

Meet your Modern Languages team



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Hello, I'm **Eva McManamon**, and I'm the Senior Qualification Manager responsible for our 29 GCSE and GCE Language qualifications. I have worked in Pearson Edexcel since 2012, and before that I was a Secondary School English teacher in Essex for 7 years, teaching across KS3, 4 and 5. With Spanish parents, an A level in Latin and a degree that focussed on Old Norse and Old English, I very much have a love of language and grammar, which helps immensely when working with our fantastic language senior examiners! When I'm not a slave to my 5 year old's social life, I love to visit the theatre and attempting to grow things in my garden.

Hello. I am **Katy Lewis** and I am the Head of English, Drama and Languages at Pearson. I am in my tenth year of working at Pearson, and have been responsible for our modern foreign language qualifications for nearly 3 years. My background is in English Language and linguistic and I previously taught and lived in Paris and Ankara, and worked for the Learning and Skills Development Agency. My aim is that we create qualifications that are engaging, clear and accessible, and then give you all of the support you need to teach them successfully. Thank you for taking a look at our language qualifications - let us know if we can help!

Hello there! My name is **Sharon** and I am the Product Developer responsible for MFL. I have a degree in French and German and I spent 10 years as a teacher and curriculum manager of languages in Further Education. I then spent over 7 years working for CILT, the National Centre for Languages as one of the national 14-19 Language Education Advisers. I have worked on MFL at Pearson since 2013. I am passionate about languages because of the pure fun of being able to operate in another language and being able to travel confidently to other countries and interact properly with the people you meet. I'd love to help others get as much out of languages as I do.

Reena Patel



Hello, I am **Reena Patel** and I am the Head of GCE and IAL Modern Foreign Languages. I have worked in Pearson for over 12 years, in various assessment roles. In my time at Pearson I have worked on many different qualifications from practicals to Projects and written exams to Oral exams. I also have experience of working on most subjects in my time in assessment. This experience has helped me build my knowledge of the different types of assessments and implement processes to ensure our qualifications run smoothly. I have been responsible for the Modern Foreign Languages assessment team for almost a year and am thoroughly enjoying the role.

Garcia Cardoso



Hi, my name is **Garcia Cardoso** and I am the Head of L2 Modern Foreign Languages at Pearson. This is my twelfth year at Pearson and I have been responsible for delivering qualifications such as Religious Studies, BTEC L3 Business and Functional Skills English, Maths and ICT. I've had an interesting background of growing up and attending school in both France and England which I feel gives me a different perspective to some of the challenges in languages. I studied French at university and spent the next 3 years working as a teaching assistant. During this period I developed a passion for education and working with teachers to help learners reach their potential.

Alistair Drewery



Hello, I am **Alistair Drewery**. With a background in language teaching in school and college settings and with previous examining experience, I've now been working at Pearson Edexcel for over twenty years. I first worked in Qualifications Development and am now in the Teaching Services team as the Subject Advisor for Languages. With my picture all over our website, I seem to have become the Pearson 'face of languages' and the interface between teachers and the organisation. I always endeavour to convey the teacher's perspective at internal meetings and put teacher and learner interests first in all that I do.

Kirsty Smith



Hello, I'm **Kirsty Smith**, Marketing Campaign Manager for Modern Languages Qualifications and Learning Services. I came to Pearson after finishing my MA in Publishing and started working in the Digital Account Management team based in Oxford. Originally from Yorkshire, I've always had a strong passion for languages having taken Classics at university and lived in Athens whilst studying. I love travelling and discovering new cultures, with Bali next on my list to explore.

Rasha Al-Harithi



Hello, I'm **Rasha Al-Harithi**, Marketing Campaign Executive for the Modern Languages portfolio. I am a fairly new addition to the Pearson team, working across a couple of subjects and with a wide team. I am very passionate about language learning and how it enables you to connect with people from different cultures, backgrounds, and countries. Learning languages can bring people together across the globe, fostering relationships and building common ground. My ability to speak a basic level of Spanish has allowed me to travel to Costa Rica on a volunteer program, in which I developed my language skills, built long-lasting relationships, and worked with the local community. I can't wait for my next adventure.

Sarah Bashford



I am **Sarah Bashford** and I am the Senior Curriculum Manager for MFL at Pearson. I studied French and Spanish at University and languages have always been a part of my life in work. I started out in an International business career spending many months abroad each year using my French on a daily basis. In 2007, I joined Pearson and now work to support schools in delivering our MFL qualifications as well as being involved in all the support we offer for teaching and learning in MFL, including resources and training. I love working with MFL teachers to help promote language uptake and a love of language learning wherever possible!



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