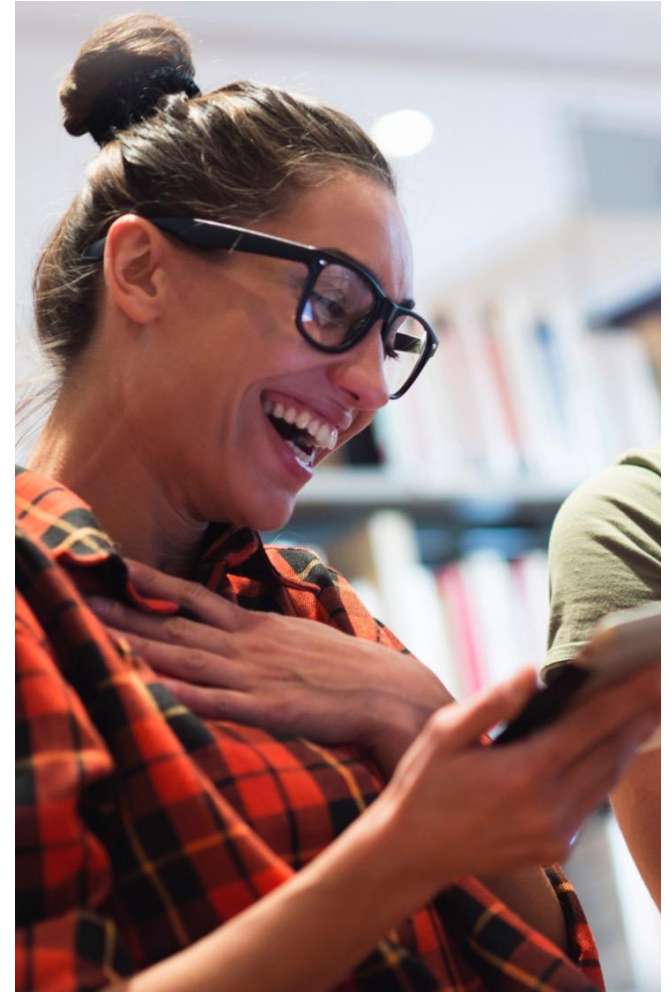


Guidance Counsellors information evening resource

Senior cycle language supports

In these slides, we will present...

- The current context for language learning
- Studying languages at third level
- The languages available for study/examination
- The levels of the curricular languages
- Available supports



Language learning: the current context



Boost your skills!

- Research highlights increased productivity amongst those with language skills due to their associated **transversal skills** including:
 - **Adaptability and openness to other cultures**
 - **Enhanced divergent thinking skills**
 - **Abstract and symbolic representation skills.**
- Ireland's *National Skills Strategy 2025* also lists foreign languages and cultural awareness among the cross-sectoral skills which improve an individual's employability and enable occupational mobility.



Ireland needs global citizens who are multilingual and interculturally competent!

- Multilingual citizens are **more likely to actively participate in global issues**: Research led by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2022) called for further investment in learning languages as a means of solving global challenges.
- Increasing trade and cultural exchange with the EU and Asia is leading to a greater need for employees who have **capacity in language and intercultural skills**.



Languages are the key to unlocking potential in European markets for many Irish exporters



Andrew Tobin is CEO of cloud solutions firm Stryve

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- “We...believe that to unlock further potential and revenue from European markets, diversification is important and multilingual capabilities are key. To this end, language capability should be viewed as an opportunity rather than a barrier to trade.”

Patrick Torrekens
Head of Enterprise Ireland France
11 December 2022

A Foreign Language is a Valuable Life Skill



Languages at Third Level and beyond



Studying Languages at Third Level

Did you know?

- Over 590 third level courses in which a language component can be included are currently available.
- Languages are available to study as a major, minor or an elective
Some courses allow for students to take up a new language, providing beginner level modules.
- Many CAO courses with a language option allow for students to study for a year abroad, either in another EU country or even further afield.
Studying abroad can, in some circumstances, upgrade the final qualification to an international qualification.
- Find out more about what post-Leaving Certificate study options are available to students by visiting careersportal.ie, using the dedicated Languages Connect course filter.

Unexpected careers with languages



Working with languages



Leaving Certificate curricular and non- curricular languages



Leaving Certificate Languages

Curricular languages:

- Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Lithuanian, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish

Non-curricular languages:

- Any European Union language not offered as a curricular language: e.g. Dutch, Romanian
- Ukrainian is now also available as a non-curricular language

Curricular languages have aural, oral, reading and written assessments.

Non-curricular languages have reading and writing assessments only.



Levels of languages

CEFR A2/B1

- Arabic, French, German, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese and Spanish are broadly aligned to A2/B1 levels of the CEFR.

CEFR Pre-A1/A1

- Japanese and Mandarin Chinese are pitched at *ab initio* level and broadly aligned with Pre-A1/A1 level of the CEFR



Specific Supports for Senior Cycle



Support for Senior Cycle

Post-Primary Languages Ireland (PPLI) supports fifth and sixth year students with Saturday classes in lesser taught languages.

Students must be entering into fifth year to avail of the support.

Further information can be found at languagesconnect.ie/language-classes/



Interested in learning more about Saturday classes?



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