



Modern Foreign Languages Conference

Okehampton College | Friday 8th March, 2019 | 9.30am- 3.00pm

Conference Aims

An opportunity to learn from Dr Gianfranco Conti, internationally renowned leading practitioner. To gain practical ideas through workshops facilitated by local lead practitioners. To network with colleagues.

Agenda

9.30-9.45: Arrival

Tea/Coffee. Networking time- a chance to meet new colleagues.

9.45-10.45: Keynote 'The Importance of Listening'
Dr Gianfranco Conti

Welcome from Charlotte Wates, Network Lead. keynote and from Dr Gianfranco Conti.

10.45-11.00: Break

11.00-12.30: Workshop for all delegates

Dr Gianfranco Conti with all delegates on the development of listening skills and oral fluency.

12.30-13.15: Lunch

13.15-14.30: Workshop of choice

Please choose 1 of the 3 workshops to attend. (Dr Gianfranco Conti to attend and rotate around all workshops). Please indicate your choice of workshop on the booking form.

14.30-15.00: Plenary

Exchange of workshop key points in groups, and closing words.

Workshop options

Workshop Choice 1:

Top 10 GCSE Tips: Sarah Bridge and Nina Elliott

Workshop Choice 2:

Meeting the Challenge of terminal Exams: Kelda Richards

Workshop Choice 3:

Developing exam technique, resilience and feedback at KS3: Charlotte Wates

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About Gianfranco Conti:

Dr Gianfranco Conti is a lead practitioner and researcher in MFL, a teacher of over 30 years experience, and holds a MA and PhD in Applied Linguistics. He is the founder of the language learning site language-gym.com and has won the TES best resource-contributor award; as well as being the co-author of the best-selling book The Language Teacher Toolkit.

Fee

DTSA ECTSA SWTSA Members: £75 per delegate.
Other: £100 per delegate.

Venue

Okehampton College, Mill Road, EX20 1PW

Booking link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftz8Bk7BCJnKoutFDbo-SX4s2UnZLQZyUObrmMhrJ6trSwuQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Get in touch

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Workshop Descriptions

Workshop 1: Top 10 GCSE Tips - 10 practical ways to apply feedback from last year's exams to classroom practice.

Nina Elliott has been Curriculum Leader for Modern Languages for over 10 years at Tor Bridge High in Plymouth. She also leads a whole school Aspire Programme which aims to raise aspirations of all students. A serial organiser and attendee of TeachMeets and Pedagogoo events, Nina also co-leads one of the school's Action Research teams

Sarah Bridge has been teaching French and Spanish in the south west for 14 years. She has been Curriculum Leader for MFL, and Teaching and Learning Lead in two schools. She worked with the SSAT and Edexcel as a Lead Practitioner and now presents training for AQA. She holds an MA in Modern and Medieval Languages.

Workshop 2: Meeting the challenge of terminal examinations.

Kelda Richards has been teaching for 24 years and is currently Head of Languages at Isca Academy in Exeter and a Specialist Leader of Education (SLE) for MFL. She has 24 years of experience teaching languages, is an exam marker, and an advocate for the creative use of technology to support learning.

Meeting the challenge of terminal examinations. Learning is the result of the formation of connections. The more connections that exist the more quickly a student will be able to retrieve the information they need.

By using incremental learning (or scaffolding) across the key stages and increasing both the number of 'trials' a student has at an activity and the degree of difficulty involved, their performance will improve. This workshop will explore a number of activities teachers can use on a regular basis to promote pupil progress and independence.

Workshop 3: Developing exam technique, resilience and feedback at KS3: Charlotte Wates

With the Government expectation that 75% of our students will study a MFL at KS4 in 2022 and 90% in 2025; this workshop will aim to refocus our practice on KS3. Students will need to be more resilient than ever, and understand their own learning processes. Delegates will take away practical exercises to upskill students, develop their resilience, and equip them with the techniques to feedback to each other and act on feedback, independently and effectively.

Charlotte Wates is a Specialist Leader of Education (SLE), Assistant Principal and Director of Teaching and Learning for MFL at Okehampton College. She has experience teaching in a range of educational settings, is an exam marker, International School Co-ordinator and holds a MED in Professional Studies.

