

LanguageHubs

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Welcome to our first newsletter! We are delighted to have been selected as one of the first fifteen language hubs in the country, led by Cranmer Education Trust, serving schools and their students across the East Manchester region.

The Language Hubs programme is being led by NCLE who work with key stakeholders across the Languages subject



Find out more about NCLE

In this newsletter we will share with you an overview of our role, introduce you to the specialist teachers leading the hub and provide you with some opportunities for teacher development and student engagement.

Look out for the date of our official launch event for all teachers and leaders of languages in the summer term.

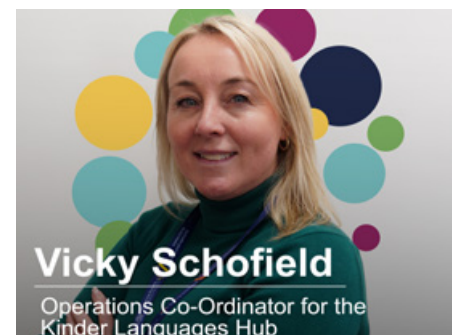
Meet the Language Hub Team



Michelle Massey is the Head of German at The Blue Coat School and leads a team of German specialists. She has a BSC (Hons) in International Business Studies & German. She has been teaching for 20 years and teaches German to A-Level, she also teaches French at KS3. Michelle has completed the Excellence in Teaching Programme, and delivered training for whole-school sessions on coaching, she has mentored ECTs and trainees. She also has examination experience as an AQA marker for the GCSE written paper.



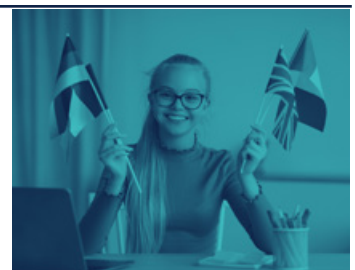
Catherine Woodward is the Head of MfL at Brian Clarke Academy. She has a Joint Masters degree in French and German and can teach both subjects to A level. She can also teach Spanish at KS3. She has been teaching since 2004. She has been Head of German in three different schools, and is now Head of MFL in a new school that was established in 2022. As an SLE, she co-leads the regional MFL Practitioner Network and leads on primary and secondary subject knowledge training for the SCITT. Catherine is also trained in Fresh Start Phonics.



Vicky Schofield is the Operations Co-Ordinator for the Kinder Languages Hub. Providing support to the team and responsible for maintaining relationships with stakeholders and the smooth running of operations across all functions of Teacher Training and Development. I have spent many years of my career in retail education in both purchasing and operational management roles and I am committed to providing best in class service to support partners in their professional development journey.

Our work will include:

- Partnering with identified schools to provide bespoke specialist support
- Providing and promoting CPD
- Liaising with primaries to understand and improve transition arrangements
- Promoting specific training on Home, Heritage and Community Languages
- Raising the profile of German
- Facilitating opportunities and events for students



Training Opportunities



Primary Language Workshop - German Language Upskilling Session in partnership with the Goethe Institut
Friday 9th February 2024 1.00 - 3.30 at Mayfield Primary School, Oldham

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We invite all non-specialist Primary School Teachers from Oldham and Tameside to our German Primary Languages workshop. Places are free and will be limited on a first come first served basis. The workshop will be delivered by the Goethe Institut and provide delegates with free resources. Find out more and sign up [here](#)

GERMAN EXPERT MENTORS (GEMS)



The Goethe Institute has appointed a network of German Expert Mentors (GEMs) to support German departments. GEMs will coach and mentor language-teaching professionals, supply updated teaching resources and materials, and re-energise language learning with free-of-charge, bespoke offers that can be tailored to individual needs. Find out more [here](#)



The GIMAGINE Award

The GIMAGINE Award is an innovative, digital self-learning platform for German learners, aimed at young learners aged 14 to 18 in the UK! Find out more [here](#)

[Find out more about events from Goethe Institut here](#)

Consejería de educación



The Spanish Embassy offers grants for language and methodology upskilling in Spain. They are currently offering immersion courses in Salamanca in Spain June in and July 2024. Find out more [here](#)

They also offer a range of resources and free films from their digital library [here](#).

[Find out more about Consejeria de education](#)

The British Council



Nothing brings learning to life like working with schools in other countries. The British Council offers a range of resources, guidance and learning opportunities, whether you're looking for a partner or want to take an existing partnership to the next level. Find out more [here](#)

Institut français du Royaume-Uni's 2024



The Institut français offers language upskilling online courses for Primary School Teachers and cultural reinforcement workshops for Secondary School Teachers. There is also an offer of screenings and workshops for the classroom. Find out more [here](#)

Association of Language Learning (ALL)

Language World is ALL's flagship annual conference and CPD event

Friday 8 - Saturday 9 March 2024

Language World offers a packed programme with speakers from across the languages sector, with a large number coming from primary and secondary schools

Find out more [here](#)

Gamification to enhance real Communication and Motivation by Esmeralda Salgado

Tuesday 30 January 2024 - 17:30 - 19:00

Gamification in MFL, at any level and to practise any skill, is a perfect tool to create real communicative scenarios to develop second language acquisition and motivate learners. This session will provide practical examples of both traditional and digital games and purposeful tasks to make students practise the language in their listening, reading, writing and speaking.

Find out more and register [here](#)

