

## **News from the Languages department:**

On Thursday 18 March the Evening standard printed the following article:

### **' Talking your way to the top'**

The key message was:

- Languages are topped only by IT as the most desirable skill for job applicants according to a poll done by British employers via CILT.
- More than 10 companies said that speaking a second language gives a candidate the X Factor or the 'added value' when applying for a job in the highly competitive job market.
- A degree in a language is one of the most valuable qualifications. Graduates can expect a starting salary of £26.823 which is more than graduates of engineering, mathematical sciences, physics, astronomy and chemistry.
- UK businesses are operating on the global market and are stressing the importance of foreign language skills.
- It is important to get this across to young people in the UK as many companies are forced to recruit from overseas, where the population can often speak two or more additional languages.
- The languages in demand are French and German as the official languages of the EU, followed by Spanish, Russian Mandarin and Arabic.

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[www.cilt.org.uk](http://www.cilt.org.uk)  
[www.languageswork.org.uk](http://www.languageswork.org.uk)

I can not stress enough how fortunate Lanfranc students are to be part of a learning community where languages are considered vital and students are encouraged to take a GCSE in a language.

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