

# Young Strathclyde: Accelerate

## Languages Challenge

8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Accelerate is a one-week programme, held at the University of Strathclyde, for pupils who have just gone into S5 and S6. It aims to provide a targeted focus on the pupils' chosen area of academic interest, giving them a head start on the road to their chosen career.

There are ten areas that you can choose from in 2026, depending on your career aspirations:

- **Business**
- **Chemistry**
- **Chemical Engineering**
- **Computer Science**
- **Education**
- **Electronic & Electrical Engineering**
- **Languages & International Communication**
- **Law**
- **Politics**
- **Product Design**

Teams of academic experts have put together week-long Challenges in each of these areas that will allow pupils to find out all about their area of interest and the career opportunities open to them. Led by undergraduate and postgraduate student mentors from the relevant fields, pupils will undertake a variety of group challenges, as well as attending career workshops and getting a chance to see what student life is like.

### The Languages Challenge: Outline

The International Communication Challenge has three main aims:

- To enhance your language skills through a real-world challenge that will give you an insight into the considerations and planning that go into preparing to welcome international visitors to major events in Scotland.
- To allow you to explore study and career options with a wide variety of professionals and academics while being treated as a real university student for the week.
- To allow you to take part in group challenges that will enable you to put into practice some of the international communication expertise that you will gain during the week.



University staff and current students of Journalism Media & Communication, Politics & International Relations, Hospitality & Tourism Management and Modern Languages will be on hand throughout the week as a resource of advice and information and to support you through your group tasks.

### What will you be doing?



Building on your existing French and Spanish skills – or getting a taste of these languages as a beginner – will be a core feature of the week. Ultimately, you will be challenged to use your language and intercultural skills to produce content for a website or app designed to welcome international visitors to a major event in Glasgow.

Successful communication is underpinned by a deep understanding of how language and culture are interlinked. Looking beyond the words that we speak, you will work together to decide on the information that should be included in your digital visitors guide from your group's specific area of expertise in Journalism, Media & Communication, Politics & International Relations and Hospitality & Tourism Management. The app/website will provide a go-to introduction for visitors to the host city and to the event, enabling them to get the very most out of their visit!

By giving you a glimpse of the international communication and language skills that go into producing communications resources for major events, be they sporting events, music events, festivals, or conferences, this challenge will open your eyes to the fascinating and diverse range of studies that you can combine with a language at university!



Our careers and industry presentations will also allow you to see the future opportunities available to you, and the whole week will offer you a taste of what it is really like to be a university student.

You don't need to be currently studying Higher French or Spanish, all we ask is that you have an interest in languages.

The International Communication challenge has official accreditation on the SCQF Framework. This means that there will be some assessment on this challenge and, should you pass this, you will gain 10 credits at level 7. Level 7 is the same as Advanced Higher or first year university work.

For further information, visit:

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