

Language Linking, Global Thinking

Friday 8th June





What is Language Linking Global Thinking?

An initiative which links a student abroad to a class in a school with the aim of:

- encouraging young people to understand the relevance of languages
- raising awareness of and exploring other cultures
- making language learning fun and relevant
- increasing motivation



Expectations

- Student must attend training day in June
- Student must visit the class before going abroad
- Student must make at least **six** contacts with the class during the year (CISS scholars one blog per month)
- Student must visit the class on their return from their time abroad

Training Day

- Aims of the Project
- What's in it for you?
- Blog training
- Practical ideas for linking with class
- Feedback from one student and one school
- Planning session with teachers



Examples of blogs



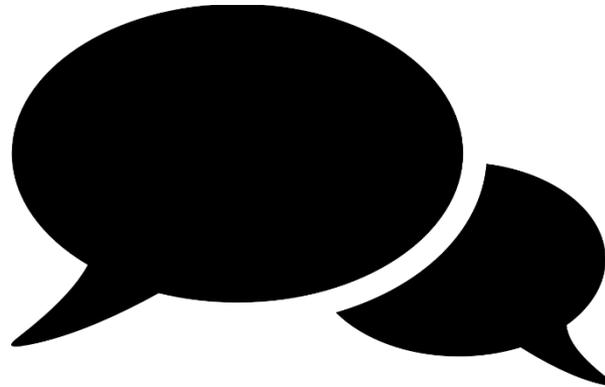
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Feedback from partners



Feedback from students

“I often try and think of what interested me at their age about foreign countries, and find myself volunteering for activities that normally wouldn't interest me because I think they would make for a good blog post, as well as interesting quirks about the language that my class might find funny or interesting.

This even applies to mistakes I make while speaking German; my first thought upon realising I'd accidentally written about ‘the marriage of early communism’ instead of ‘the heights’ in an essay was ‘I'm sure my students will get a kick out of this’.”

Feedback from students

“Overall it has been a very positive experience that I think has impacted more people than just myself and the school I am linked with.

For me personally, it has meant I pay more attention to the new experiences I have (and makes me seek out more new experiences) and capture them whether through photography or through writing about them on the blog.”

Feedback from students

“Blogging has made me take notice of a lot more things, I think! For example when walking along the street to the super market, I’m not just on my phone listening to music, but proactively looking for things I can use to blog!”