

“Think German” - Language Conference

Best Practice and Ways Forward for German in UK Education and Beyond

25 June 2010

Whitgift School
Haling Park, South Croydon, London



Preliminary Programme

- 9.30 - 10.00 am Arrival - coffee & tea
- 10.00 - 10.15 am **Official welcome** by host and patron
- 10.15 - 10.45 am **Plenary keynote:** John le Carré (confirmed)
- 10.45 - 11.00 am **The Arsenal Double Club** as best practice showcase
- 11.00 - 11.30 am **Exhibition accompanied by tea & coffee**
- 11.30 - 11.45 am Creating successful networks to promote German
- 11.45 - 12.00 am German in the context of intercultural learning
- 12.00 - 1.00 pm **Parallel sub-panel sessions 1:**
- a) the impact of German language competence on British research
 - b) the impact of German language competence on employability
 - c) the impact of German language learning on raising standards
- 1.00 - 2.00 pm **Buffet lunch**
- 2.00 - 2.40 pm **Parallel sub-panel sessions 2:**
- Continuation of sub-panel sessions
- 2.45 - 4.15 pm **Final plenary panel**
- a) **Presentation of results from sub-panels**
 - b) **Final plenary panel discussion chaired by journalist: Martin Kettle** (*Guardian*, associate editor, TBC)
 - Representatives of UK politics: *The Rt Hon Ben Bradshaw MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport (TBC); Michael Gove MP, Shadow Secretary for Children, Schools and Families (TBC); Baroness Coussins, Chair, APPG on Modern Languages (TBC)*
 - Representative of UK business: *Dr Paul Golby (former CEO EON UK, now EON Board Member, TBC)*
 - Representative of UK stakeholders: *Michael Kelly (Director of the UK Subject Centre for Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies, Southampton, Director of the government-funded “Routes into Languages” programme, TBC)*
 - Representative of Curriculum Authority: *Christopher Maynard, formerly QCDA (TBC)*