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HALLO! SALUT! ¡HOLA!

Welcome to the very first edition of the QEGS MFL Newsletter! We hope to add to your language learning experience by promoting language skills, celebrating student success and keeping you up to date with events and activities in the languages department. The Newsletter is written by some of our very talented ambassadors, our Language Leaders, as well as MFL teachers.

WHY YOU SHOULD LEARN A LANGUAGE!

- Sadly at present British people aren't well known for their foreign language skills. More than 75 per cent of people in the UK are unable to hold a conversation in any of the top ten languages that the British Council considers the most important for the future.
- French & German are the most common second languages that corporate governance professionals already speak, but what should candidates be learning?

- Last year, the British Council updated its top ten Languages for the Future. These are:

1. Spanish	5. German	9. Japanese
2. Mandarin	6. Italian	10. Russian
3. French	7. Dutch	
4. Arabic	8. Portuguese	

- People who spoke Japanese or Chinese commanded the highest average salaries.
- Three of the top ten Languages for the Future are taught here at QEGS! Lucky you!

SO, WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF LEARNING A LANGUAGE?

- It improves your memory and increases your attention span.
- It exercises your brain and challenges you to concentrate.
- Confidence increases when a new skill is mastered and it's the same with learning a language.
- It increases your self-confidence.
- It improves your ability to solve problems and to think more logically.
- It shows you to be more logical and rational, have better decision-making skills and be more perceptive and aware of your surroundings.
- You can communicate on a global level.
- It enhances your experience of travel and holidays.

- Y10 Language Leaders

STUDENT VOICE: MARY GLASGOW MAGAZINES

QEGS students have the opportunity to subscribe to language magazines. These magazines offer a unique way for students to learn languages. Every subscription includes five magazine issues per year which are carefully tailored to match the curriculum and feature up-to-date and relevant content.

Packed full of cultural insight, Mary Glasgow magazines cover a range of topics that students want to read about with everything from YouTubers to sports stars featured. For more information, students must speak to Madame Fryer.



"I really enjoyed starting to read my languages magazine as I feel like I have learnt more about Spain and interesting things about the Spanish Language. It is written in a fun way where you can listen and play along whilst learning."

- Charlotte (Y7)

"I have just received my language magazine and I am really looking forward to reading it. You can tell from the cover that it does not just contain things about Spain but facts about animals, films and probably much more."

- Layla (Y7)



Follow our new Instagram account [qegs_languages](https://www.instagram.com/qegs_languages) where we will showcase student work, share revision tips and promote language events and activities.



SCAN ME!

COMPETITION CORNER

Our first competition starts now!
What do you love about your language lessons?

Email palmer@qegs.email with your answer to be in with a chance of winning!

Competition closes:
Wed 19th Feb at 4pm.

QUIZ

1. What percentage of people in the UK are unable to hold a conversation in any of the top ten languages that the British Council considers the most important?
2. Which two languages are the most common second languages?
3. Which two languages caused people to command the highest average salaries?
4. Name three of the updated top ten languages of the future.
5. Name three benefits of learning a language.



DID YOU KNOW?

'Donaudampfschiffahrtselektrizitätenhauptbetriebswerkbauunterbeamtengesellschaft' is the longest word to be published in German. It is 79 letters long. Have a go at saying that one! Why don't you look it up to find out what it means?

In French, 'LOL' is 'MDR' (Mort de rire = What does that literally mean?) Look it up and find out what it means, and then email Mrs Palmer with your answer to win a merit!

REVISION TIPS

Put post it notes around your bedroom with key words from the current topic. Look at them/say the words aloud each time you move past them.



RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

www.linguascope.com

Username: queeneli

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Log onto Linguascope for a more interactive way of learning and consolidating vocabulary. Elementary and Beginner sections for Years 7-9 and Intermediate sections for Years 10-13.

TONGUE TWISTER TIME

(TRABALENGUAS / ZUNGENBRECHER / VIRELANGUE)

French

Cinq chiens chassent six chats

Five dogs hunt six cats

German

Fischers Fritz fischt frische Fische; Frische Fische fischt Fischers Fritz.

Fritz, the fisherman's son, fishes for fresh fish; For fresh fish fishes Fritz, the fisherman's son.

Spanish

Pancha plancha con cuatro planchas. ¿Con cuántas planchas Pancha plancha?

Pancha irons with four irons. With how many irons does Pancha iron?

Why don't you record yourself having a go at one of these and email it to your class teacher to win a merit.



If you would like to be involved in the production of the newsletter then we would welcome your involvement. Speak to your language teacher to find out more.