



In association with the

**Saturday, 20th September, 2025**

**10.00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**(Withington Girls’ School)**

**Two Part GCSE ‘Kick-Start’:**

**1 Free resources from the Oak National Academy**

**(Alice Harrison)**

**2 Show & Tell for GCSE Languages: New Specification**

**(Volunteers)**

**Welcome back!** You are bound to be refreshed and raring to go with your language classes, **but** could you do with some **new ideas, tips** and **resources** for your **GCSE** language classes? **Join us for our early GCSE session to equip you with just that.**

**First of all, *Alice Harrison* will be sharing with us information about free, optional and adaptable resources from the *Oak National Academy*.** Many of you will know Alice as a dedicated, highly skilled language teacher who has, for many years, led language departments in the North-West. (Yes, she is local!) Alice has also led national and regional language projects. Just in case you do not yet know: ***Alice*** is now the ***Subject Leader MFL*** for the ***Oak National Academy***. Who better then, to introduce you to **all that is on offer** from **Oak** and to provide you with the latest updates?

**Our second half** will be a ***Show & Tell*** dedicated to **tried and tested ideas** to help teachers and learners. Have **you** an idea to share?

**With the new GCSE exams looming for 2026, everyone is ‘in the same boat’; any extra ideas for coping with the new demands will be very welcome.**

**Individual teachers will have been adapting their usual ideas as appropriate. What has worked well? What are still the issues?**

**Do YOU have an idea or technique that is really effective with your learners in a particular skill/task?**

**Have YOU found possible SOLUTIONS to any challenges posed by the new exam? If so, please volunteer to share them.**

**In order for a Show & Tell to be successful, we need sufficient volunteers to present for 5, 10 or 15 minutes. Will you be one of those kind people? If so, please indicate this when you book.**

During this session, we intendhold our AGM. This is a ***very quick*** affair.

You are, of course, **most welcome to attend this ‘Show and Tell’ session in the usual capacity as a member of the audience but,** if you are willing, we also **warmly invite you to take the stage for approximately 10 minutes** **to share** with the rest of us one (or more) of your **favourite tips for teaching the new GCSE.** This could be, for example, a teaching activity or game, a tip for teaching a given grammar point, a tip about classroom management, an example of a worksheet that could be adapted to any language, or an interesting website you have discovered, to name but a few of an almost infinite list. **Even if your ‘tip’ would only require 5 minutes to deliver, that is absolutely fine. We should still like to hear it.**

**Don’t be scared!** We are a friendly lot and don’t bite. It does not matter how long you have been in teaching, and the idea does not have to be an ‘original’ invented by you. If it works, share it! In fact, there would be no harm in everyone popping an extra idea into their pocket, just in case! The show must go on …

As an incentive to join in, **those who ‘perform’ will not pay for the event. (If we have more volunteers than time available, we shall operate on a ‘first-come-first-served’ basis OR a ‘draw-out-of-a-hat’ system.** We can always look to hold a similar event at a later date to allow others to present their ideas.**) If you would like to volunteer, please do so.**

**Please note that all are welcome, regardless** of age or years of experience in teaching! All **our participants are professionals**; **make the most of our collective expertise!** (People sometimes hide it under a bushel, but it is there in every department.)

**In order for us to plan for this event effectively, we do need to know:**

* **how many people would be willing to participate,** i.e. volunteer to share their idea(s)
* **what would be on offer** (e.g. Activity? Game? Grammar point? Useful website?)
* **how long (minutes)** it would take to deliver (max. 15 minutes total)
* **ICT requirements on the day** (e.g. access to internet, using a PowerPoint…)
* photocopying requirements (Documents would need to be sent to us by Friday, 12th September to ensure that the copies are ready.)

We are very grateful to **Withington Girls’ School** for providing the venue and equipment for this event:

**Withington Girls' School,**

**100, Wellington Road,**

**Fallowfield,**

**M14 6BL.**

http://www.wgs.org

http://www.maps.google.co.uk

**(Plenty of free parking on streets around the school;**

**Contact phone for the day: 07791 261 040 (Angela Siddons)**

(The door will be manned from **9.30 a.m. onwards.**)

**For details of fees and how to book, please see below.**

**Fees**

**ALL Members**: **£10** ; Retired £5

Non-members: **£20** ; Retired £5

ECTs: **£5**

PGCE trainees (Non-members): **£5**

**PGCE (Associate members)** / **FLAs**: **£2**

We take **payments on the day:** cash or cheque. (Please make **cheques** payable to **ALL (Manchester Branch).** We regret that it is **not** possible to take payment by credit or debit card.)

It is important that we know in advance if you would like to attend. If you wish to do so, please contact Gina Hall, preferably by email: [turnerhall4952@aol.com](mailto:turnerhall4952@aol.com).

Please apply by Friday, 12th September at the latest.

by phone: 0161 973 1599;

by post: 20, Earlesfield Close, Sale, Cheshire, M33 4UR.

**We shall need the following information from you:**

**Name (Surname, First name(s)** in that order please**):**

**Establishment:**

**Member\* / Non-member\* / Retired\* / ECT\* / PGCE (Non-member)\* /**

**PGCE (Associate member)\* / FLA\***

**Contact phone number (one at which you can be reached at short notice):**

**Email:**

**Receipt required: Yes / No\***

**Main teaching sector(s):** \***Primary Languages / \*Middle School / \*Secondary 11 – 16 / \*6th Form / \*FE / \*HE / \*Adult** *(This is to give us some idea of the potential audience which helps us and the speaker.)*

**Languages taught:**

**(\*Please delete as appropriate)**

**I will volunteer to present at the Show & Tell**

**I should be happy to present for \*5 minutes / \*10 minutes / \*15 minutes.**

**My idea(s) would (probably) be related to / deal with:**

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**\*Please note that any Powerpoint presentations, requirements for access to websites, etc. will have to be submitted by Monday, 15th September to enable the technicians at Withington Girls’ School to deal with them. Details will be sent to those offering to share ideas.**

**We look forward to seeing you!**