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This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.


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The European Day of Languages has been celebrated every year since 2001 on the 26th of September. In 2025, the theme, "Languages open hearts and minds," highlights the power of languages to connect us, inspire new ideas and broaden horizons.



To try out your language skills, why not try one of these baking recipes, written by students from 20 countries!




Check out some of these fascinating place names from all over the world. Do you see any you recognise?




At 9-10am on the 26th September, three speakers will share their own language learning journey, the languages that they have learned, where they have travelled to, the skills that learning languages can bring and how they use languages in their work. Register here.



Join us to discover exciting apprenticeship opportunities at the BBC in business, data and digital technology, engineering, journalism, and production. This engaging session is designed for anyone curious about what it's like to work behind the scenes of the UK's leading public service broadcaster. Register here.



The Importance of Second Language With Kirsty Lang, Broadcaster & Journalist. Kirsty recognises why being able to talk a second language is important and can be so beneficial to your career and building connections. Join us and hear about why learning a new language is a skill you need.



Feeling nervous about speaking in front of others? Whether it's smashing an interview or staying cool in your oral exams, this fun and practical session will give you the tools to speak up with confidence, clarity and calm.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Translator

Translators use language skills to convert one written language into another.

They may specialise in one area or work across several of them. They can also work as a literary translator, translating books, or as a subtitler, translating words on films, TV programmes and video games.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The demand for language skills in the European labour market Publication found that a knowledge of English was required in 22% of all job vacancies.

A knowledge of German, Spanish, French and Mandarin Chinese was demanded in between 1% and 2% of all job vacancies.

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Join Arthur Snell, Writer, Podcast Host and former UK Diplomat, as he shares how a passion for the past and the power of communication led him to a global career representing the UK. In this inspiring session, Arthur will talk about the real-life skills you gain from studying history and languages—and how they can open doors to exciting international opportunities. [Find out how curiosity, culture, and communication can shape a career.](#)




If you want to do a job that really matters, and where you matter too, MI5 has a role for you. Straight after school, you can help keep the country safe in a role like no other. Find out more about the “I can at MI5” campaign [here](#).




Life at a Toyota and Lexus dealership is fast-paced, collaborative, and full of purpose. No matter of your role, you are part of a team that thrives on innovation and customer care. Find out more about [Early Careers here](#).



[Ready to launch your career?](#) Join Launchpad for 8 weeks from the 27th October to start building the skills that will set you apart in the AI-powered workplace of tomorrow.



In this live and interactive Film Society, Dr Ilse Renaudie, Associate Professor in French Language and Translation in the School of Media, Language and Communication Studies at University of East Anglia, will discuss/debate *Au Revoir Les Enfants* by Louis Malle. On the 30th September, [join in a friendly online taster lecture](#) to find out what it might be like to study French at university.



UK University Search are excited to be collaborating with the Russell Group to bring you popular, informative and inspiring webinars that cover a range of key topics. Taking place from the 30th September to 2nd October, we have five 90-minute sessions each featuring four or five expert panellists who will offer clear, impartial guidance for students looking at taking the next step in their educational journey. Book your place [here](#).

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“At MI5, we work together with our partners MI6 and GCHQ to safeguard Britain’s people, interests and businesses.

More than 5,000 people work at MI5, bringing together people with lots of different backgrounds, and lots of different skills. Everyone at MI5 has the same mission: to keep the country safe.”

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UNI SPOTLIGHT

“Established in 1904, the University of Leeds is one of the largest universities in the UK. We’re part of the Russell Group of research-intensive universities and are renowned globally for the quality of our research and teaching. At Leeds, you’ll gain new skills and experiences and take advantage of life-changing opportunities that will be invaluable to you, personally and professionally.” Find out more [here](#).

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