

Joe Dale (MFL and Technology Consultant): Successfully Embedding Technology within MFL Teaching to Enhance Pupil Attainment.

Joe used his expertise and experience to help MFL teachers assess how schools can effectively integrate apps and online resources to promote pupil engagement and develop out of hours learning with the tool Mentimeter; this is a free resource which a login is required so sign up to it.

Joe shared five points for MFL teachers to consider when implementing digital technologies calling upon his research and findings of the Educational Endowment Foundation:

1. Effective use of EdTech is driven by learning and teaching goals rather than a specific technology type.
2. Be clear on how you expect the EdTech to improve learning; increased attainment is not automatic.
3. EdTech should support pupils to work with increased focus, for longer and more efficiently to improve and deepen their language learning experience.
4. Motivation to use EdTech doesn't always result in effective learning. Ensure the use of EdTech and the learning outcomes are closely aligned.
5. Teachers must be confident in using the EdTech so allocate and allow time for this to happen and confidence to increase. Ensure that support is provided too to ensure how EdTech can be used for learning.

Joe shared his love for the Twitter #MFLTwitterati detailing how it has changed the experience for connected teachers. The collaborative approach and sharing has resulted in teachers coming together like never before. There are over 5000 members of the #MFLTwitterati all sharing as well as providing support so his advice, get on Twitter and join it!

Crowdsourcing from the #MFLTwitterati Joe shared some apps and online tools for teachers to try out and drop in to lessons to include apps and online tools to enhance the language learning experience:

- Quia
- The Language Gym
- Languages Online
- Memrise
- Quizlet
- One Note
- Babla
- Ilinicom
- Lyrics Training
- News Slow in French, German and Spanish
- Audiolingua
- TaskMagic
- Duolingo
- My Dynamic Learning
- Tex's French Grammar

- Texting Story
- Padlet (for Recording Audio!)
- Apple Clips
- Adobe Spark video