



## Year 9 Pupil Survey: Attitudes to Languages Parent/Guardian Information Sheet and Opt-out Form

### What is the research about?

This research aims to better understand pupil perspectives and attitudes to learning Modern Languages in schools throughout the UK via a short pulse survey. The research is funded by the British Council.

### Why have I been given this information?

You are being given this information because your child, or a child in your care, has been asked to take part in this research in school. **If you are happy for your child to take part, you do not have to do anything.** If you prefer your child does not take part, please complete the opt-out form overleaf and return it to [language Trends@qub.ac.uk](mailto:language Trends@qub.ac.uk).

### Why are young people in Year 9 being asked to take part?

Young people are experts in their own lives. It is only by consulting with young people that we can understand their perspectives and attitudes to learning Modern Languages at school.

### Do young people have to take part?

No young people do not have to take part. Young people will be asked if they want to take part. Their participation is voluntary.

### If young people choose to take part, what will young people have to do?

Young people who choose to take part will be asked to complete a short online survey about learning languages.

### What will happen to the results of the study?

The results of this short survey will provide a snapshot of what young people think about languages. The findings will be published as a two-page infographic report in Winter 2024/25. Last year's study can be found here: [2023 Pupil Attitudes to Languages](#)

### Privacy Notice

The confidentiality of all persons and institutions involved in the research will be assured. The survey will be completed anonymously. Young people will be asked for some personal information (e.g. gender) but this will also be given anonymously. All data will be stored securely in line with the Queen's University Belfast research data management policy <http://go.qub.ac.uk/datapolicy>

Ian Collen (Principal Researcher, Queen's University Belfast) and Jayne Duff (Research Fellow, Queen's University Belfast) will be the only people with access to the data.

#### Who is organising and funding the study?

The study is being organised by Jayne Duff, from the School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work at Queen's University Belfast. The British Council is funding the study.

#### Who has reviewed the study?

The study has undergone rigorous Ethical Scrutiny and Approval by the Ethics Committee from the School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work at Queen's University Belfast.

#### What if I have more questions?

If you have any questions about the project or want more information you can email Jayne Duff (see below).

#### Can my child withdraw after having done the survey?

You may contact the researcher, Jayne Duff, with any concerns you have at any stage of the study. You may choose to withdraw the participation of your child at any time up to 30 December 2024 without giving a reason. Once a pupil has completed the survey, they too may decide to withdraw their data by emailing Jayne Duff with their first name and school name. A Principal can also withdraw all responses from within the school community.

#### Contact information

Jayne Duff, Research Fellow, Queen's University Belfast  
[language-trends@qub.ac.uk](mailto:language-trends@qub.ac.uk)

## Parent/Carer Opt-Out Consent Form: Year 9 Survey on Attitudes to Languages

Please complete this form if you **do not want** your child to take part in this research and return to [languagetrends@qub.ac.uk](mailto:languagetrends@qub.ac.uk).

**If you are happy for your child to take part, you do not need to complete this form.**

- Each young person will be able to choose whether or not they wish to take part.
- Each young person taking part will be able to make an informed decision and may choose to withdraw up until 30 December 2024.
- In taking part, a young person will be asked to give their first name. This is so that we can remove their data before 30 December 2024 should they subsequently change their mind (before 30 December 2024).
- The participation of a young person may be withdrawn at any time by a parent or carer by completing this form and emailing the researcher directly at [languagetrends@qub.ac.uk](mailto:languagetrends@qub.ac.uk).

If a young person is being withdrawn it is essential that the young person is made aware of this. Young people have rights and must be consulted about all decisions which affect them and their view must be given due consideration, commensurate with age.

Name of young person:

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School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name parent/carers:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information

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