

*Have you got what it takes to be a*

# CODE BREAKER ?

Each session will be for a maximum of 30 pupils in years 9, 10 or 11. The pupils will take part in a morning of fun and stimulating code-breaking activity, where they will be transliterating a short text written in Russian, Arabic or Chinese into Latin script by using an alphabet or hieroglyphics chart. Pupils will learn how to pronounce the words, what they mean, and will translate the text into English.

Language teachers and ambassadors from Durham University will run the event but it is expected that school MFL staff will be present to support their pupils.

**9:15** - A guided discussion on Russian, Arabic or Chinese as world languages (where are they spoken, by whom, different varieties and influence of immigration)

**10:00** - Pupils work on transliterating a written text

**10:45** - Break

**11:00** - Pupils finish the transcription and start the translation into English.

**11:30** – Pupils hand in their translation.

Follow-up activity: cultural concepts and linguistic expressions that have been difficult to translate.

**12:30** - Activity finishes.