



## Information to candidates for PGCE Secondary Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

Congratulations!

You have been invited to interview for a place on the PGCE Secondary MFL programme at Cardiff Metropolitan University - we are very much looking forward to meeting you and hearing about what you have to offer as a potential teacher of secondary MFL. This letter gives you information on what you will be asked to do during the interview day, and gives you a clear idea of what we are looking for in a potential teacher of MFL. It is designed to help you prepare accordingly so you have the best chance possible to be successful.

There will be three parts to the interview process, which may not take place in the order given.

### Part 1

You will undertake tests in literacy, numeracy and digital competence. There will also be an extended writing task in response to an article on an educational topic, in order to assess your reading and writing skills in both English and the language you would like to train to teach. You will receive the article in advance of the day for preparation, so take the opportunity to read it thoroughly and understand its main points. This part of the day will take approximately two hours.

### Part 2

Individual Presentation – up to 5 minutes: Learning and Teaching MFL in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

You will be required to prepare a short presentation and share your opinion on Learning and Teaching MFL today. You are welcome to use the bullet points below for guidance or develop your own ideas. You may prepare notes or bring a resource / article to support your points.

Some possible ideas:

- What are your personal experiences of learning a modern language?
- Your experience during the year abroad – how did this develop your skills as a language learner?
- What is an effective MFL lesson, in your opinion?
- What are the needs of our MFL learners?
- How could cultural awareness of the target language country help inspire and encourage learners to continue with their language learning?

You could bring along a teaching resource to present and discuss how you would use it in a lesson.

There will be an opportunity to answer questions at the end of your presentation – an opportunity to share opinions and ideas!

You will also be given a short written task (15 minutes), which will demonstrate your written style in the target language you are applying to teach.

**Part 3** will consist of a short individual interview in which you can explain your motivation for becoming a secondary MFL teacher, and demonstrate your understanding of the role of the teacher in a mainstream school setting. You will also have an opportunity to ask us questions so that you can make an informed choice. We also want a chance to tell you about our university and PGCE Secondary programme, as we think we have lots to offer a keen and aspiring trainee teacher and are as excited about your future as you are!

We look forward to meeting you at interview and wish you well for the day. Please arrive 15 minutes before your allotted time so we can start the programme promptly.

Best wishes,

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Cardiff Met is the largest provider for PGCE Secondary in Wales and one of the largest in the UK. It is also one of only 4 universities to be awarded accreditation for Initial Teacher Education in Wales from September 2019: <https://www.ewc.wales/site/index.php/en/ite-accreditation/providers-of-initial-teacher-education-in-wales-from-2019.html>

<b>Arolwg Profiad a Addysgwyd Uwchraddedigion</b>	<b>Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey</b>
<b>Quality of teaching and learning 90%</b>	
<b>Satisfaction with course 92%</b>	
<b>Satisfaction with school placements 98%</b>	
<b>100% pass rate</b>	
<b>95% of our student teachers find employment in the sector (DHLE survey 16/17)</b>	

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