

Our Cluster Approach...

GRAEME HIGH SCHOOL

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Cluster Working



Improvement Priorities

Priority 3:

"To plan for the delivery of 1+2 Languages within the Graeme Cluster, and further develop networks to support implementation"

- To review impact of modern languages transition projects

Transition Projects

Transition Projects

1.
Francophonie
February-April

2. Helix Project May

Mon profil à moi

3.

1. Francophonie

Task

- S1 French Champions launch challenge
- Introduce French speaking world and overseas territories

Research

- Research French speaking country in groups of 6
- Work to decode extended French text

Event

- Deliver presentation and display to cluster cohort
- Devise quiz task for workshop activities



La Francophonie



Nom du Pays:

Capitale:

Continent:

Pays voisins:

Superficie:

Population:

Langue(s):

Monnaie:

Couleurs du drapeau:



Le Mali





La République du Mali est un pays africain.

Le Mali est un pays très grand mais aussi très pauvre.

Il y a deux grands fleuves - le Sénégal et le Niger.

Les deux tiers du pays sont désertiques.

Les maliens vivent de l'agriculture, de la pêche ou de la production du sel.

Il y a aussi du tourisme dans les villes de Tombouctou et Gao.

Dans la vallée du Niger ils cultivent du coton, du riz,
de l'arachide et du mil. Au Mali il y aussi de l'or.
Le français est la langue officielle, mais il y a aussi les
langues nationales. Il y a beaucoup de problèmes au Mali comme
la sécheresse et la pauvreté mais surtout le combat dans
le nord du pays.

Impact of Project

69% of pupils felt their confidence increased in delivering a presentation containing French.

81% of pupils found using the reading strategies helped them understand the French text

Pupils

73.6% felt more confident in being able to understand a longer text in French

54% felt more confident in using a French – English dictionary

Impact of Project

"Pupils enjoyed meeting their French teachers and showing them what they can do in French" "The project really highlighted how many countries across the world speak French"

Teachers

" Pupils developed a wide range of skills and gained confidence in using French" "It was interesting for pupils to find out about life in different countries"

Skills development

"I learned that French is epic!"

What skills did you develop?

- u Improved my French
- Improved confidence
- u Improved presentation skills
- u Improved team skills
- u Improved researching skills
- u Improved note-taking skills
- Improved listening skills
- Making new friends
- Knowing my way around the school

2. Helix Project (Transition Days)

Task:

Collège Plaisance, our partner school in Créteil has sent an e-mail to Graeme High School asking what there is to do and see within the Helix. Your task is to prepare a short power-point presentation in French giving information on what you can see and do if you were to visit the Helix project.





BUSINESS EDUCATION

Create a tourist brochure about the HELIX project

ENGLISH

Creative writing - HIDEAWAY in the HELIX

DRAMA

Create a drama inspired by the
The Kelpies

DESIGN and TECHNOLOGY

Evaluate
different types
of public seating
for various areas
of the HELIX park

HELIX

Transition Project

MUSIC

Learn the instrumental parts of the HELIX promotional music

SCIENCE

Learn how the HELIX got its name

FRENCH

Design a powerpoint to say what there is to do and see in the HELIX

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Create a comic strip about the HELIX project

ART and DESIGN

Design an
environmental
art sculpture for
specific sites
within HELIX park

Impact of Project

"I learned a lot more about the Helix park. It is so near but I didn't really know much about it before" "It was fun to try and imagine what someone in France would like to know about Helix"

Pupils

"I liked visiting different subjects. Sometimes I could use what I already knew to help me in other areas"

"Meeting Ben from Helix was really interesting"

Impact of Project

"Raises awareness of the importance of language learning within the local context"

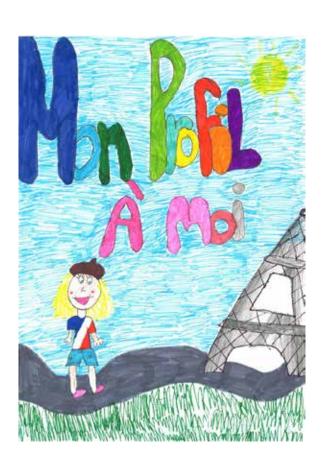
"Real life context increases motivation"

Teachers

" Valid interdisciplinary learning experience"

"Raises awareness of the importance of languages to the tourism industry and the promotion of Scotland as a tourist destination"

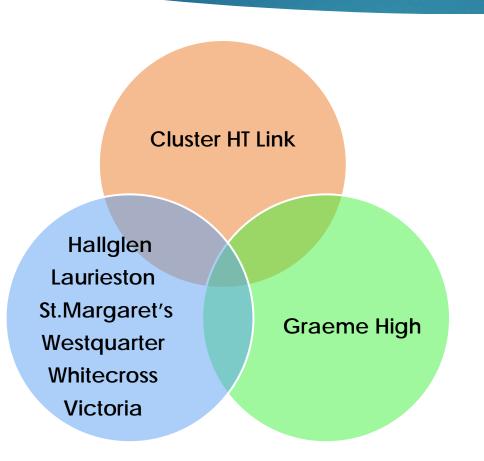
3. Mon profil à moi



- Transition project focusing on the transfer of information.
- Each pupil compiles a profile in French.
- Project is transferred to secondary.
- Pupils use profile in \$1 during initial 4 week block in preparation for first speaking and writing assessment.
- Will be used to assess impact as 1+2 rolls out across the authority.

ML Cluster Network

Developing a network



- Lead RACI Improvements in Modern Languages
- Meet monthly
- Standing item on cluster HT agenda
- Representatives act as subject champions within each of the cluster schools

Network Priorities

CPD

October INSET

Support Staff

Secondary mentors

Re-fresher Course

Resources

Common pack for each school

GLOW

Pilot School

Local Contexts for Learning

Callendar House

Helix

Next Steps

Beyond Transition

Electives in Spanish and German

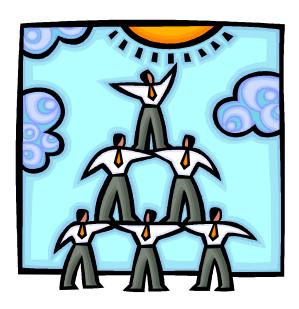
Local expertise

Extracurricular activities

IDL Opportunities

Teacher CPD in Spanish

Sharper lens



Building Capacity

Real-life Contexts

> Leadership Award

Areas for Development



CPD

- October Cluster Training
- Mentor Programme from August
- Support for additional languages



Contexts for Learning

- Develop local contexts for language learning
- Explore school transition contexts within cluster programme
- Use cluster GLOW group to exchange resources and approaches



Structures

- Further review and develop structures to promote language learning
- Continue to engage in collegiate planning



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