

In collaboration with

Portsmouth LA Network Leads and Solent Language Network

Wednesday 1 October 2025

1600 – 1700 at Admiral Lord Nelson School, Portsmouth (refreshments from 1530)

## ‘Communicating, collaborating and celebrating’

We are keen to welcome all colleagues who are involved and interested in languages education at all levels to join us for our first meeting of this new academic year. The programme, which will be in two parts, will be relevant to teachers of secondary and primary language learners.

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**Part One:** We will focus on how we can continue to develop the most effective continuation of language learning from Key Stage Two to Key Stage Three and beyond.

**Part Two:** A Musikfest!

We are very fortunate that experienced languages colleagues from the North-West, Catherine Woodward and Michelle Massey, will join us online.

They will introduce us to the **Suno** platform and its usages in the languages classroom. Catherine and Michelle will then demonstrate how, by using songs created on **Suno**, we can teach the Three Pillars of Progress, Vocabulary, Phonics and Grammar.

Additionally, they will discuss how, as part of their National Priority Project (NPP), they are working hard to reduce barriers to language learning for more vulnerable learners through the medium of song.

Finally, they will share some of the task-based resources which enhance motivation and support preparation for the GCSE Speaking examinations.

**Portsmouth LA Primary Network Language Leads**



### **Catherine's biopic:**

**I have been teaching for 21 years and now lead the MFL department at The Brian Clarke Academy in Oldham, where all our pupils study German to GCSE. I have a passion for languages and firmly believe all pupils should have access to another language. I co-lead the primary practitioner network for Oldham and the second practitioner network for Oldham and Tameside. I have recently been appointed as Assistant Head for the Cranmer Education Trust and Trust Leadership Community Lead in Modern Foreign Languages.**

### **And a message from Michelle**

**I have been teaching languages for 22 years and am Head of German at the Blue Coat School in Oldham, where almost all students study either French or German to GCSE level or beyond. I'm a believer in making languages accessible to all, and empowering students from disadvantaged backgrounds to open up a world of exciting opportunities. I also co-lead the secondary practitioner network for Oldham and Tameside, delivering and sharing quality CPD and networking opportunities to MFL leads in the local area.**

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**Dates have been set for next year's joint meetings of the ALL Primary Hub, Portsmouth Network Leads and the Solent Language Network.**

**Wednesday 1 October 2025 at ALNS: Enabling a smoother language learning experience / AI, Music and Languages**

**Wednesday 4 February 2026: Venue to be confirmed**

**Wednesday 20 May 2026: Venue to be confirmed**

**Wednesday 8 July: Cross key-stage Languages Conference at ALNS**

If there is a particular topic that you would like covered in these meetings, please do get in touch.

We plan to continue merging our language groups for future meetings as one of the steps to bring us closer together as a language teaching and learning community.

**Together, we can make a difference!**

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