

Sign Language (BSL)

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BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

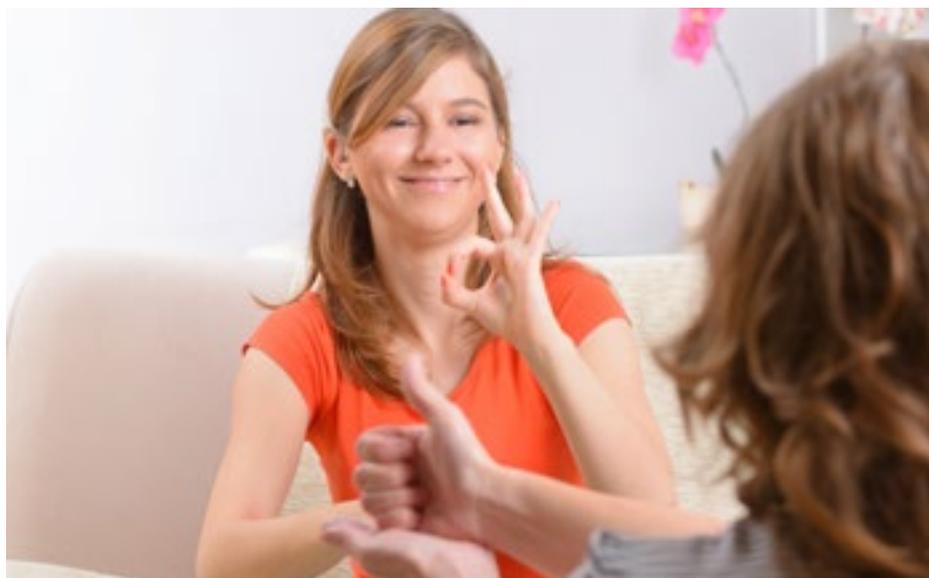
The College is able to offer two sign language programmes for students wishing to gain this valuable skill.

BASIC INTRODUCTION CLASS

During term, on Tuesday lunchtimes a basic introduction to BSL (British Sign Language) for beginners class is held. The class lasts just over 30 minutes. Please check online for the venue at the start of term: www.heythrop.ac.uk/experience

The class is open to all students and staff too at no charge and participants will be provided with a BSL guidebook(s).

The sessions are basic and fun giving an insight into, and basic competence in, communications with signing Deaf people. Participants have found the skill acquired useful on encountering signing Deaf people outside in the world at large as well as giving them an heightened awareness of deafness.



LITURGICAL SIGNING

The Wednesday lunchtime session in Liturgical Signs is more specialised, encouraging those interested to use sign language in the liturgies we offer here at Heythrop. Past participants have said these classes have enriched their appreciation of the prayers and liturgy during Mass, enabling them to feel more involved in the services. There is no charge and participants are provided with a DVD of Catholic liturgical signs. Beginners welcome!

ABOUT FR PAUL FLETCHER SJ

Both classes are run by the College Chaplain, Fr Paul. BSL is his preferred first language, and being congenitally profoundly Deaf himself, he has first-hand knowledge and experience of deafness. As a RC priest he usually celebrates Mass in word and sign, praying more expressively than just speaking the words.

HOW TO BOOK

To find out more or to book for either class, please contact Fr Paul at p.fletcher@heythrop.ac.uk



