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DAY OF THE DEAD COMPETITION WINNERS

We were absolutely thrilled with the wonderful entries to the Day of the Dead Competition! We had some stunning work from papier-mâché skulls, cakes, painted rocks, loom band figures to posters and masks. It was fantastic to see such creativity and talent. Well done to all of the students who entered, you have all been given a distinction. Head over to the [qegs_languages](#) Instagram account to see all competition entries.

1ST PRIZE

Carla M in Y7 for her exquisite painted skulls.
£5 Amazon voucher. Happy spending!

2ND PRIZE

Esme C in Y7 for her brilliant papier-mâché skull.
A Spanish vocabulary book and some sweets.

RUNNERS UP

Fleur H in Y7

George P in Y7

Nevada B in Y7

Liska F in Y7

Caris E in Y9

Pippa S in Y9

Jamie B in Y9



TOP TIPS FOR Y10 & 11 MFL STUDENTS BY LUCY H & ASHA M-J IN Y13

As A level Spanish students, we understand the challenges of revising for language exams, but we also know how rewarding it can be when all of the hard work pays off. We're going to give you some tips to hopefully make your revision more fun and effective.

Our top tips for the speaking exams are to learn some complex structures that you could apply to any topic or question, for example "No creo que sea justo..." and "Si yo fuera primer ministro, me gustaría..." are great phrases in Spanish that can boost the level of your answers. Another great way to feel more confident in speaking is to practice different topics regularly with a friend so that you can share ideas and give a range of opinions in the exam. Regular practice also helps you work on your spontaneity and fluency. You could also try recording yourself on your phone and listening back to it to help you remember key phrases and work on your pronunciation.

For listening revision, our advice is to practice with the listening activities on Kerboodle or past audio recordings from AQA. You can pause and replay the tapes at your own pace to get used to retrieving information from the recordings. Listening to music or watching a TV show or film in the language that you're learning in your free time

is also a great way to get used to hearing people speak in that language. They often speak much quicker than the people on the audio tapes in the listening so it will make the exam seem much easier.

Making flashcards with synonyms are a useful way to revise because they often use of a variety of more obscure words and synonyms for the reading and translation sections. It is also helpful for the writing because you can learn a variety of vocabulary to express your ideas. Flashcards with tenses and conjugations are also effective to help you remember different word forms, especially if you get a friend or someone at home to test you on them.

It's important to revise these little and often so that they are cemented into your long-term memory.

We hope our tips for revision have been helpful and that we have provided you with some passive activities such as listening to music in the target language but also some active revision techniques including practicing speaking and using flashcards to help memorise words. We find the active revision techniques are the most effective way to improve. If you need any more advice about revision for languages or want to know about A level language studies, you can always email us.

MFL MOCK EXAMS

Well done to our Y11 Linguists who recently completed mock exams in Reading, Listening and Writing. Your teachers are busy marking your papers and will soon give you useful feedback for making further progress. Keep up the effort and commitment to your MFL studies next term!



DID YOU KNOW?

All these brands are foreign! Which countries do they come from? Can you find out where they come from and what the main products are?

MANGO, ZARA, CORONA, BMW, ESTRELLA, CHUPA CHUPS, HARIBO, MERCEDES, CUSQUENA, CHANEL, SANTANDER, VEUVE CLIQUOT, PEUGEOT

REVISION TIPS

Remember that QEGS subscribes to www.linguascope.com. We have been using this resource to support blended learning. It is a great, fun, interactive way of learning and consolidating vocabulary at all levels. We recommend Elementary for Y7, Beginners for Y8 and Y9 and Intermediate for Y10 and Y11. Username: [queeneli](#) Password: [pizza](#)



STUDENT VOICE: MY FIRST TASTE OF FRENCH AT QEGS

Y7 students have started to learn some French this half term with one lesson a fortnight. After Christmas, Y7 students will have 3 lessons of French per fortnight and one of Spanish so that by Easter both languages have been studied to the same level.

Ben R – It is an interesting language to learn!

Poppy W – It was fun doing the quiz all about France!

Taylor – It seems easy to pick up.

Daniel C – It is a nice sounding language. I liked learning about the landmarks.

Sabah – I like the fun PowerPoints my teacher uses to introduce the words.

Hannah E – I think it has been easy to learn because we have started Spanish and it is a bit similar. It is also good to be able to say you know more than one language!

Carla M – I love Linguascope!

Poppy B – It is useful in case you visit France.



COMPETITION CORNER

Produce a poster or fact file all about Christmas in either France, Spain, Germany or another country where one of these languages is spoken eg. Belgium, Mexico. Submit your entry to your class teacher or email Mrs Palmer:

palmer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

Deadline: Friday 8th January 2021

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

DuoLingo is a free language learning website and app which is fun to use as it teaches you via a series of activities, games and challenges. There are various levels you can start at including beginners. Spending a few minutes every day on this app or website will do wonders for your language acquisition.

Wishing all of our students & their families a very Happy Christmas from the MFL staff.
Feliz Navidad Joyeux Noël Frohe Weihnachten

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.



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