



February 2019

Dear Colleague

Once again we should like to invite you to a special event - the Essex and East Anglian Conference-incorporating our branch AGM. This will take place on Saturday 18th May 2019 at Woodbridge School, Suffolk, from 9.30am – 2pm.

A Language Kaleidoscope is the theme for the day and we are delighted to welcome **Carol Hughes, Mary Pullen Deacon, Rebecca Nobes, Liliana Hurtado-Read, Lucia Verona** and **Claire Robinson** as presenters.

- **Carol Hughes** taught German and French for over 30 years. She was also involved in Initial Teacher Training for 20 years. Since retiring from the classroom in 2015 she has joined Edexcel and become one of the team of MFL trainers, leading training and network events on the new GCSE and A level courses.
- **Mary Pullen Deacon** is a freelance linguist with extensive experience of teaching languages to all ages. A former Head of Spanish, teacher of French and school Literacy Working Party member in secondary schools, she taught elements of Modern Foreign Languages course content through the medium of literature, including novels, drama and poetry to Key Stages 3-5. Mary is a part time language tutor developing an Instagram presence writing about preschool bilingual activities and resources.
- **Rebecca Nobes** is Head of Spanish at The Boswells School in Chelmsford. She is a great supporter of the Chartered College of Teaching and their focus on evidence informed practice and raising the status of the teaching profession. She is a member of the college's council and has just completed the Chartered Teacher pilot programme. She runs #MFL chat on Twitter on Wednesday evenings from 8.30-9pm.
- **Liliana Hurtado-Read** has taught Spanish, English and French for over 20 years at different levels. She has worked in Essex and Suffolk secondary comprehensive schools focusing on promoting languages. She is also a senior examiner and writer for a leading awarding body.
- **Lucia Verona** has been teaching for the past 15 years in Essex and Suffolk. She teaches Spanish from Reception to A Level. She is the VLE Teaching and Learning Lead and Head of Spanish (Reception to Year 6) at Woodbridge School.
- **Claire Robinson** is a teacher of French and Italian with 17 years' experience in a range of settings. At Colchester Sixth Form College she was joint Head of Languages and worked as a Subject Learning Coach in that role. She is presently teaching languages at Suffolk One.

Looking back & moving forward (Carol Hughes) Session 1

This session will focus on outcomes from the first cohort of GCSE entries in French, German and Spanish and how we can move forward to address the issues highlighted by the examiner team with practical ideas for the classroom. Ideas will be applicable to all exam boards.

Love of literature in MFL (Mary Pullen Deacon) Session 1

During this interactive workshop, participants will be presented with innovative ideas for using literature (including novels, poetry and drama scripts) in the teaching of MFL at Key Stages 2-5. To allow for the broad age range content, focus will be on the techniques rather than on the actual texts used in the session. Sharing and developing ideas will be actively encouraged and participants are invited to bring along texts of interest and relevance to their personal teaching practice.

How are we supposed to remember all of this?! (Rebecca Nobes) Session 2

This session focuses on what we can learn from Cognitive Psychology when it comes to our students' memories. The session will give suggestions on what we can do in the short and long term and suggest activities to use in the classroom. Ideas will be applicable for all key stages.

Promoting Autonomous Learning in the MFL classroom (Liliana Hurtado-Read) Session 2

Can students be responsible for their own learning process?

How can you promote learning as a lifelong experience, as opposed to just learning for an exam?

How does autonomous learning benefit a teacher?

What does autonomous learning look like in the classroom?

Create a learning environment focused on autonomy using a variety of strategies, which have already been tried and tested by many teachers.

The Language Magician (Lucia Verona) Session 3

The Language Magician is an Erasmus+ funded project, which has developed an interactive game aimed at measuring pupils' progression in languages at primary level. The session will offer an introduction to this engaging, fun and motivating assessment tool.

3 in 30 (Claire Robinson) Session 3

If you are the kind of person who likes to go away from a CPD with a few tricks to use next lesson, then you should get something from this half-hour session. Claire will show some easy ideas picked up from other teachers and used successfully in the KS3/4/5 classroom – Plickers, Socrative, text/talk/text conversion. Please feel free to join in the sharing by showing us something you use.

The draft programme is as follows:

09.30 – 10.00	Registration and coffee
10.00 – 11.00	Session 1
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee & Branch AGM
11.30 – 12.30	Session 2
12.30 – 13.00	Session 3
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch and networking

Further details can be found on our Facebook page or why not follow us on Twitter.

The Branch has carefully considered the costing of the day and wants as many people as possible to be able to participate. This year sees no increase in price and is very good value for money as it includes lunch and morning refreshments!

ALL Members: £35

Non-Members: £50 (discounted if you join ALL on the day)

NQTs/PGCE Students: £20

We very much hope you will support the Association which exists to support YOU!!

Why not ask your CPD Coordinator about financing you to attend?

Please send the attached slip, with payment, to the address below by **5th April 2019**. Payment is also possible by BACS to account no 50076686 /sort code 20-22-67. If paying by BACs, we will need a copy of the payment authorisation. When we receive your details, we shall send out further information nearer the date of the event.

For queries please contact me on: 01255 860629 / email avrainblack@hotmail.com or email Carol Hughes (Secretary) at allessexeastanglia@gmail.com

See you there!

Yours sincerely

Avril Black - Chairperson, ALL (Essex and East Anglian Branch)



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