

Natalie

I'm a finalist at the University of Exeter where I study LLB Law and European Study. Alongside law modules I studied two years of advanced German before my year abroad during my third year. For this, I attended Bucerius Law School in Hamburg and studied German and International Law alongside their domestic students. Being in Germany gave me opportunities such as being a panelist at a political event, talking about Brexit and the EU to around 250 people in German. I then picked a language specialism, 'German for Business', during my fourth year back at Exeter. I'm about to undertake my law professional exams alongside a Masters to qualify as a solicitor; I have hopes of working in an international law firm where I can work both in Germany and the UK. Eventually I wish to move back to Germany full time.

Sterling

Regarding my pathway since leaving St. Brendan's in 2016 it started with a gap year where I worked for Deliveroo to save money for trips to Belgium, Italy and a cycling tour from Dieppe to Barcelona where an understanding of MFL helped greatly in all 3 cases. From there I studied International Relations for 3 years at Keele University, graduating in 2020 with an enhanced degree title of BA (Hons) International Relations with Advanced Competency in Spanish thanks to modules in Spanish taken that contributed to my overall mark. I also attended an intensive language and culture course at the Universidsd de Navarra for 2 weeks, funded in part to a Santander travel bursary.

Over the last year I've been employed by Royal Mail as a casual mail sorter (where I used Spanish to converse with various members of staff), interviewed for both the British Army and Royal Air Force (for linguist roles) but now am in the final stages of starting my new job with the Ministry of Defence. From these experiences MFL have been played a key role in both what I've been able to offer to organisations and what organisations are able to offer me.

Holly

In terms of my pathway since leaving St Brendan's, I finished my A-Levels in 2015 and went on to study a BA (Hons) in German and Spanish at the University of Southampton. This included a year abroad studying at Philipps-Universität Marburg in Germany. I then graduated in 2019 and worked for a translation agency in Southampton for just over a year. Following that, I moved to Cardiff in January this year and now work for another translation agency as a junior project manager.

Isabel

I'm Isabel and I studied German, English and Business Studies at St. Brendan's, leaving in 2016. Since then I have studied a German Studies with Italian degree at the University of Warwick, including a year abroad which I spent in Cologne. I also completed two scholarship language courses in Berlin and Rome during that year, spending a month in each. Since graduating, I have had various work experience and I am now working in Government at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in Policy and I'll be going onto the Civil Service Fast Stream (graduate scheme for Government) in September.

Ella

After leaving St Brendan's I studied a BA History with English. After graduation I moved to Beijing where I spent a year teaching English before returning to the UK to complete a MSc in International Relations. I joined the Civil Service in 2018 and have been there ever since! I've worked in a variety of roles and areas including: policy, strategy, Brexit, Local Government as well as working for the Special Advisers. I'm about to start as a Senior Policy Adviser at the Department for Transport in their International Negotiation team.