



NCLE 2025/26 Webinar Schedule

Languages for all – a social justice issue

Wednesday 21st January 2026, 16:00-17:00

Languages are transformative. Every child deserves the opportunity to learn new languages in addition to those they already know. In this webinar, we'll be exploring different curriculum models and pedagogical approaches which offer appropriate cognitive, cultural and linguistic challenge. How do we plan and deliver lessons which relate to the learners whom we teach? How do we create an ethos of success? Hear from practising teachers and experts.

If you'd like an opportunity to submit a question for the panel Q&A, please do so using the link below.

[Register for this event and submit a question to our panel via the NCLE website](#)

Talking Classrooms: practical ideas for promoting use of the target language

Wednesday 11th February 2026, 16:00-17:00

Using the target language as the medium of instruction as well as the object of study has always been contentious. With inspiration from practising teachers, discover how interaction in the target language is not only accessible but makes a central contribution to progress in language learning. Let's get our classrooms talking!

[Register for this event here](#)

Get ready for German Week 2026!

After the resounding success of last year's inaugural edition, which attracted participation from over 150 schools across the UK, [German Week returns in 2026](#) with renewed energy and fresh inspiration.

German Week 2026 (19–24 January) is a nationwide celebration of the German language, organised by the [German Embassy in the UK](#), [the DAAD](#) and the [Goethe-Institut UK](#). Throughout this special week, we'll introduce a variety of short, creative formats to make learning German more visible and engaging in schools, universities, and the wider community. Our mission is to **spark curiosity for languages among young learners and highlight the unique value of multilingualism** in today's interconnected world. **German Week** is also a chance for schools across the United Kingdom to **celebrate a modern and multifaceted Germany**, to present pupils with a fresh, diverse, and **contemporary image of the country**, and to **challenge the often-repeated and outdated clichés**. If you haven't yet explored the fantastic online events and resources available for your students, now is the perfect time to do so. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to enhance your German language program!

Language Trends Survey 2026

Colleagues,

Your school is invited to take part in this year's Language Trends 2026 survey. This research provides an independent picture of the teaching of languages in English primary, secondary and independent schools. Your responses will help us to build an accurate, up to date picture of the views of teaching professionals and to assess the impact on your school of those policy developments which affect languages education in schools.

The Language Trends survey is run annually by the British Council. The links below have been specially adapted for primary, secondary and independent schools, designed in conjunction with the Association for Language Learning and ISMLA.

Completing the survey should take no more than 10 minutes of your time. To complete the survey, please click the appropriate link below:

State Primary Survey:

<https://response.questback.com/queensuniversitybelfast/england2026primary>

State Secondary Survey:

<https://response.questback.com/queensuniversitybelfast/england2026secondary>

Independent School Survey:

<https://response.questback.com/queensuniversitybelfast/england2026independent>

The deadline for completing the survey is **Friday 6th February 2026**, but we would greatly appreciate your response as soon as possible. The report will be available in June 2026.

You can find last year's survey report at: [Language Trends England 2025 | British Council](#)

We would like to thank you very much in advance for your response. If you have any queries or difficulties accessing the survey, please contact languagetrends@qub.ac.uk

Promoting languages to parents and carers (GCSE Options Evening Resources)

If you're looking to promote languages at your upcoming choices meetings, check out our posters and postcards designed to encourage pupils to pick languages; and aimed at getting their parents onboard too!

[Download these free resources.](#)

[Explore the furtherwithlanguages.org website.](#)

British Council: Language Assistants Programme (Applications open 25 February)

Looking to host a language assistant in 26-27?

A language assistant can engage your pupils and support their language confidence.

[Find out more and register your interest here.](#)

IDO 2026: The International Deutscholympiade is back!

This international German language-learning competition brings together participants from around the world. We invite enthusiastic teenage learners of German in Great Britain to take part in the national preliminary round. The motto for IDO 2026 in Mannheim is 'ZusammenWachsen' (Growing Together). The winners who will represent Great Britain in the finals in Mannheim will be announced on 13 February.

Young people need to register by 18 January 2026 by sharing a video explaining why they are the right candidate to represent the United Kingdom at the IDO.

[Get involved in the International Deutscholympiade.](#)

Find your partner school

Connect with your ideal partner school in another country. Work together on projects and learn about each other's culture. Sign up for free on the [British Council PartnerFinder](#).

[Find your international partner school.](#)

Celebrate Speaking

Get ready to Celebrate Speaking! Encourage your pupils to show off their language skills by posting on social media a short video of them singing, talking or reciting in a language they are learning at school or one they speak in their community. Remember to use #CelebrateSpeaking so we can see your contribution. Our festival of languages runs through February.

[Learn more about Celebrate Speaking here.](#)

| Events for teachers | | | | |
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| Date / Time | Event | Location | Booking Link | Target Audience |
| 21 st January '26 16:00-17:00 | NCLE Webinar: Languages for all (More information on page 1 of this flyer) | Online | Register here | Language Learning Professionals |
| 26 th Jan, 9 th Feb, 2 nd and 16 th March '26 | Japan Foundation: Online Refresher Course | Online (with final event in London in summer, date TBC) | Register for the course here | Details regarding eligibility are available on the registration page. |
| 5 th February '26 13:15 – 17:00 | Northwest Language Fest | In-person | Learn more about this event and how to register your place here | Language Teachers (incl trainees) in the Northwest |
| 6 th February '26 | Deadline: Language Trends 2026 survey (More information on page 2 of this flyer) | Online | Please refer to page 2 of this flyer for the survey link | Language leaders and Head Teachers |
| 11 th February '26 16:00-17:00 | NCLE Webinar: Talking classrooms (More information on page 1 of this flyer) | Online | Register here | Language Learning Professionals |
| 25 th February '26 | Key date: Applications open for British Council: Language Assistants Programme (More information on page 3 of this flyer) | N/A | Find out more and register your interest here. | Primary and secondary schools, further education colleges and universities |
| 13-14 th March '26 | Language World 2026 | Hinckley | Find more information about this event here | Languages Teachers and Languages Leaders |
| 21 st March '26 | German Teachers' Day for Secondary School Teachers | Goethe-Institut London | Register for this Teachers' Day here | Secondary school teachers (focus on German, from level B2) |

Connect with your local language network

Are you teaching languages in a primary, secondary, or heritage/community setting? [Join your local NCLE Language Network](#) to access research insights, facilitated CPD opportunities and connect with colleagues in your region. Find your local network; be part of a national movement.

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NCLE Specialist Teacher Flyer: NCLE Events, Events for Teachers, Opportunities Pupils

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| Opportunities for pupils | | | | |
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| Date / Time | Event | Location | Booking Link | Target Audience |
| 6th January – 31 st March '26 | Express Yourself: North East Festival of Languages | In person and online | Find the full festival offer here | Children and young people aged 3 to 18 years old |
| 14th January '26 10:45-16:00 | Goethe-Institut: German Day with King's College London | Goethe-Institut London | Register for this German day here | Aimed Key Stage 5 learners/ pupils with at least 2 years of German |
| 18 th February '26 | Deadline (for UK National Preliminaries): The International Deutscholympiade (IDO 2026) (More information on page 3 of this flyer) | | Get involved in the International Deutscholympiade. | Enthusiastic teenage learners of German in Great Britain. |
| 19 th – 24 th January '26 | German Week 2026 with the Goethe-Institut (More information on page 1 of this flyer) | Nationwide | Explore the German Week offer here | Primary and secondary pupils |
| 19 th – 27 th January '26 | Goethe-Institut: Theatre Festival in cooperation with St Paul's School London | Goethe-Institut London/ St Paul's School London | Register for the theatre festival | Aimed at students from Year 9 to Year 13 with prior German knowledge |
| 20 th January '26 | Business Lunch: German and a career in Finance and Management | Online | Register for the business lunch here | Secondary pupils |
| 20 th January '26 | Goethe-Institut: KS4 German Study Day Delivered in partnership with BFI | BFI Southbank, London | Register for this study day here | Key Stage 4 pupils |
| 22 nd January '26 09:30-10:15 | Goethe-Institut: German Club online: Live Taster Session | Online (Zoom) | Register here for this virtual session here | Primary pupils |
| 29 th January/19 th March '26 10:15-15:30 | Goethe-Institut: German Day – Culture and Society in Germany | Goethe-Institut London | Register for this study day here | Aimed key stages 3-4 learners/ pupils who have had at least one year of German lessons. |

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| February '26 | Celebrate Speaking (More information on page 3 of this flyer) | Online | Learn more about this event here. | Primary and secondary pupils |
| 5 th February '26 10:15-15:30 | Goethe-Institut: German Day - Taster Day | Goethe-Institut London | Register for this taster day here | Aimed at key stages 2-3/ pupils with little to no prior knowledge of the German language. |
| 26 th February '26 | Goethe-Institut: Career Roadshow Learn more about the Goethe-Institut's Career Roadshow programme here | Keele University | Register your interest in the Keele Careers Roadshow here | Secondary pupils |
| 27 th February '26 | Business Lunch with Jad Salfiti: A career with German as a TV presenter | Online | Register for the business lunch here | Secondary pupils |
| 3 rd March '26 | JaLaChamp2026 (Japanese Language Championship for Young Learners UK): Speech Category Deadline | N/A | Find further information about the contest here | Secondary pupils who study Japanese as a foreign language |
| 5 th March '26 10:15-15:15 | Goethe-Institut: German Day – Careers with German | Goethe-Institut London | Register for this study day here | Aimed at key stages 4-5 learners/pupils who have had at least two years of German lessons. |
| 10 th March '26 | JaLaChamp2026: Video Category Deadline | N/A | Find further information about the contest here | Primary and secondary learners and pupils who have lived in Japan and who speak Japanese at home. |
| 23 rd – 27 th March '26 | Goethe-Institut: Work Experience Week in the Language Department | Goethe-Institut London | Learn more about this opportunity | For secondary school pupils and university students |

Keep up to date with NCLE events by [joining our FREE mailing list](#), [following us on X \(@ncle_ioe\)](#) and on [following us on LinkedIn](#). [Join Language Educators Online NCLE's FREE CPD Platform!](#)

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- [Register for the Department for Education bulletin.](#)

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