



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

European Day of Languages was on Wednesday, 26th September 2018
Ms Z. Mumford—Head of Department



Did you
know ...?



There are over 6000 languages spoken in the world.

One in ten secondary pupils already speaks another language.

Learning other languages and valuing other cultures promotes tolerance and understanding at home and abroad.

Research shows that learning another language can actually **increase** the size of your brain.

More than 25 different languages are spoken by pupils and staff at Prospect school!

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European Day of Languages
QUIZ

1. **One third of the world's languages are spoken in:**
 - a) Africa
 - b) Asia
 - c) Europe.
2. **In which country is the language Cymraeg spoken?**
3. **How many different European languages are there?**
 - a) Fewer than 100
 - b) between 100 and 200
 - c) between 200 and 300

Submit your answers to Ms Mumford in L13 by: **Friday, 5th October 2018.**
There will be a prize for the first correct set of answers picked at random.

CAREER NEWS

Siobhan Gallivan - Head of Department

An Interview with a Careers Adviser - Siobhan Gallivan

What did you want to be when you were at school? I wanted my own business and to travel the world. I changed my mind all the time. They were my ambitions. I had no idea what job I would do. I remember organising my own work experience placement as I didn't want to be told what to do or where to go. That helped me realise that I found work much more real and enjoyable than school. They even paid me, although they really shouldn't have.

What subjects did you enjoy? Chemistry - I liked the experiments and the excitement of it all but I was never going to be a chemist. English - as my teacher was a character. He made us laugh but had a passion for the subject. He was quite strict and you listened to him. I loved reading and English. I loved Maths in primary school but hated it in secondary.

What was your first proper full-time job after college/university? First 'proper' job was working in Personnel for Marks and Spencer in their Head Office in London. I was very young and found it all rather overwhelming though the training was brilliant. Plus I loved being in London and living away from home. Although I was lonely, it forced me out of my comfort zone.

How did you decide on your career path? I developed my skills and gained experience. I kept thinking about what I could do and what could pay the rent. I worked within Personnel/HR then moved into recruitment and became the youngest manager. I then travelled and I was able to use my skills abroad. I ran my own business for over 10 years. After having my children, I went to University to study Careers Guidance Education, Adult Education and Counselling all at once, as I wanted to have as many options as possible. Once I was paying for education, it was amazing how hard I worked and how committed I was!

If you could give your younger self some careers advice what would it be? Work smarter not harder. Judge yourself on what you don't know and work out a way to do it. The 'thing' that nearly breaks you, makes you!

If you could do any job or career what would it be? A travel writer or an anthropologist.

What do you enjoy about your job? I am never bored. I like the energy of the school – it's not perfect – but nowhere in life is. I think that everyone has huge potential and it is a privilege to help people see that.

If you could change one thing about your job what would that be? Be able to see every single student and cut down on the paperwork. To be able to do more careers delivery and less paperwork.

During our PHSE session on Monday, 24th September 2018 - 9:30am to 10:30am

Great overview of apprenticeships today by one provider who covers Level 2 to Level 8.

<https://www.aimapprenticeships.co.uk>

Start researching NOW - Use the Library - THREE PCs at the back for YOUR use.

Register www.apprenticeships.gov.uk open an account, start a search for those that might interest you, then apply! You can apply for more than one. You must follow them up via email or letter. Research suggests 92% felt that their career prospects had improved as a result of completing an apprenticeship.

Here is a summary of the main questions we were asked:

FAQ's

1. **What is an apprenticeship?** It is a job with training. You gain a recognised qualification and essential work skills whilst earning a wage. Normally one day is spent with the training provider.
2. **What age can I start?** From 16. We now also have adult apprenticeships too.
3. **How much do I get paid?** At least £3.70 per hour (under 19). However, many employers recognise they need to pay more to attract and retain high calibre staff. The average wage is £200 per week.
4. **Can I get an apprenticeship with GCSEs?** Employers generally ask for two or more GCSE passes for intermediate apprenticeships. If you don't have GCSEs in English and Maths you will be required to take a numeracy & literacy test, study functional skills or retake them. If you think you might need more support before you start an apprenticeship, you can apply for a traineeship.
5. **How long do they last?** Between one to four years to complete according to the programme and level applied for.
6. **How do I find one?** www.apprenticeships.gov.uk You can also contact companies directly to ask if they run a scheme.

If you know of an employer that might want to run an apprenticeship, then you can give them this number: Tel: 0800 015 0600. This is a free service to support the set up and give employer guidance.

7. **I am still not sure if it is for me and I am worried that I might not like it.** Ask yourself why? Do more research, go and volunteer to gain some work experience. Talk to people about what it might involve.