

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK! This half term we welcomed back Madame Atkinson who has been on maternity leave following the birth of her baby girl. Madame Atkinson returns to her role as Curriculum Leader (Mon-Weds) which is shared with Señora Palmer (Thurs & Fri). We would like to thank Madame Fryer for doing a sterling job as the maternity cover for Curriculum Leader of MFL.

ADIÓS / AU REVOIR

At the end of the Summer term we will bid a fond farewell to Señora Ortega, previously known as Señora Anstead, and Señora Sims, both of whom have taught Spanish and French at QEGS for seventeen and four years respectively. Our students and staff will miss both of these wonderful teachers tremendously. We are not at all envious of Señora Ortega's return to Spain! We wish them both a bright and happy future and we thank them for their commitment to life at QEGS throughout their time with us.

NEW MFL STAFF

Exciting news! We will be welcoming three new MFL teachers into the department in September. Keep your eyes peeled for Issue 10 for more information!

PRIDE IN MFL

To celebrate Pride month this half term some of our students have been learning about MADO – Madrid Orgullo (Madrid Pride). We looked at how the event is celebrated and we learned lyrics to a song called '¿A quién le importa?' (Who cares?) by Alaska. Check out our Instagram account for a short clip of 10qSp singing – and dancing, in some cases – to this song, as well as a fabulous selection of posters highlighting the importance of PRIDE.

STAR LINGUIST

Wow! We caught up recently with star linguist Aleksander in Y9 who told us of his love of languages and plans for his future. We are absolutely delighted to have such an enthusiastic, dedicated and passionate linguist at our school.

Hello, my name is Aleks and I am a Year 9 linguist! Languages are more than just a subject to me - it's a life skill. The key to an exciting experience, full of opportunities. That's why I'm currently learning 5 languages - English, Spanish, French, German and Polish. I enjoy French so much, I have plans to study law at Université Libre de Bruxelles (Free University of Brussels) and Université de Genève (University of Geneva). I strongly encourage all students to take a language as an intellectual



challenge but also to improve your memory and your logical faculties, which are directly linked to your problemsolving skills!

LA EUROCOPA

Some students in KS3 have enjoyed football themed Spanish lessons this term to tie in with the Euros. On Thursday 8th July 9xSpH had a celebratory lesson in which they gave their opinions on the semi-final against Denmark and shared their predictions for the final against Italy. 8xSpV also enjoyed learning about football themed vocabulary with Señora Ortega. Head over to qegs_languages on Instagram for some superb work!

CURRICULUM PLANS

All Y7 and Y8 students should now have received a letter informing them of plans for MFL study in September. Some of our students will continue with either French and Spanish or German and Spanish and others will continue with Spanish only. Please ensure you have received this information and for any queries, please contact Señora Palmer: palmer@gegs.email

COMPETITION WINNERS!

Well done to Lexi and Emmie in Y7 who have won the MFL Competition linked to Bastille Day. Students were invited to prepare a French themed snack and both Lexi and Emmie wowed us with their creativity! Delicious crêpes made and decorated by Emmie and a wonderful Eiffel Tower inspired cake by Lexi. Bravo! Prizes will be handed out to both students before the end of term.



