

Language Ambassadors

Profile



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Languages spoken (native and learned): French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (conversational) & Mandarin Chinese (basics)

To me, the ability to speak another language is so important – you can get away without it but it opens up so many (invaluable!) doors in your professional but also personal life.

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Studying 2 languages minimum is a must in the French curriculum – I enjoyed it so much that I continued at university. Studying Mandarin Chinese at university gave me the great opportunity to work in China for 6 months – it wouldn't have happened otherwise!

Learning English allowed me to come and study in the UK where I have met my partner. I wouldn't be living and working in the UK today if I hadn't learnt English.

Being a linguist means you are more open to different cultures and ways of thinking – it also makes you (re)discover your own language and culture.