**Please see the ‘Interview Days – general instructions for candidates’ document for details on the structure of the interview day.**

**PGCE Secondary Modern Languages**

**Information for Interviewees**

As part of the interview, applicants will be asked to write on a given topic.

Additionally, applicants will be interviewed on an individual basis by a member of the subject team with local teachers sometimes assisting at interviews.

Applicants will be asked to do a short presentation during the interview.

Applicants will be interviewed in both English and their native or target language. They may also be interviewed briefly in their second foreign language, if applicable.

Formal interview:

In the one-to-one interview (approximately 20 minutes), we will be looking to explore your reasons for wanting to teach modern languages and the relevance of your previous experience. In your preparation for the interview, you should take careful note of the selection criteria which are listed below.

Selection criteria:

For the MFL PGCE we are looking for applicants who display:

* enthusiasm and passion for languages and teaching languages
* good interpersonal skills, including the ability to work effectively in a team
* clear communication skills in English and their chosen language(s)
* the ability to present themselves and their ideas effectively
* commitment to the teaching profession
* awareness of issues related to teaching and its demands
* ability to reflect on experiences in schools and/or children in other settings
* an awareness of current educational policy and how this relates to languages in both secondary and primary schools
* excellent organisational skills and the ability to work under pressure
* self-reliance, independence and resilience
* openness to new ideas and a willingness to learn

We look forward to meeting you.

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Secondary PGCE MFL Course Leader