

Language Journeys

On 17th November 2018, **multilingual Year 9 pupils** and University of Nottingham students shared their language journeys

"It means I can socialize with different people from different places."

Reem, 3rd Year International Media & Communications

"It means we have empathy with different groups of people."

Lidiya, Year 9

"Wherever I go in the world, I know I'll be fine."

Emilia, 2nd Year Modern Languages with Translation

"The more you speak it with people, the more confident you'll get."

Reem, 3rd Year International Media & Communications



What does it mean to you to speak more than one language?

"I am very glad that I am multilingual"

Keziah, Year 9

"Learning a new language helps with confidence."

Matthew, Year 9

Do you get nervous when you speak a new language?

It opens your mind. You don't just learn a language, you learn the whole culture behind it."

Greta, 4th Year Modern Languages with Translation

"I'm scared I'll make mistakes, but it doesn't matter. As long as other people understand me, it's fine!"

Emilia, 2nd Year Modern Languages with Translation

What are the benefits of speaking more than one language?

"It opens up many opportunities, such as experiencing life in another country."

Matthew, Year 9

"Once you know two languages, it's easier to learn others."

Oliwia, Year 9

"When I was in Year 2 girls spoke Arabic with a different accent, so I started to speak the same accent, and it was kind of funny!"

Marwa, Year 9

What's it like making new friends in a new language?

"If you're an open person, you can make friends in any language."

Emilia, 2nd Year Modern Languages with Translation

"Very nervous! But people here were so welcoming."

Renáta, 2nd Year Modern Languages with Translation

"If you speak to someone in their mother tongue, it's much easier to communicate fully with them."

Greta, 4th Year Modern Languages with Translation

"I had moments when it was easy to make friends, and others when I felt a bit outside."

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When you first moved to the UK, how did you feel?

"Everything was so overwhelming! But now if I moved to another country, I'd feel much more confident in myself."

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