

S@S Accelerate

Languages Challenge

25th – 29th July 2016

S@S Accelerate is a one-week programme, held at the University of Strathclyde, for pupils at the end of S4, S5 and S6. It aims to provide a targeted focus on the pupils' chosen area of academic interest, giving them a head start on the road to their chosen career.

There are ten areas that pupils can choose from in 2016, depending on their career aspirations:

- **Product Design**
- **Psychology**
- **Chemistry**
- **Education**
- **Physics**
- **Electronic & Electrical Engineering**
- **Law**
- **Business and Enterprise**
- **Languages**
- **Sport**

Teams of academic experts have put together week-long 'Giga Challenges' in each of these areas that will allow pupils to find out all about their area of interest and the career opportunities open to them. Led by undergraduate and postgraduate student mentors from the relevant fields, pupils will undertake a variety of group challenges, as well as attending a careers and industry afternoon.

The Languages Challenge: Outline

The Languages Challenge has three main aims:

- To allow you to take part in group challenges that will allow you to use your Language expertise and build on it during the week using what you have learned.
- To provide you with insight and information about the various academic courses and work opportunities that there are in the field of Languages.
- To allow you to discuss career and education options with a wide variety of professionals and academics while being treated as a real University student for the week.



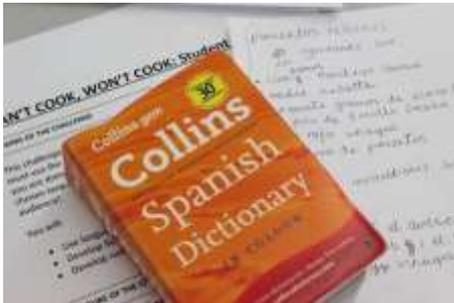
University staff and professionals working in these areas will be available at various points throughout the week as a resource of advice and information.

Groups will take part in a variety of exciting language-related activities including:

- Language taster sessions
- Examining the links between Language and Culture
- ‘Can’t Cook, Won’t Cook’- Language Experiments in the Kitchen
- Creating and presenting a podcast in a foreign language
- Using the University Language Laboratory
- The power of Languages in the Business World



We are sure that this programme, by allowing you to participate in group challenges that use your language skills and see the role that Languages play in the world, will make you feel much more enthusiastic about Languages in the school classroom and going on to study them at University.



Our Languages careers and industry event, on the Wednesday of the programme, will also allow you to see the future opportunities available to you and the whole week will offer you a taste of what it is really like to study at university.

The cost of S@S Accelerate is £125.

What last year’s Languages Challenge participants said about the programme:

“It was a great experience which gave me more confidence and has encouraged me to pursue a career in languages.”

“I loved it! Mentors and people were lovely and I loved the taster language sessions. Overall fantastic week!”

“I really enjoyed it. I learned things that I would have otherwise not learnt in school. I feel like the information that was given to me has widened my knowledge about what a career in languages will entail.”

“I enjoyed meeting new people and learning about the different job opportunities that can come from knowing a language. Due to the variety of the languages that were available in the challenge, I also learned a few different languages.”

“This week has been really good for helping me decide what future career I would like to have. We did Greek, Chinese and Japanese tasters, which gave me insight into the other languages which I can study.”

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