

Association for Language Learning welcomes New Schools Languages Programme

The Association for Language Learning welcomes the announcement by the Department of Education to invest £14.9 million over the next three years to boost language education. ALL supports the programme's aim to increase the uptake of languages at Key Stage 4 and 5.

Liz Black, President of the Association for Language Learning commented:

"We support the ambitious plans announced as we are all committed to high quality teaching of languages for all pupils in our primary schools and throughout Key Stage 3 and 4.

We are particularly pleased to see the focus on lead hubs engaging with schools to strengthen and expand the languages offer and provide training. The focus too on enabling more effective transition from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3 we consider vitally important."

In recent years, the Association for Language Learning has set up an Action Group for German and has been a partner in a collaborative project to support Home Heritage and Community Languages (HHCL), and supports on the ALL website an online Zone for HHCL as well as a Chinese Language Zone. Our work therefore aligns closely to the announced German Promotion Programme and the expansion of the Mandarin Excellence Programme.

The Association for Language Learning is looking forward to collaborating with UCL and its partners on this new Schools Language Programme and is committed to ensuring that pupils from all backgrounds will have the opportunity to study languages GCSE and A-level.