

August 2018

Dear Modern Languages trainee,

Once again, many congratulations on being offered a place on the PGCE course in Modern Languages at the University of Manchester.

Our complete list of set texts for the Modern Languages PGCE Specialist Subject Studies course has now been confirmed and you should purchase the following books before the beginning of the course:

- Cowley, S. (5th edition, 2014) Getting the Buggers to Behave London, Continuum, **ISBN: 9781472909213**
- Driscoll, P., Macaro, E. & Swarbrick, A. (Eds) (2013) Debates in Modern Languages Education Oxon, Routledge, **ISBN: 9780415658331**
- Pachler, N., Evans, M., Redondo, A. & Fisher, L. (2013, 4th edition) Learning to Teach Foreign Languages in the Secondary School, Oxon, Routledge, **ISBN: 9780415689960**

You will be required to read extracts from them during the course which will supplement material that is covered in seminars and lectures.

You might also find it helpful to purchase a copy of the following book which contains many of the ideas that will be presented in University-based workshops and seminars:

- Barton, A. (2006) (2nd edition) Getting the Buggers into Languages London, Continuum, **ISBN: 9780826489135**

All of the above books will be available from Blackwell University Bookshop, The Precinct Centre, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9RN, Tel: 0161 274 3331, Email: Manchester@Blackwell.co.uk. The reading list can also be accessed electronically and orders made with Blackwell's via the following link:

<http://www.readinglists.co.uk/rsl/student/sviewlist.dfp?id=30391>

Before arriving at the University you should read the following:

- Chapter 1 in Driscoll, P., Macaro, E., & Swarbrick, A. (Eds) (2013) Debates in Modern Languages Education, Oxon, Routledge
- Chapters 1, 2 & 3 in Pachler, N., Evans, M., Redondo, A. & Fisher, L. (2013) (4th edition) Learning to Teach Modern Foreign Languages in the Secondary School, Oxon, Routledge

In addition, if you are looking for some light reading over the remainder of the summer:

- Smith, J. (2002) The Learning Game, London, Little, Brown Book Group
- Phinn, G. (1999) The Other Side of the Dale, Penguin Books Ltd
- Gilbert, F. (2005) I'm a Teacher, Get me out of here!, Short Books Ltd

(All the above books give amusing accounts of teachers' experiences – good beach reading!)

- Haddon, M. (2003) *The curious incident of the dog in the night time*, London, Vintage
- Dawson, J. (2004) *Wild Boy*, Sceptre

(The two books above are both works of fiction, but give good accounts of Asperger's Syndrome and autism respectively; they are fascinating reading).

Prior to the start of the course it is important that you join the Association for Language Learning (ALL), the UK-wide subject association for language teachers. Details of membership and how to join can be found on ALL's website:

<https://www.all-languages.org.uk/join/become-a-member/>

Special rates for trainee teachers/NQTs are available, £27.50 for one year. Membership will include:

	Three issues per year of Languages Today magazine ;		Online access to our Language Zones ;		ALLNet , our weekly email bulletin;
	Maximum discounts on ALL's posters and publications ;		Discounted or free ALL training & CPD events around the country ;		Maximum discounts on delegate fees at our national conference, Language World ;
	Access to local support from ALL networks, branches & primary hubs ;		Use of our Jobs Board ; and		Special offers on resources & services from ALL's Corporate Members.

Over the next few weeks you are advised to do some language maintenance work, particularly on your second language where necessary. If you are spending some time abroad, remember to start collecting authentic material which could be used in the classroom. This might include:

- Magazines and comics
- Brochures from tourist information centres
- Menus
- Recordings, e.g. of adverts, weather forecasts and cartoons
- Tickets and receipts

For the first ML session on induction day (Monday, 10th September) you will need a photograph of yourself as a child, ideally of primary school age. The photograph should not carry your name. It will be used in an ice-breaking activity and you can take it home with you again afterwards. If you fail to bring a photograph you will have to rely on your own artistic talents!

If you have any queries regarding academic aspects of the course before the start of the course please do not hesitate to contact me:

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For queries regarding registration and other administrative aspects of the course, please contact the PGCE Admissions Team:

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The ML team look forward to meeting you again in September!

Kind regards,

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