

Context and challenge

Monmouth Comprehensive School in South Wales offers French, German and Spanish at GCSE and A level and acts as a Learning Network School for the Education Achievement Service (EAS), supporting language learning across the region through the Welsh Government's Global Futures strategy. As the new Curriculum for Wales approached, the International Languages Faculty sought to develop ambitious, confident learners across all four language skills, while also ensuring continuity of high-quality provision during periods of remote and blended learning.

What was delivered

Sanako Connect Online was introduced to support both classroom-based and remote language learning. Following comprehensive remote training, the department expanded use of the platform beyond recording tasks to deliver complete online lessons, particularly at Key Stage 5. Teachers designed structured sequences of activities using authentic audio, video and written materials, eliciting responses orally and in writing before moving on to exam-style gap fill, multiple choice and translation tasks. The platform enabled teachers to monitor, assess and provide live feedback, all within a single, integrated environment.



Impact & Benefits

- ✓ Improved student independence and confidence across all four language skills.
- ✓ Continuity of high-quality language provision during remote and blended learning.
- ✓ Effective use of listening and reading materials to support exam preparation.
- ✓ Seamless monitoring, assessment and live feedback for teachers.
- ✓ Scalable approach now being extended from KS5 into KS4.

Pedagogical impact

Sanako Connect enabled students to access a wide range of language resources, supporting independence and confidence development across listening, speaking, reading and writing. The flexible flow of tasks allowed teachers to adapt pace and progression, ensuring students could engage with complex topics in manageable stages. Instant feedback on tasks such as gap fill tasks was particularly valuable in helping students identify errors and improve accuracy. During periods of lockdown, A-level Spanish students explored topics such as *teletrabajo* and *quinceañeras* using authentic materials, maintaining challenge, engagement and progression in a fully remote context.

“ Thanks to Sanako Connect, we were able to continue offering students the challenge, support and monitoring that they had come to expect, while maintaining their confidence in their language skills. ”

The positive impact on progress and student confidence is clear.

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