

AS/A2 French

'Getting them talking'

Aims of the day

Many teachers find that their students can be unwilling to produce language, unable to strike the balance between grammatical accuracy and fluency and that they themselves are unclear about the mysteries of exam marking. None of this is ideal in what is a vital element of GCSE, AS and A2 examinations

We can all think of ways of remedying the situation – but these usually involve time abroad, smaller classes and contact with native speakers. This one-day workshop looks at how to make the best of the time available to develop these skills.

Delegates receive a free USB key which contains useful resources and an aide-memoire.

Tutor: Nick Mair

Nick Mair is currently Head of Modern Languages in a school with 1400 students on roll. He believes that a pupil's performance in the oral exam is the component most likely to affect enthusiasm as well as define the final grade. He has developed a wide range of resources working with television companies and publishers.

Please see teacher comments on workshops presented by Nick Mair on page 3 of this brochure.

Venue and date

London: Monday, 15 October 2007

Course fee

£195 plus VAT

Programme

10.00am Registration and coffee

10.30am A little, a lot or all?

- Is it really desirable to conduct all teaching in the foreign language
- Making the most of every opportunity
- Grammar – clarity of explanation vs. exposure to French
- Pair work, group work – can it be really effective?
- Games and activities worthy trying

11.30am Morning coffee

11.45am Thinking it through – what to say

- Putting the ideas in
- Helping them to tackle demanding concepts
- Discussion, explanation and convincing justification
- Hypothetical questions

12.45pm Lunch

1.45pm Getting it all out – how to say it

- Developing and appropriate accent and intonation
- Speaking with an acceptable level of accuracy
- Accuracy vs. fluency : quantity vs. quality
- Transfer of meaning

2.45pm Afternoon tea

3.00pm Which paper? Where are the marks?

- Which exam option to choose
- Where are the marks
- Traps for native and near native speakers

4.00pm Day ends

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