



# ***Backing the E-Bacc:*** How to raise achievement in GCSE languages

This session offers practical examples in French, German and Spanish of tasks and strategies for speaking and writing that help all students to achieve their target grade. All materials will be available electronically for teachers to use and there will be the opportunity for all teachers to share their own strategies too.

**There are 2 dates available for this session:**

Tuesday 11 October 2011 *Rachel Hawkes*

Tuesday 29 November 2011 *Rachel Hawkes*

**NB: If you would like to observe a Y10 Spanish lesson before the session you will need to arrive by 2.00p.m.**

**Venue:** Comberton Village College

**Time:** 4.00 p.m. – 6.00p.m.

**Cost:** £30 for both sessions per teacher

**Book a place:** Email Alison Shorten  
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## **Backing the E-Bacc**

Many schools have responded to the E-Bacc by strongly encouraging students to take a GCSE language. This is a very positive development but presents its own challenges.

The larger cohort of KS4 linguists now includes a wider ability range than has been typical in recent years, meaning that teachers must once again review and refresh their approach to teaching GCSE successfully to the middle and lower ability range. And of course the stakes are raised by the requirement to achieve a C grade or higher to achieve the E-Bacc.

In addition, languages teachers still need to develop their strategies for teaching to the new GCSE format, particularly in terms of speaking and writing.

This session shares successful ideas that build on progress at KS3 to ensure success at KS4, focusing particularly on the productive skills.

There will be a CD of resources to take away from the session for immediate use in the classroom, as well as for cascading ideas and strategies to colleagues.

**In addition, there will be the opportunity to observe a Y10 Spanish lesson before each of the sessions for delegates who can arrive by 2p.m.**

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