

The Gilbert School



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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: A Level French and German Taster Afternoon at Colchester Sixth Form College

We are delighted to offer our Year 11 French and German students the opportunity to attend an A Level Languages taster afternoon at Colchester Sixth Form College.

This visit will provide students with valuable insight into studying French or German at A Level and will help them make informed decisions about their post-16 options. During the afternoon, students will:

- Take part in an engaging A Level French or German lesson led by specialist teachers.
- Experience the style and expectations of language learning at sixth-form level.
- Meet current students and staff.
- Explore the college campus and facilities.
- Learn more about the courses and wider opportunities available at Colchester Sixth Form College.

This is an excellent opportunity for students who are considering continuing their language studies beyond GCSE, as well as those who would like to find out more about life at a sixth-form college.

The visit will take place on Thursday, 1st October, leaving school at 12.20pm and returning around 3.00pm. We will be travelling by school minibus.

Students are expected to maintain the high standards of behaviour that they demonstrate in school and to follow all instructions given by school and college staff throughout the visit.

If you would like your child to take part in this exciting opportunity, please complete and submit a response/consent form by no later than Friday, 25th September by clicking here: [MFL - Colchester Sixth Form College Taster Day - 1st October 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Due to space constraints within Colchester Sixth Form College classrooms, places on this trip are limited to 10 – 5 for each language. Students will be selected on a first-come-first-served basis.

We strongly encourage students with an interest in continuing studying languages to attend. Modern language skills are highly valued by universities and employers alike, and this taster afternoon will provide an excellent introduction to further study.

Should you have any questions regarding the visit, please do not hesitate to contact the Modern Foreign Languages Department.

Yours faithfully

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