

The Isle of Wight Conference 2007



Saturday 13th October

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- Integrating ICT into the MFL Classroom

Following the success of last year's event, we are delighted to be able to invite you to the second Isle of Wight Conference at Nodehill Middle School on Saturday 13th October.

The idea of the event is to give teachers practical tips and advice on using ICT to enhance the teaching of modern foreign languages. The day will begin with a keynote speech followed by a choice of sessions and workshops on practical uses of ICT provided by top national speakers in their fields. Our intention is to inspire and motivate you on the practical benefits of using technology and to give you a better understanding of how to enhance your pupils' learning by using ICT in a range of applications.

Topics will include:

- Blogging and podcasting
- Digital video
- eTwinning
- Primary languages
- Presentation software
- Interactive whiteboards/classroom performance system
- One stop animation
- Rhythm and song
- Assessment for learning
- Enhancing memory/learning styles
- Videoconferencing

Delegates will be able to choose four sessions each as well as attend the keynote and plenary. Entry fee will be £51 per delegate which will include a buffet lunch. For those who can't attend, session notes and audio recordings will be made available on joedale.typepad.com after the conference has finished.

To book, follow this link on the SSAT site

<http://www.schoolsnetwork.org.uk/Article.aspx?NodeID=0&PageID=238323>

Speakers

Rachel Hawkes, Director of Languages, Comberton Village College and SSAT lead practitioner

Leigh McClelland, AST in MFL and Head of German, Comberton Village College

Lesley Welsh, AST in MFL, English Martyrs School and Sixth Form College and SSAT lead practitioner

Oscar Stringer, animator and filmmaker, South Street Productions

Chris Fuller, Spanish teacher, Edgehill College

Joe Dale, leader of French, Nodehill Middle School, SSAT lead practitioner

Lisa Stevens, Spanish teacher, Whitehouse Common Primary School

Sharon Balch, French teacher, Swanmore Middle School

John Warwick, Deputy Head, St Luke's School

Programme

9.00 Registration + coffee

9.30 Keynote

10.20 Session 1

11.20 Session 2

12.20 Lunch

1.20 Session 3

2.20 Session 4

3.20 Plenary + Prize Draw

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Sessions

Keynote - Practical Podcasting: From idea to iTunes

(Joe Dale)

This session is designed to demystify the process of podcasting by running through the step by step process needed to create personalised audio files for revising vocabulary, grammar or model answers that your pupils can download and listen to in their own free time whenever and wherever they want.

Morning sessions

Session A

AfL in MFL - strategies which work

(Sharon Balch)

This session will help you maximise the AfL you use in class, with tried and tested ideas for resources for pupil feedback. You will also look at how to get the most out of your schemes of work and assessment as well. The results this focus on AfL has had are impressive!

Session B

Using song, rhythm, music and movement for language acquisition

(Rachel Hawkes and Leigh McClelland)

The use of music and movement in language learning redresses the balance in favour of auditory and kinaesthetic learners, ensures repetition without tedium, speeds up oral production and new language input, hones pronunciation, enhances the cultural dimension and gives MFL officially the status of 'cool' subject. And it's fun for teachers too!

Session C

I blog, you blog, (we)blog

(Chris Fuller)

A hands-on workshop designed to show you how easy it is to set up a MFL blog to:

- publish your pupils' spoken and written work to a real audience
- offer personalised and distance learning opportunities
- provide electronic assessment for learning in a safe and moderated environment

Session D

Practical ideas for teaching Primary Languages that work.

(Lisa Stevens)

This session will offer ideas for PLL that have been tried and tested on pupils from Kindergarten to Year 6 (and beyond!) and investigate such things as

- songs and rhymes
- Big Books (homemade and published)
- games
- websites (for the classroom and for PD)
- display
- links across the curriculum

Audience participation encouraged!

Session E

Death by PowerPoint? Keep your finger on the trigger

(Joe Dale)

This session shows how MS PowerPoint can greatly improve MFL teaching in the classroom. Triggers, drag and drop, custom animations, action buttons, colour coding and keyboard shortcuts will be demonstrated as part of a variety of practical examples for presenting vocabulary and playing games.

Session F (Please note this is a double session taking all morning)

Animation for the classroom.

(Oscar Stringer)

A fun hands on session introducing teachers to simple tips and tricks for getting started with animation in the classroom. Also looking at how animation can support the new literacy strategy.

Session G

Funky Flipcharts and Interesting Interactivity

(Lesley Welsh)

The session will focus on practical, tried and tested ideas to use on an Interactive Whiteboard. For more experienced users there will be a chance to experiment with advanced features of the IWB. Delegates will also use ACTIVote handsets to trial multiple-choice quizzes to bring those language lessons to life!

Lunchtime promotional sessions

Session 1. Podcasting with Podium - Pure and Simple, Safe and Secure

(Doug Dickinson an educationalist who works with Softease, the software's producers).

If you want to know about simple, quick, safe and secure podcasting that will grab attention for its ease of use ... then this session is for you.

Session 2. How the use of ICT can transform your students learning experience

(Sarah Burgess-Parker, Secondary Sales Manager, Heinemann publisher)

Using Heinemann's Metro & Expo resources to give exciting multimedia presentations from the front of the class, using an interactive whiteboard or a data-projector, laptop & screen. Chance to win a free Teacher Presentation Package in a language of your choice!

Afternoon sessions

Session H

A blogger's life- a year in the life of a Web 2.0 beginner

(Chris Fuller)

A description of the simple and practical ways Chris has used blogs, podcasts, wikis, digital video and mobile phones over the last 12 months to help his pupils (aged 3 to 18 years old) learn Spanish in a more purposeful and engaging way by offering them the possibility of assessing each other's work and channel their creativity with technology they love to use in their own time.

Session I

That's Edu-tainment!

(Leigh McClelland)

Practical applications for and instruction in Microsoft MovieMaker.

- Opportunities to see examples of use by teacher and pupils and to discuss teaching and learning advantages.
- Opportunities to practise editing video, adding sounds, photos, music etc.

Session J

Memory matters: VAK strategies to accelerate memory in language learning

(Rachel Hawkes)

Maximising the ability to retain language over a long-term period is at the heart of success in MFL. This session takes what we know about memory and applies it to language teaching to offer some tried and tested (albeit perhaps weird and experimental!) strategies to help students of all learning styles use their memories effectively for language learning.

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Session K

Somos lo que celebramos - eTwinning.

(Lisa Stevens)

Whitehouse Common Primary School was this year awarded a Runners Up prize in the eTwinning Awards for their project, Somos lo que celebramos.

At this session, you will discover

- how to find an eTwinning partner,
- how eTwinning can work for you and your partner school(s),
- what 's been learned from the experience at WCPS
- WCPS's plans for the future.

Session L

Podcasting with Audacity

(Joe Dale)

This workshop will give you some hands-on experience with free sound editing software Audacity for making your own podcasts. You will learn how to:

- record narration
- edit and trim your recordings
- add music
- export as mp3
- upload to a podcast portal

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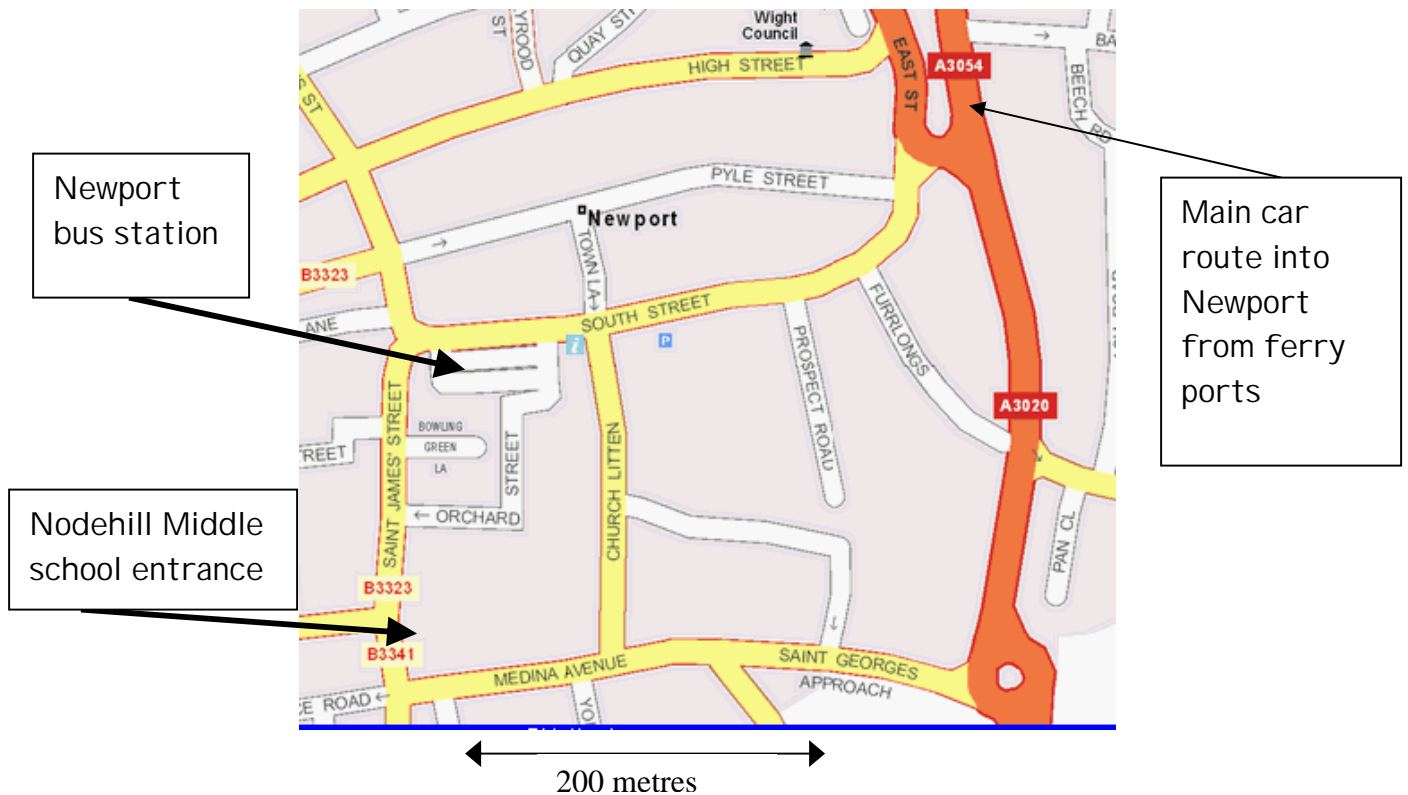
Session N

Flashmeeting : A video conferencing tool for MFL & 'eTwinning' school partnerships

(John Warwick)

An introduction to the free 'Flashmeeting' VC tool to see examples of how it has been used in schools by teachers and pupils across Europe and beyond. An opportunity to investigate the potential of VC for MFL teaching and learning. This session will also raise your awareness of opportunities and funding available through two British Council programmes 'eTwinning and 'Comenius' which aim to increase partnerships between the UK and European Schools.

Location



Travel

By car

As the school is in the centre of town, parking at the school site is not straightforward. There is no dedicated car park at the weekend and it can be difficult to find a place in the surrounding streets. Even if you have accommodation it may be best to leave your car there and walk or get a bus to Newport bus station.

By public transport

By train and plane

To travel to the Isle of Wight, there are direct train links from London Waterloo, Cardiff via Bristol, Manchester via Birmingham to Southampton and Portsmouth (amongst others). You can fly with various airlines including Flybe to Southampton Airport (5 miles north of Southampton centre and connected by train). There is a free connecting bus between the ferry terminal and Southampton Central station. The ferry terminal is part of the train station at Portsmouth harbour.

Ferries run every half an hour with:

Red Funnel: Southampton-West Cowes – passenger only – recommended - 25 minutes
Southampton-East Cowes – passenger and vehicle – 55 minutes

Wightlink: Portsmouth Harbour-Ryde Pier head – passenger only – 15 minutes
Portsmouth-Fishbourne – 45 minutes
Lymington-Yarmouth – unless you live near Lymington this route is not recommended as you then have ½ hour bus or car journey to Newport.

For those on foot, the central bus station in Newport is 1-2 minutes away from the school and there is a frequent service to both West Cowes (no. 1 for Southampton passenger ferry) and Ryde (no. 9 for Portsmouth passenger ferry).

Useful Links

<http://www.nationalrail.co.uk>

<http://www.redfunnel.co.uk>

<http://www.wightlink.co.uk>

<http://www.flybe.com>

MFL Show and Tell – Friday 12th October 2007



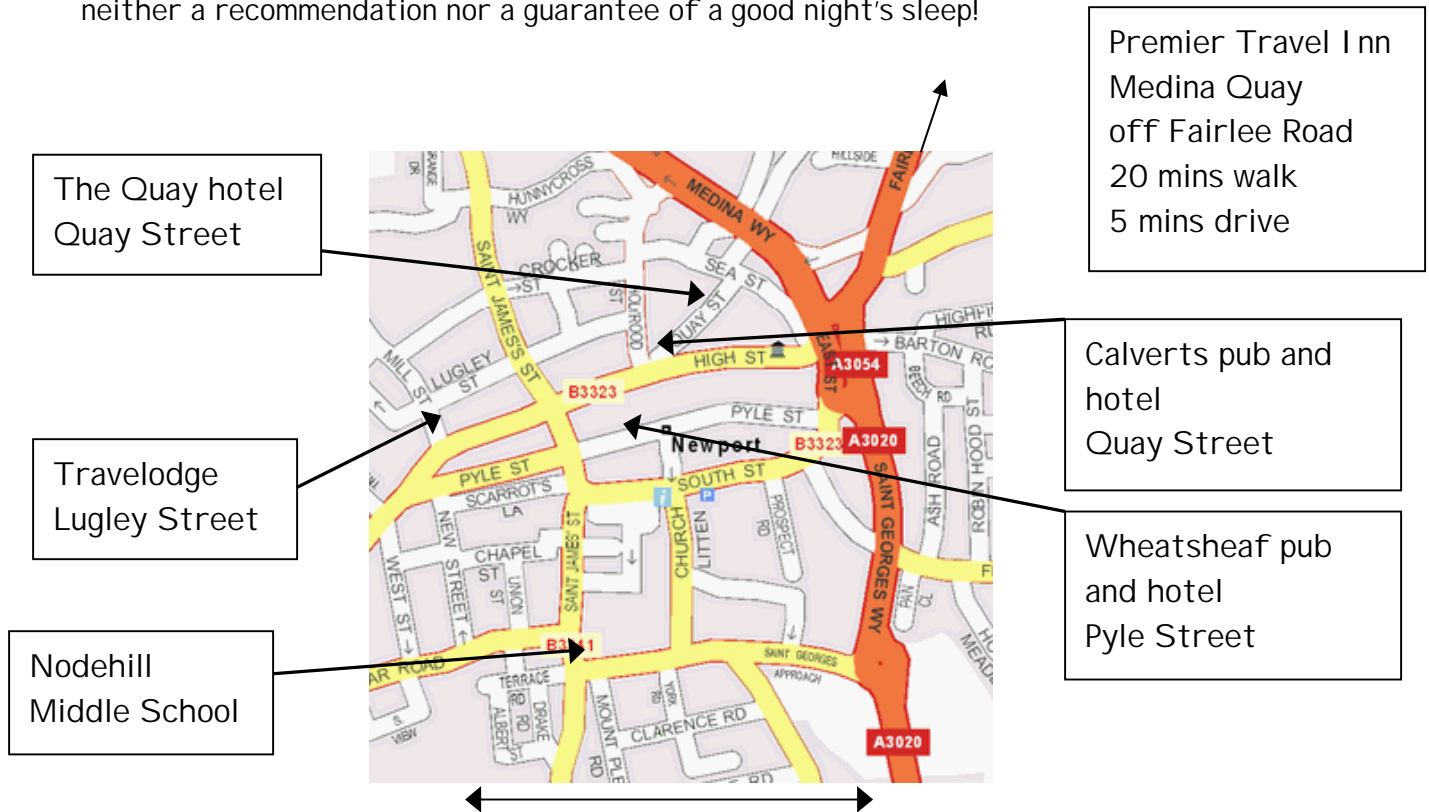
An informal gathering the day before the conference for teachers to swap ideas on using technology to enhance language learning at The Castle Inn in Newport (including free buffet). Sign up today!

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Accommodation

There are several places to stay in Newport itself. Please note that inclusion on this list is neither a recommendation nor a guarantee of a good night's sleep!



Travelodge - town centre

[http://www.travelodge.co.uk/find_a_hotel/hotel/hotel_id/338/NewportI sleofWight](http://www.travelodge.co.uk/find_a_hotel/hotel/hotel_id/338/NewportI%20sleofWight)

0871 984 6348

Nodehill: 8-10 minutes walk

Bus station: 5-6 minutes walk

car parking available

Travel Inn - outskirts of town

[http://www.premiertravelinn.com/pti/hotell nformation.do?hotell d=24077](http://www.premiertravelinn.com/pti/hotellnformation.do?hotell d=24077)

08701 977 144

Nodehill/ Bus station : 20-25 minutes walk

bus stop at end of road - 5 minutes bus ride (£1.30) to Newport bus station

car parking available

Wheatsheaf pub and hotel - town centre

www.wheatsheaf-iow.co.uk/

01983 523865

Nodehill: 5-6 minutes walk

Bus station: 3-4 minutes walk

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Calverts pub and hotel - town centre

<http://www.calvertshotel.com/>

(01983) 525281

Nodehill: 8-10 minutes walk

Bus station: 6-7 minutes walk

The Newport Quay hotel - town centre

www.newportquayhotel.co.uk

01983 528544

Nodehill: 8-10 minutes walk

Bus station: 6-7 minutes walk

car parking available

Feedback from last year's conference

Thanks for organising this very inspiring event. I have taken lots of good ideas home which I will hopefully be able to turn into reality very soon. Podcasting and blogging are definitely the way forward to personalise learning as they allow access at a time, pace and space of your own choosing as well as differentiation of support. A MUST try for all those out there whose MFL time is being cut down and for those who would like to offer independent language learning opportunities to students who - for one reason or another - wouldn't/couldn't choose MFL at KS4/5 but want to develop some language. Thanks again, I really enjoyed this and would recommend a follow up event! - Volker Green

Merci Joe d'organiser cette conférence. Elle était inspirée! - Mark Broom

Wow!!! I am still recovering from such a mind-blowing day! You'd be proud to hear that I have already been working on some of the ideas presented on the various sessions I was lucky to attend. Just as well we've got a week off! I've really been spurred on to try out quite a few things! Many thanks to Joe and all the speakers! C'etait super! - Julie Tortajada

Fantastic day - mind blowing. Spent several hours at home immersed in the virtual world researching all I had heard about today (much to families dismay). Have downloaded audacity and have an official blog now for my school - yes it is easy, now I need to go away and fiddle with it. Anyway thanx to all those who have inspired me especially to Joe and his merry band of podcasters! - Kyra Ward

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Session preference form

Delegate name	
Delegate school/institution/business (to appear on delegate badge)	

Please register your preferences by putting in the session letters as in the session descriptions. *Please note sessions F and M take place across 2 sessions.*

	1st choice	2nd choice
Session 1 morning		
Session 2 morning		
Session 3 afternoon		
Session 4 afternoon		

Session preferences are dealt with on a first come first served basis and we will endeavour to give everyone their 1st choices. If for any reason we cannot place you in either your first or second choice session, we will email you to ask you for your next preferred session.

Please email this back to us at joedale@talk21.com

We will send you an acknowledgement email. If this has not arrived by 2 days after you sent it please try again. Contact number: 01983 522886 (School reception)

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