

UCML Executive

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Schools Liason Report

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OFSTED Subject Lead for MFL

A new Ofsted Subject Lead for MFL has been appointed: Bianke Zemke. She was an Advanced Skills Teacher and has had various other roles in education. Rene Koglbauer (ALL Chair of Trustees) and Liz Black (ALL President) have met with her since her appointment. Bianke Zemke is visiting schools in preparation for the Ofsted report on her findings. Her contact details: Bianke.Zemke@ofsted.gov.uk

Department for Education (DfE) Initiatives

- Following an open procurement process, it was announced in March that UCL IOE had been successful in their bid to lead the DfE Language Hubs Programme. The National Consortium for Languages Education (NCLE) has Bernardette Holmes as Director. The DfE commented: "We intend to develop and build on the ground-breaking work of NCELP which has led to a radical change in the teaching of languages. We want to apply the lessons learnt from the MFL pedagogy pilot to a new national languages programme that will continue to support the sector. We also want to ensure the continued support for the implementation of the revised French, German, and Spanish GCSE, which will be available for first teaching in September 2024." Caroline Conlon, UCL IOE colleague and member of the ALL ITE community shared: "We chose the word 'consortium' to highlight how we want to build on existing best practice, and to work with key stakeholders in a collaborative, creative and collegiate way to capitalise on the many great resources, ideas, networks and expertise to boost teacher and learner motivation across the 9 government regions." Further information can be found here: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/departments-and-centres/centres/international-centre-intercultural-studies/national-consortium-languages-education-ncle>
- As part of the Language Hubs Programme, the German Promotion Project – entitled GIMAGINE - has started, led by the Goethe Institut and other stakeholders. German Expert Mentors (GEMs) have been appointed and first webinar of the ALL German Action group was well attended.
- The Latin Excellence Programme has been established and is based on the Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP).

Initial Teacher Education (ITE)

- In spite of increased DfE bursaries and scholarships for trainee teachers of languages for 2023/24, recruitment of language trainee teachers for September 2023 is a significant concern.
- A DfE-funded relocation package is available for overseas applicants for ITE, although the details were only announced in March 2023:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/international-relocation-payments/international-relocation-payments>
- ALL is in frequent discussion with the DfE about issues arising related to visas etc. for trainee teachers and those starting as early career teachers in schools.