” **Department for Education**



Foreign Language Assistants provide unique native-speaker encouragement and motivation to equip students to communicate globally, enhancing their employability, linguistic and cultural skills essential to employers

“*The task is making sure that UK companies have people with the linguistic ability, overseas experience and cultural awareness necessary to do business abroad, to attract inward investment, to export goods and services. That, in fact, is the blueprint for sustainable economic growth.*” **Dr Vince Cable**, Secretary of State, Business, Innovation and Skills



Foreign Language Assistants can be shared between up to three schools, encouraging primary and secondary collaboration and reducing the investment to an average of just £2,600 per school per year

“*Fantastic scheme! Chinese Language Assistants are most welcome in our school. It enriches our curriculum and staff room and our Language Assistant now spends 3 days a week with us, his other 8 hours are in another primary and a secondary SEN setting.*” **Mentor teacher**



British Council provides full guidance for the pastoral care of Language Assistants including information and online application for schools and local authority coordinators to submit requests

“*We have been extremely happy with our Language Assistants. They have been excellent in every way! Support from the British Council has also been excellent; Language Assistants are so well prepared!*” **Mentor teacher**



Foreign Language Assistants provide a range of unique benefits to the teachers and staff contributing to student motivation and cross-curricular and extra-curricular activity

“*Our Foreign Language Assistant went the extra mile. Key to our success in a cross-curricular KS3 project with Biology.*” **James Whelan**, Head of MFL, Wirral Grammar School for Girls



Language Assistants is a reciprocal programme, so the places offered at host schools ensures essential places overseas for UK language students

“*Being a Language Assistant in the 1970s changed my life. The world we live in now is changing rapidly and shrinking fast. For me speaking another language was a huge asset. But for young people today knowledge of other languages and other cultures is vital.*” **Linda Parker**, Director, Association for Language Learning

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