

ALL Yorkshire Sixth Form Conference 2016

Getting to Grips with the **New A-Levels**



Saturday, 11th June 2016
9.00 – 13.30

Sheffield Hallam University
Owen Building



The New A-Levels

What's new? And what to do?

This presentation will summarise the changes from the current specification to the new A-Level syllabus and will present a range of strategies that can be used to promote the development of independent learning, speaking skills, grammar skills and writing skills (and more...). Examples presented will be mainly in French, but they are transferable to any language.

Karine Harrington has vast experience within her field as an experienced Head of MFL, an examiner, a trainer, an educational author and now as an SLE for her Teaching Alliance. Karine is a practising teacher of MFL at secondary and post-16 level who has a track record of achieving excellence with all classes: she inspires her students with a creative and imaginative approach. Karine has co-written the latest Hodder French textbook for the new Edexcel A-level Specification.

Teaching Literature at AS and A-Level

This session will explore the benefits and challenges of teaching literature in preparation for the MFL A-level exams and present some tried and tested classroom strategies and approaches. The speaker will aim to build confidence amongst teachers who have never taught literature before as well as honing the skills of those with more experience. Examples will be provided in Spanish, French and German. We will also look at the new specifications, analysing assessment objectives and the selection of works to be studied.

Angharad Simpson is Head of Spanish at an independent boarding school in Surrey, where she also teaches French and Italian. She has been teaching literature in Spanish for six years, preparing students for a range of examination boards and specifications including A-Level, IB and Pre-U. Her academic interests focus around the Spanish Civil War and Dictatorship period and its representations in film and literature.

Planning the AS/A-Level Essay

This session will demonstrate a variety of strategies teachers can use to help students to *structure their essays effectively and convincingly to meet the criteria as outlined in the new specifications*. It will explore what level of knowledge students will need to write about the film or book on the set list of texts and how to develop appropriate language structures for the essay.

Stephen Glover is a former MFL teacher and Head of Department and has vast experience in the development of teaching materials, in particular digital resources. He is the creator of the excellent ALF (A-Level French), ALGIE (A-Level German) and SAL (Spanish A Level) resources now being hosted under the name www.dolanguages.com.

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The three presentations (described overleaf) will be followed by:

Workshops / Network Meetings for teachers of FRENCH / GERMAN / SPANISH

What next? – Sharing the Workload

The aim of these language-specific workshops is three-fold:

1. To identify what is new in the content in the French / German / Spanish specifications
2. To share what we already have
3. To identify what we need to develop and to share the workload

We hope that at the end of this session participants will be clear as to what the next steps in their development work will be and that they will agree to become part of a group of A-Level MFL teachers who will meet regularly in the course of the next academic year to continue to share resources and best practice.

Cost: £ 75 (ALL members) **£ 135** (non-members)

This includes the cost of coffee on arrival and light refreshments at break.

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Eva Lamb, King Edward VII School, Glossop Road, Sheffield S10 2PW – by Friday, 27th May 2016.

We will send further details and joining instructions via email

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