Programme of the Day

08:45  Arrival registration, refreshments, and networking

09:15  Conference Start and Introduction from Carine Jacquel, Babcock 4S and Helen Myers, Association of Language Learning

   Actively bringing it altogether!
   Janet Lloyd, independent education consultant

   When schools, colleagues, teachers, TAs and Key Stages work together you can see them building bridges rather than hurdles and obstacles.

09:30  Let’s look at ways we can keep the challenge, progress and fun in MFL across the Key Stages and how we can facilitate teaching and learning of language skills that promotes and develops self-efficacy and success.

   A lively and interactive presentation to consider whole school and cross phase language learning projects, which can help schools build a platform to address the challenges of planning for progress in foreign language learning skills.

10:30  Refreshment, and networking

11:00  Progression & Assessment in Languages at KS2
   Dan Alliot, Languages Advisor and Consultant, KS2 National Trainer and KS2 Lead Professional, Advanced Skills Teacher

   This session will give delegates an opportunity to explore what progression in language learning actually looks like, how this can be built into planning and ways in which this can be measured.

12:00  Lunch and networking

Cooperative learning strategies in MFL: learning together in the languages classroom
   Suzi Bewell, languages teacher and trainer

   In this hands on, practical workshop session, Suzi will present lots of cooperative learning strategies to encourage successful group and pair work in MFL. Most MFL classes contain pupils of varying abilities - Suzi will demonstrate how cooperative learning can prove to be effective in helping weaker learners to gain confidence and progress faster and more able linguists to use their talents to support their peers and consolidate their own learning. Examples will be given in French and Spanish and delegates will have access to lots of ready-made activities to take away and use immediately in the classroom. Audience participation is a must!

OR

12:45  Introduction to Chinese and Mandarin
   Geoff Roberts, Independent Languages Consultant

   Are you curious to find out more about Chinese? Have you -or your school- ever thought about teaching and learning the language, yet none of you is a specialist? "China and Chinese, an introduction" is just that: i.e. a resource to introduce and find out more about this fascinating language and culture. It is not a language course and teachers are not expected to know a word of Chinese. Some schools have used it to deliver taster lessons only, others as a project lasting up to half a term and have then decided to teach Chinese. And advice will be given for going down just that route.
Language skills to aid Transition
Simon Terry, Modern Languages Teacher, The Priory School
Focus on SoW and skills ideas enabling students to gain maximum progress from KS3 to KS4. Also Mindset and SOLO Taxonomy.

OR

I'm a primary language teacher. Help me out here!
Lisa Stevens
Paraphrasing Shakespeare, "Some are born Primary language teachers, some become Primary language teachers and some have Primary language teaching thrust upon them" How can all three scenarios lead to confident successful teachers and learners, demonstrating significant progress by the end of KS2? We'll explore how to plan for progression (in the long and short term), share sources of support and inspiration and discuss how to best meet the challenges of the Languages Programmes of Study.

13:50 Refreshments

14:50 The purposeful use of technology in the languages classroom
Joe Dale, Independent languages consultant
This presentation will look at the power and potential of different technologies such as iPads, Android devices and Windows tablets and laptops for enhancing language learning in and out of the classroom. Focusing on pedagogical principles and improving outcomes, Joe Dale will demonstrate how easy it is to enhance learning in a purposeful way with a range of free apps or tools. He will also highlight the 'MFLTwitterati, a dynamic grassroots community of language teachers who like to share ideas and collaborate together on a daily basis to raise standards for all.

15:00 Close of Conference