

Dear Teacher of MFL,

Welcome to our second newsletter for Modern Foreign Languages which, we hope, will support and enhance your experience of working with the MFL Specification for Junior Cycle. The changes in Junior Cycle MFL are ongoing and we look forward to working with, and learning from, you throughout this process.

CPD Day 2 – 2017-2018

For 2017-2018, 4,400 MFL teachers attended our workshops. Our second day of CPD focused on teaching, learning and assessment in the junior cycle MFL classroom. Teachers were positively engaged in planning for teaching, learning and assessment in their first year MFL classes. Great collaboration across language departments and across schools led to the creation and sharing of units of learning which enriched the day for all involved.

Website

The dedicated MFL section of the JCT website (www.jct.ie) has been updated to contain all the presentations, learning logs and resources used during our CPD day. We have an excellent team of MFL associates who are currently collaborating on departmental planning and designing and implementing units of learning with their first year MFL students. Keep an eye on our website as their insights, resources, along with samples of student work, will be uploaded very shortly!

Twitter - Follow us to keep up-to-date with MFL news, ideas, supports and to collaborate!
@jctMFL – We have more than 850 followers and links to support teachers are regularly tweeted!

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Meet the team



Our team of Advisors and Associates engaged in **Restorative Practice** (www.connectrp.ie) and **ATS2020 E-Portfolio** training recently. (<https://sites.google.com/site/ats2020eportfolios/>)

The MFL team attended the **RELANG** conference in Dublin in December and enjoyed the opportunity to work with the CEFR.

The MFL team also delivered a presentation for the **Digital Tools Conference** in Maynooth, on the 10th March, on digital task creation linked to the MFL specification. Click [here](#) for the presentation.

On the 12th March, the MFL team delivered their first **webinar**. Over 600 MFL teachers registered for the event. The presentation as well as the questions and answers can be found [here](#).

Junior Cycle MFL and Languages Connect:

Minister Bruton launched *Ireland's Strategy for Foreign Languages in Education 2017 – 2026* which prioritises the teaching of foreign languages. The role of Junior Cycle for Teachers is mentioned in *Languages Connect* and we look forward to playing a part in its implementation. The full strategy is available [here](#).

Kind regards, The MFL team