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Welcome to Pendleton College

Pendleton College is a student-centred college with a consistent record of success and achievement. We aim to give you a fun, rewarding and challenging experience. Come along to one of our open evenings and see for yourself!

For an application form or details about our open evenings please visit our website (www.pendcoll.ac.uk) or call Admissions on 0161 278 3325.

Modern Foreign Languages

We pride ourselves on being a supportive department where students can get extra help and support whenever they need it. Our enthusiastic staff all have a genuine love of languages and will inspire you to become confident and fluent in your chosen foreign language.

There are three language courses offered at AS and A-Level:

- French
- German
- Spanish

What our students have achieved

- 100% pass rate on all language courses
- High percentage of high grades (A and B)
- Very good value added scores
- High rates of progression on to university language courses
- Past students have gained places at ULIP (University of London Institute in Paris)

What OFSTED say about us

- Teaching is well-planned
- Teachers are experienced, well-qualified and committed
- The group work was excellent
- Tutors provide very detailed, systematic feedback to students
- Students expressed their own ideas and appreciation enthusiastically
- Tutors provide very good support for students' learning

How we do it

- Well-planned and interactive teaching
- Effective preparation for assessment and examinations in all four key skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening)
- Excellent enrichment opportunities that enhance learning and emphasise the use of languages
- Tutors are well-qualified, of native origin and very experienced in language teaching





Enrichment

The department offers a wide range of enrichment activities, trips and visits. These opportunities will help you to develop your skills, strengthen your university applications and enable you to discover other cultures and languages outside of college.

Recent International Trips

Paris, France

AS and A-Level French students spent a study weekend in Paris. Our students attended "Focus on French" and "Your Future in Europe" conferences which took place at the Palais des Congrès, as well as exploring the beautiful monuments of Paris and 'une promenade en bateau mouche' along the River Seine.

Cambre, Spain

Spanish students received the opportunity for an exchange visit to Cambre, in the North West of Spain. The group were able to experience Spanish culture first-hand, visit many local historic sites as well as greatly improve their language skills.

Lunen, Germany

Pendleton German students recently enjoyed their third exchange visit to our partner school "Käthe-Kollwitz-Gesamtschule". Our students stayed with their exchange partners' families, spent a day in the partner school and enjoyed trips to the historic town of Münster, beautiful Cologne (including a visit to the famous Chocolate Museum!) as well as a day at the amazing theme park "Fantasialand".

Local Trips

- Cornerhouse foreign film viewings for all languages
- Salford University language revision seminars
- BBC Blast Interpreting Workshops at Salford University

College Activities

- Links with the Goethe Institute, Institute Cervantes, Clermont-Ferrand and Salford Twinning Association
- Visits from partner schools from France, Spain and Germany
- Email links with schools and colleges in each country
- Conversation classes conducted by foreign language assistants
- Other languages are offered according to demand, for example Chinese and Arabic





Careers

Taking an A-Level in a foreign language is not just for people who want to become a translator or interpreter. Being able to speak a modern foreign language is advantageous for a whole range of career paths in diverse industries such as:

Business

- Banker
- Human Resources Manager
- Public Relations Officer
- International Lawyer

Communications

- Translator
- Journalist
- Photographer
- Editor

Education

- Teacher
- Missionary Worker
- University Professor
- Teacher of English as a Foreign Language

Government Services

- Immigration Advisor
- Social Worker
- United Nations Representative
- Diplomatic Worker

Humanities & Arts

- Historian
- Actor
- Author
- Travel Writer

Sciences

- Archaeologist
- Museum Curator
- Doctor
- Researcher

Travel Services

- Tour Guide
- Holiday Rep
- Air Steward
- Travel Agent



Student Profiles



Ashley Hickson

Previous school: Walkden High
Courses: Spanish, English Literature, Fine Art
Next step: Manchester Metropolitan University
 "I've enjoyed meeting new people. It's very friendly."



Cassandra Bates

Previous school: Oasis Acadmey
Courses: Spanish, English, Law, Psychology
Trips: Cornerhouse Cinema, Law Courts
Next step: Leeds University to study law
 "There is a wide range of courses and the college gets good results."



Claudia Kelly

Previous school: Walkden High
Courses: French, English Combined, Media, Psychology
Trips: Chester Zoo
Next step: Manchester University
 "There are good learning facilities and you get to meet new people."



Etiendem Nikola

Previous school: Harrop Fold
Courses: French, Accounting, Business
Enrichment: Football
Next step: Manchester University
 "The life in college is different and the teachers are helpful."



Kirstie Boulton

Previous school: Smithills
Courses: German, Psychology, Dance, Physical Education
Trips: German Exchange, Cornerhouse, Chester Zoo
Next step: University in Leeds or Loughborough
 "College prepares you for the future and you get to meet new people."



Natalie O'Mara

Previous school: Fettes College
Courses: German, English Literature, Business, History
Trips: German exchange visit
Next step: Study German and international business
 "The people are great."