



# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

### NEWSLETTER

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## ¡BIENVENIDO! BIENVENUE! WILLKOMMEN! WELCOME!

We are so pleased to be back in school with our students. A special welcome to all of our new year 7 students and their parents/carers and to new starters in other year groups, some of whom have joined us from time spent in Spain, France, the USA and other countries. We can't wait to share lots of fabulous MFL learning experiences with you.

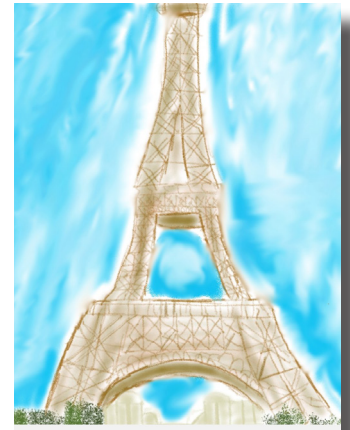
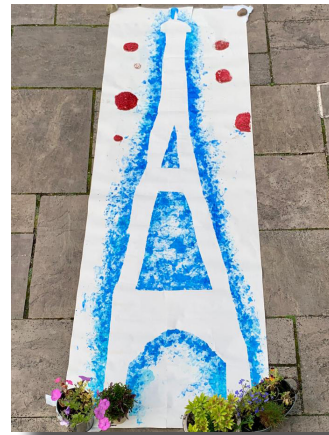
### EIFFEL TOWER COMPETITION WINNERS

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE** - Harvey Y8 - £5 Amazon voucher

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE** - Mollie Y8 - French Vocab Book

**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE** - Lily Y8 - Sweeties

Well done and thank you to those students who entered. We had some stunning work and super creations including towers made out of shreddies, lego and tin cans featuring LOL dolls. Here are some images of the winning designs.



### MATERNITY LEAVE FOR MADAME ATKINSON

Congratulations to Madame Atkinson on the birth of her baby girl! We wish her the very best for her maternity leave. We will certainly miss her! Madame Fryer will be covering in her absence as the Curriculum Leader (Monday-Wednesday), alongside Señora Palmer (Thursday & Friday).

### RESULTS

A special mention is owed to our Y11 and Y13 MFL students from last year. Many of our students achieved fantastic results which they had worked incredibly hard for. We were saddened at how their year came to an abrupt end but we are immensely proud of their hard work, resilience and maturity in dealing with such circumstances.

### Y12 STUDENTS

Welcome to Issie, Alex, Flora, Amelie, Helena, Savita, Katie, Eve, Millie and Abi – our new Sixth Form language students. Congratulations on your fantastic GCSE Results. We are thrilled that you have chosen French and/or Spanish at A Level and we know you are going to love it. Bonne chance! ¡Suerte!

### EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 26TH SEPTEMBER 2020

On Saturday 26th September, we celebrated a day known as the European Day of Languages. This day aims to promote the rich linguistic diversity of Europe and raise awareness of the importance of lifelong language learning for everyone. Why do you think it is so important to speak another language? Ask your class teacher for more information!



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!



## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that in Germany there is a tradition called 'Kaffee und Kuchen'? This is when German people get together around 3/4pm to enjoy a cup of coffee and a slice of cake. There are so many different kinds to try!! We think you should try it one day this term. What is there not to love? Chat, cake, coffee (or another delicious drink)!

## REVISION TIPS

Make flashcards with key words in a foreign language. Test yourself on the meanings and then try to use that word in a full sentence. Spanish example: tengo (I have) – Tengo un perro que se llama Alfonso.



## LIFE IN LOCKDOWN BY ALEX (Y12)

### SPANISH:

El confinamiento-

Creo que el confinamiento de COVID-19 fue muy importante para salvar vidas. Ahora es claro que hubiera sido peor si no hubiéramos hecho nada. Aunque muchos de nosotros no pudimos ver a nuestras familias, fue necesario. Muchas personas buscaron formas de mantenerse en contacto con sus familias y amigos. Por ejemplo, en mi familia no pudimos visitar a mis abuelos entonces les dimos una tableta vieja para que pudiéramos verlos.

### FRENCH:

Le confinement-

Pendant le confinement de COVID-19 j'avais trop de temps libre donc j'ai fait deux choses... j'ai dormi et j'ai mangé. Non, malheureusement ce n'est pas vrai- en réalité je devais faire beaucoup chez moi, par exemple, j'ai décoré ma chambre et deux autres chambres. Mais aussi j'ai fait des stages en entreprise virtuelle et regardé des séries dans Amazon Prime comme 'The Office'. En tout le confinement n'était pas mal et je ne suis pas devenu fou!



## STUDENT VOICE: MY FIRST EXPERIENCE OF SPANISH AT QEGS

**Limoni** – I like it because I can use it in Spain!

**Jack** – It is quite good!

**Nevada** – It makes me think about holidays!

**Bella** – The lessons are really fun and totally different to other subjects!

**Esme** – The lessons are fun and enjoyable, I really like it!

## COMPETITION CORNER

Design a Day of the Dead themed piece of art work. It could be a poster, a colourful skull, a poem, a mask. Submit your work to your current MFL teacher by November 6<sup>th</sup> or send electronically to [palmer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:palmer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk).

## RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Memrise – [www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com) - a natural approach to learning real-life language. Short clips, multi choice questions, easy to use and FUN. Why not give it a go?

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.