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HALLO! SALUT! ¡HOLA!

Our students were certainly feeling the love in February. We had over 60 entries to the first ever MFL Competition with students describing their lessons as inspiring, interactive and important. It was too hard to pick just one winner, so here are the top five responses:

FIRST PLACE Annie (Y8)

I love everything about my language lessons. I love speaking to a partner to practise pronunciation and speaking, I love listening practices because you can hear what a real Spanish person sounds like and use their accent to help you, I love playing Splat because it's a really fun way of practising vocabulary, and it's also really helpful, but most of all I love writing big paragraphs of Spanish. I love being able to talk about things I love, food I eat, where I've been and what I

JOINT SECOND PLACE Edward (Y11)

I like the way that the lessons are easily tailored to whatever the class needs to work on, also it is very good to have double lessons so there is less stress on having to rush to finish the work. You can simply do it as a starter in the next lesson. You can also get really good practice in for things like speaking and listening with the other people in the class and it is nice to help them with anything they need. Segundo, it is very

JOINT SECOND PLACE Ruby (Y7)

Why I love español!
I love Spanish as I enjoy teaching my family new phrases and words. Spanish is helpful as when I go on holiday to Tenerife

JOINT THIRD PLACE Millie (Y13)

My favourite thing about language lessons is when you learn more about your own language by learning another, like 'armadillo' meaning "little armored one" in Spanish, 'mosquito' "little fly" and 'burrito' "little donkey".

JOINT THIRD PLACE Lucie (Y7)

I have Spanish with Mrs Palmer she is a wonderful, kind, caring teacher. She is always kind to us and makes us laugh here and there. I have entered this competition because as I step through the doors into our Spanish class I feel happy. I forget about everything else that has happened and focus on the AMAZING Spanish class ahead and what I am about to learn in Spanish. Like on my first lesson I loved it much more than I thought also I was so much better at it than I thought just because of Mrs Palmer. As everybody says this class is the best class we have on Thursdays and Fridays. I have learnt a lot in Spanish like how to say my name and my age. Today I

love to do in a different language. It makes me so full of pride when I know that I can write pages and pages of words in Spanish that I wouldn't have had a clue what they meant two years ago. Languages open up so many job opportunities and it's amazing to be able to think that I could go to Spain and have a full-on conversation with a Spanish person! I absolutely love my language lessons, and I'm very proud of how far I've come in just two years at QEGS. I can't wait to learn more!

reassuring to know that what you learn can be applied outside of school, for example; if you are on holiday in Spain and need to ask for something but no one speaks English you can accurately communicate with them and this gives you a very proud feeling, and in certain situations this can be very useful, this then motivates me in lesson to try harder as I know I could one day need the skills I will pick up in the lesson to get out of a sticky situation!! Gracias

I can have conversations with the people. When speaking Spanish I love to emphasise my words! Spanish is my favourite language/ lesson as it is incredibly fun!

It makes you think differently about your own language and whole outlook on life, even the fact that 'Adiós' literally means "to God" and that if you never see that person again you are hoping they go to Heaven.

learnt about how to say what school I go to and what I like about my school. Also I have learnt about how to say the days of the week and how to describe my time table and I can also say that Spanish is my total utter FAVOURITE.

I have French with Mrs Hampson and she is a very nice teacher. She teaches us a lot. Like today I did a test with her and silly as I am I forgot to revise but because Miss had let me quickly check everything and because she has taught me so well I got 32/36. I now know how to say my birthday, my age, my appearance and lots of other stuff.

I just wanted to say a massive thank you to Mrs Palmer and Mrs Hampson.



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

Competition 2: What is your favourite foreign language word and what does it mean?

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

Competition closes: 2nd May at 4pm.

STUDENT VOICE – WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE MFL LESSONS AT QEGS:

FUN, INTERESTING, USEFUL, PRACTICAL, AMAZING, CREATIVE, GOOD, INSPIRING, ENJOYABLE, COMPLEX, FASCINATING, SUPPORTIVE, IMPORTANT, WONDERFUL, DIFFERENT & INTERACTIVE

REVISION TIPS

Record yourself speaking in a different language and listen to yourself over and over again to help memorise key phrases and responses for speaking and writing assessments.



RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

www.languagesonline.org.uk

Access this free website for lots of vocabulary, grammar consolidation and practice. Suitable for all Key Stages and available in all languages.

LANGUAGE STUDY AT HOME

There are lots of ways you can continue to improve your language skills whilst at home including using websites, watching films and listening to music. On the QEGS MFL Instagram account we are posting daily language activities for you to try. Take a photo or video of yourself having a go at one of these and email it to Mrs Palmer to receive a merit or distinction.



COCO - A FILM REVIEW BY CHLOE AND MILLIE (Y13)

The 2017 Disney Pixar film 'Coco' is a truly wonderful work of art in every aspect. 'Coco' is stunningly animated, portraying vibrant variations of colour throughout as well as paying a poignant tribute to family and Mexican culture through the tradition of celebrating the 'Day of the Dead'. The sprightly young protagonist, Miguel, aspires to become a world-famous musician despite the wishes of his family. Miguel finds himself in the 'Land of the Dead' wherein he meets his ancestors and discovers the truth of his family history. It is a place rich in vibrant colour beautifully representing Mexican culture through images of jubilant sugar-skull skeletons and enthusiastic music. The plot has an unanticipated twist which provides a multitude of shock and excitement for the viewer. 'Coco' has strong themes of perseverance, teamwork, gratitude and respect throughout, encouraging the audience to love and appreciate the family around them and inspiring them to follow their dreams.

Vocabulary

El Día de los Muertos – The Day of the Dead
Alejado – Banished
Los alebrijes – Spirit animals
Zapateros – Shoemakers
El alma – The soul
El cielo – Heaven
La cruz – The cross

Favourite Songs

Recuérdame (Remember Me)

I love the importance of this message, based on the Mexican ideas of 'three deaths', the first being physical, the second the burial, and the third when the last memory of you fades away.

La Llorona

This song is critical in the plot of the film as Mama Imelda sings for the first time since her husband left her, it shows the shift in the attitudes of Miguel's family surrounding his love of music.

Quote

'Vive tu momento' – Ernesto de la Cruz



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.