



Oxford Language Teachers' Conference 2024



Sir Robert Taylor Society *Enriching Modern Languages Teaching*

Somerville College | Friday 27 – Saturday 28 September 2024

Friday 27th September

- 2pm Arrival and registration
- 2.30 Welcome and introductions
- 2.45 **Building Bridges Roundtable: Schools and Universities Working Together**
A roundtable discussion on current issues within MFL teaching from KS3 to degree level, with a panel of academics and teachers as well as contributions from the floor.
- 4.00 Afternoon tea
- 4.30 **Schools Booker Prize project**
Prof. Catriona Seth, Marshal Foch Professor of French Literature, explores how a Booker Prize for Schools could help showcase the importance of languages, shine a light on the different professions and skillsets within the literary world, and raise the profile of studies in languages and literature.
- 5.00 **Careers and Modern Languages, with keynote speaker Elizabeth Peck**
Recent MML graduate, Lizzie, shares her experience of studying Modern Languages at Oxford and explores how learning languages has shaped her personal and professional life.
- 5.45 **'Franz Kafka's Communities'**
A short taster lecture from Prof. Carolin Duttlinger, Professor of German Literature & Culture and Principal Investigator of the [Kafka's Transformative Communities Research Project](#).
- 6.30 Break
- 7.00 Pre-dinner drinks
- 7.30 Seating for dinner
- 9pm onwards After-dinner drinks

Saturday 28th September

- 9.00am **Creative translation workshops**
A first-hand experience of the highly successful school workshops designed and delivered by the [Queen's Translation Exchange](#) (Directed by Dr Charlotte Ryland).
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 10.45 **A-Level Literature Circus: The Language of the Text**
Academics from the Faculty discuss ways in which an area of language teaching can be used as a starting point for textual analysis in A-Level texts on the French, German, and Spanish curricula.
- 12 noon **Admissions 101**
An introduction to Oxford's admissions process for Modern Languages degrees, featuring a mock interview with a current undergraduate and a Q&A.
- 12.45pm Lunch
- 1.30pm End of conference