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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Bonne Année! Frohes Neues Jahr! Happy New Year!

We hope this letter finds you safe and well. We want to be able to offer you as much support and guidance as we possibly can during the period of remote learning. We understand that remote learning a foreign language can be difficult and we would like to make the experience a positive and enjoyable one for all our students and families. Therefore, we have put together a bank of resources for you to be able to dip in and out of to both support and enhance remote language learning. The vast majority of our lessons will be delivered live by your child's class teacher, however, there will also be some pre-recorded lessons delivered via LOOM which your child will access during their lesson and the teacher will be available for support and feedback.

We recommend that where possible you try to engage in the learning process with your child. You don't need to be able to speak the language to do this! Please find below some activities and resources you might like to try.

Useful activities to support your child's language learning:

1. Go through a list of vocabulary with them. Ask your child to read the words aloud to you and practise the pronunciation. Your child could try memorising the words and then you could give them a quick quiz.
2. Ask your child to teach you the numbers 1-30 in a language and then play a family game of BINGO.
3. Ask your child to tell you about themselves in Spanish/French/German – we are certain that you would love listening to them and it is a great way for them to practise some simple sentences in the comfort of their own environment. They should be able to say their name, their age, what they look like, things they like as a starting point.

Useful websites:

1. www.wordreference.com – this is an online dictionary available in multiple languages. It can be useful to use to check the meanings of foreign words in a text or if students are writing a text and need to look up a word they know in English but aren't sure of in the target language.
2. www.linguascope.com – Username: queeneli Password: pizza. This is a fun way to learn and consolidate vocabulary with lots of interactive games as well as some worksheets and vocabulary lists. We recommend Elementary Level for Year 7, Beginner for Year 8 and Year 9 and Intermediate for KS4 and KS5.
3. www.languagesonline.org.uk – available in all three languages, this website is super for learning and consolidating vocabulary as well as a whole grammar section. There are lots of units which link in with our schemes of learning.
4. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrqmhyc> - BBC Bitesize offers reading and listening activities with short videos on a range of topics studied at QEGS. There are KS3 and KS4 areas to look at.

For an explanation on how each of these websites work, please watch the short video by following this link:

<https://www.loom.com/share/2e31d7ccea34825b00287d7efcbab24>

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Our Instagram Account:

We run an Instagram account which parents, carers and students over the age of 13 are invited to follow. During lockdown we post *optional*, fun daily activities for students and their families to engage in and this was a big success during our first lockdown. We also share and celebrate the work our students have submitted. The account is called [qegs_languages](#). For students under 13 it is possible for parents to follow the page and share the activities with their child/children so that they can also be involved.

MFL Newsletter:

Each half term we publish our MFL Newsletter which is emailed out to all parents. The Newsletter includes articles written by both staff and students, competitions, hints and tips as to how to prepare for exams and work remotely as well as fun facts and languages notices. We would love for you to take a look at this with your child. If your child has an interest in writing and/or journalism and marketing, we would love to hear from them so we can invite them to be involved in the production of the Newsletter. Queries should be directed to palmer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

These activities and resources are purely suggested as options and there is no expectation that your family has to engage with these with everything that you may have going on at home. However, if your child is finding language learning more challenging, they might help to get the learning process started. Many of our students do love Linguascope and BINGO!

For language learning support, please direct your email in the first instance to your child's class teacher. We are here to help you and have plenty of ideas and suggestions which can support and enhance the remote learning experience.

Muchas gracias / Merci beaucoup / Vielen Dank / Many thanks

Yours faithfully

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