

## **To all MFL Heads of Departments in High Schools**

As a courtesy, and for your information, we wish to inform you of the series of cluster meetings we have planned for the summer term 2008. As you may be aware, there are 13 area clusters within the county, varying quite considerably in size, and usually consisting of 3 or 4 high school clusters together with 'feeder' primaries for each high school. Therefore, there will be 13 dates and venues from the end of April to July this year.

It is government policy that studying a foreign language for a cumulative 60 minutes a week in KS2 will become an entitlement by September 2009. It is likely to be statutory soon after. You may be aware that a KS2 Framework for Languages was published in 2006, and that over the last two years we have offered all primaries detailed training on this and primary methodology. We continue to run very well attended language improvement classes throughout the county.

The teaching and learning of a foreign language has increasingly become part of the curriculum in most of our county primary schools, at least in Y5 and 6, but also in Y3 and 4. Over the last two years most high school clusters have met and have agreed on a transition language (usually French) to be studied for at least two out of the four KS2 years with Spanish, German and a language investigation approach being used for the other two years. There is clearly much good practice in the primaries that the high schools will naturally wish to build on.

It is with this principle in mind that we are aiming to facilitate communication and dialogue between KS2 and KS3 language teachers. Each primary school has been asked to identify a 'Subject Leader' to represent their school at a cluster meeting. It is intended that at our first meeting we will conduct an audit of primary language provision in each school, in order to provide information that will be useful in discussions with high school MFL departments. Following on from this, together we will be able to identify the future needs, training and support. At these meetings we also intend to present Norfolk's bank of questions in French for KS2/3 transition purposes. It is hoped that some schools will agree to trial these questions after the meeting.

As previously stated, we are sharing this information with you about our transition ideas and the importance we attach to our primary and high schools working together on foreign language issues. It is very much appreciated that for our high school colleagues the summer term is one of extreme workload and examination commitments. For this reason, we are not able to extend a formal invitation to high school MFL departments during the months of May and June. However, should you wish to attend a cluster meeting in April or July, we would be delighted to see you and could pay a half day's supply per high school. Dates and venues for the summer term meetings are attached.

Second cluster meetings are planned for the autumn term and it is hoped that our high school colleagues will be able to attend these. Further information will follow later in the school year.

In the meantime, we hope you feel encouraged to become involved in this type of KS2/3 transition dialogue in cluster groups. Indeed, many of you will be working along these lines already and will hopefully be able to contribute some feedback and suggestions.

We look forward to working with all schools in Norfolk to develop exciting, cohesive and cross phase language provision.

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There will be a very useful session entitled ***Bridging the Gap KS2-3 MFL*** at this year's Secondary MFL conference on 20<sup>th</sup> June, which will focus on simple strategies for building upon attainment at KS2.

For further information please contact Sarah Bullock on 01603 433276 ext 161.

# PRIMARY LANGUAGES CLUSTER MEETINGS – SUMMER TERM 2008

DATE	FOR CLUSTER GROUPS	VENUE	Feeds to High School	Location Number	Ref No
22.4.08	CG50	Queensway Junior School Hillary Road Thetford IP24 3DP	Charles Burrell High School Rosemary Musker High School	11	EPQD3 A
28.4.08	CG28 CG42 CG46 CG48 CG52	Ryston 6th Form Centre Downham Market High School Bexwell Road Downham Market PE38 9LL	Downham Market High School Hamonds High School Methwold High School Wayland Community High School	2	EPQD3 B
1.5.08	CG27 CG32 CG37	Flegg High School Somerton Road Martham Great Yarmouth NR29 4QD	Acle High School Caister High School Flegg High School Great Yarmouth High School	9	EPQD3 C
2.5.08	CG3 CG4 CG5 CG9	Norwich Professional Development Centre Woodside Road Norwich NR7 9QL	Earlham High School Framingham Earl High School Notre Dame RC High School The Hewett School	8	EPQD3 D
19.5.08	CG15 CG20 CG22 CG24 CG25	Cromer Junior School Norwich Road Cromer NR27 0EX	Broadland High School Cromer High School North Walsham High School Sheringham High School Stalham High School	4	EPQD3 E
21.5.08	CG1 CG6 CG11 CG13	Dussindale Primary School Vane Close Norwich NR7 0US	Blyth Jex High School Heartsease High School Sprowston High School Thorpe St Andrew School	6	EPQD3 F
22.5.08	CG2 CG7 CG12	Costessey Junior School Three Mile Lane Norwich, NR5 0RR <i>(car parking available at Breckland Library, Breckland Road, Norwich)</i>	Costessey High School Hellesdon High School Taverham High School	7	EPQD3 G

6.6.08	CG8 CG28 CG38 CG40	Hethel Engineering Centre Chapman Way Hethel Norwich NR14 8FB	Attleborough High School Hethersett High School Old Buckenham High School Wymondham High School	12	EPQD3 H
13.6.08	CG31 CG33 CG34 CG35	Park Hotel 29 Denmark Street Diss IP22 4LE	Archbishop Sancroft CE VA High School Diss High School Hobart High School Long Stratton High School	13	EPQD3 J
2.7.08	CG14 CG19 CG23 CG26	Fakenham Racecourse Fakenham NR21 7NY	Alderman Peel High School Aylsham High School Fakenham High School and College Reepham High School	3	EPQD3 K
4.7.08	CG43 CG44 CG45 CG47 CG49 CG53	West Norfolk Professional Development Centre Kilham's Way Kings Lynn PE30 2HU	King Edward VII High School Marshland High School Park High School Smithdon High School Springwood High School St Clement's High School	1	EPQD3 L
7.7.08	CG16 CG21	Dereham Town Football Club Aldiss Park Norwich Road Dereham NR20 3PX	Litcham High School Neatherd Community High School Northgate High School	5	EPQD3 I
9.7.08	CG39	Cliff Park Middle School Orde Avenue Gorleston Great Yarmouth NR31 6SZ	Cliff Park High School Lynn Grove VA High School Oriol Specialist Mathematics and Computing College	10	EPQD3 M

**To book a place - please complete the attached booking form and return by 18 April 2008**

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## Primary Languages Cluster Meeting Summer Term 2008

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<b>Name of Subject Leader</b>	
<b>School</b>	
<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Cluster Group</b>
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>I will be attending the Primary Languages Summer Term Cluster Meeting on –</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	
<b>Ref No</b>	
<b>I would like to add the following to the agenda –</b>	
<b>I am unable to attend because –</b>	

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**Please complete this booking form and return it by 18.4.08 to:**

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