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# 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.

Sheena Newland



Hi, I'm **Sheena**, the Languages Subject Advisor for Pearson. I'm here to support teachers with Pearson Edexcel Languages qualifications, to listen to you and to represent teacher views internally. I am an experienced MFL teacher with 17 years of secondary classroom experience, teaching French from KS3 to A level and Spanish up to GCSE. I studied French and Italian at university and have spent time living in both countries, including several years working at Poitiers University in France. I also have a background in digital publishing and spent eight years working for Teachit, first as Languages Editor and then as Senior Content Lead. I enjoy promoting language teaching and learning, understand both the joys and the challenges of the classroom and love the buzz of communicating in a foreign language!

Kiran Tanna



Hi, I'm **Kiran**, the Qualification Product Manager for MFL. I joined Pearson Edexcel in 2021, after several years in educational resource publishing. Having developed a love of languages at secondary school, I went on to study French and Spanish at university, which allowed me to properly travel for the first time and feel at home in the countries I visited. My aim is for all students, regardless of background or life experience, to be able to find relevance and enjoyment in language-learning, as it is such a rich and rewarding subject that helps its learners build a tolerant, compassionate world view.

Rasha Al-Harithi



Hello, I'm **Rasha Al-Harithi**, Marketing Manager for the Modern Languages portfolio. 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!

Justine Swainson



Mariam Moore



Poppy Pan



Hello, I'm **Justine**, and I am a Product Developer for MFL. I joined Pearson in 2022, having previously worked as a curriculum and assessment manager for MFL and the Arts at International Baccalaureate. Before that I was a secondary school teacher of MFL, English and Music, including several years as Head of Department in schools in Oxfordshire and London. I have a degree both in French and in English, which probably tells you how much I love learning! I'm passionate about making our MFL qualifications accessible, fair and fun, and about promoting languages as an enhancement to so many diverse career paths. When I'm not at work, I love taking my dog to the beach and playing the flute.

Hi, I'm **Mariam**, an Italian Studies graduate (Edinburgh and Bologna) with a French speaking mother. I'm deeply passionate about language learning, exchange and education and have been with Pearson coming up for 11 years in total. Previous work includes scholarship administration at the British Council and communications skills facilitating (University of Hong Kong). I've also been an English tutor and classroom teacher mainly in Hong Kong, Penang and Oxford. I am on a "wave" programme with the MFL Qualifications development team, from my usual role in publishing for international curriculum. I'm in awe of this team who combine serious expertise, dedication and experience. I enjoy reading, music, theatre, food, and going on long walks.

Hello, I'm **Poppy Pan** and I'm a Product Developer for MFL qualifications at Pearson. I am a linguist with a background in assessment management at University of Oxford, and international qualification comparison at the UK National Information Centre for Global Qualifications and Skills. I took part in several work and study exchanges in France and spent 3 years in Taiwan teaching English and learning Chinese. I have more recently studied Japanese at the Oxford Language Centre, and attended bilingual Welsh schools as a child. Because of this, I have first-hand experience of what it's like to teach and learn languages, and the challenges and joys faced by anyone entering a new language and culture. My aim is to help young people reach their potential and make lifelong international friends.



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