



Girton College Modern Languages Taster Day

Wednesday 21st October 2015

A day for Years 10 and 11 to encourage studying Modern Languages at university

In a growing global economy, based on efficient communication and intercultural exchange, the ability to speak more than one language has never been more important. A Modern Languages degree not only develops language skills to the highest level, but offers the possibility to explore and understand other cultures, through their history, writing, art, film, thinking and language development. Studying a language at university is not just an intellectual endeavour but also develops many skills highly valued by employers, including the chance to spend a year in another part of the world.

Girton College and the Faculty of Modern & Medieval Languages will be running a Taster Day aimed at pupils who are currently studying Modern Languages at GCSE, aimed at introducing the study of these courses at university level. The programme, which will take place at Girton College, will include workshops by University academics designed to inspire and enthuse Year 10 and 11 students who will already be considering languages within their A Level choices and possibly studying this vibrant subject at university.

The day will:

- Encourage students to keep and develop their interest in Modern Languages
- Demonstrate the value of studying these subjects at university
- Seek to allay any fears about starting a language 'from scratch' at university
- Inform them about their A Level choices and how this will affect their university applications

Students will have the opportunity to meet with current undergraduate languages students, and experience both culture and language workshops in a language of their choosing. There is no charge for attending the event. Lunch is provided, but we regret we are unable to cover travel expenses or offer overnight accommodation.

We invite schools and colleges to nominate up to two students for our Taster Day in Modern Languages open to students currently in Year 10 or 11 at schools in the UK. **Nominations are now open.** For more information, please see our website (www.girton.cam.ac.uk) or contact the Schools Liaison Assistant on access@girton.cam.ac.uk. When nominating students please note that:

- Students must be nominated by their schools, with no more than two nominations per school.
- Students should be taking a GCSE in at least one modern language and be on track to achieve good GCSE scores, with an intention to study Languages at A Level.
- Students **do not** need to be studying the language of the workshop they wish to attend.
- Please would teachers check that nominated students are available to attend the Taster Day.

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Draft Programme

10.00	Welcome and refreshments
10.30	Why languages? (Jocelyn Wyburd, Director of the Language Centre)
11.15	Language degree overview/ Year Abroad (Girton Fellows)
12.00	Culture workshop (<i>Spanish Civil War, French Literature, Film or Linguistics</i>)
1.00	Lunch
2.00	Language workshop (Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese or Hebrew)
3.00	Admissions and Undergraduate Q&A
3.30	Close of event

*Please note that this is a draft programme and talks and workshop options may be subject to change.



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School Nomination Form

SCHOOL DETAILS

SCHOOL NAME:

SCHOOL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

TEACHER CONTACT:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

NOMINATION ONE

STUDENT NAME:

SCHOOL YEAR (2015-16):

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

CULTURE WORKSHOP (first choice): Spanish Civil War French Literature Film Linguistics

CULTURE WORKSHOP (second choice): Spanish Civil War French Literature Film Linguistics

LANGUAGE WORKSHOP (first choice): Italian French Spanish Portuguese Hebrew

LANGUAGE WORKSHOP (second choice): Italian French Spanish Portuguese Hebrew

Relevant GCSE subjects and languages of interest: _____

Reason for nomination/Any other information: _____

Medical or dietary requirements: _____

NOMINATION TWO

STUDENT NAME:

SCHOOL YEAR (2015-16):

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

CULTURE WORKSHOP (first choice): Spanish Civil War French Literature Film Linguistics

CULTURE WORKSHOP (second choice): Spanish Civil War French Literature Film Linguistics

LANGUAGE WORKSHOP (first choice): Italian French Spanish Portuguese Hebrew

LANGUAGE WORKSHOP (second choice): Italian French Spanish Portuguese Hebrew

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Notes for schools

- Nomination forms should be returned to:
Schools Liaison Assistant, Girton College, Cambridge CB3 0JG or access@girton.cam.ac.uk
- The **deadline** for nominations is 21st September 2015.
- The nominated school contact above will be informed by email of the successful nominations.
- Nominating a student is **not** a guarantee that they will be given a place.
- We will aim to give all students their first choice of workshop but may have to substitute depending on group sizes.

For the purpose of this event and for the monitoring of recruitment events and activities, the College will need to retain the personal data that has been supplied. This information will be securely stored for up to five years and will only be accessible to University staff and used only for the purposes stated. Should you not wish to be included in any monitoring, then please signify this by ticking this box