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WELCOME TO OGA MFL!

WILLKOMMEN! BIENVENUES! ¡BIENVENIDOS!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that your children have settled back in well to life at OGA and a brand-new school year!

The MFL team would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our fantastic department and in this newsletter, we would like to give you a little bit of useful information which we hope will help you support your children's' MFL learning in lessons and at home. You will also find a summary of all the exciting things going on in MFL this term.

Our students have made a great start to their language learning, and we are looking forward to supporting them to achieve their best and enjoy their lessons this year.

MEET TEAM MFL

8 TEACHERS, EACH SPECIALISING IN 2 OR 3 LANGUAGES

Mrs. K. Ranga



I am Head of MFL and been teaching at OGA for 5 years. At university, I studied German, Spanish and English as a Foreign Language in Dresden, Germany. My first experience of life in the UK was a year in Birmingham. I love to travel and read to my two daughters in German and English!

Ms. E. Sanchez



I am from Granada, Spain. I joined OGA in 2017 as Second in MFL. I teach Spanish, French and German and I speak English fluently. I am in charge of enrichment and MFL Twitter. I love coffee and travelling, and my favourite Spanish words are 'palomitas' and 'sacapuntas'.

Mrs. K. Lumley



I have been teaching languages at OGA since 2001. I can teach all 3 languages that we offer as I did a degree in German at University, I got a diploma in French as part of my PGCE and later I went to night school to gain a GCSE in Spanish. It is fantastic to be able to communicate with others in their native language.

Ms. A. McIntosh



I am a very experienced teacher of French, Spanish and German. I have travelled the world and met lots of different people. I love sewing, music, art and meeting new people. I also love a good cup of coffee! I do the MFL craft enrichment and I sometimes do cooking. I am passionate about languages and discovering new things.

Mr. M. Harding



I am a Spanish and French teacher at OGA and I joined the school many years ago. I have travelled a lot and I spent some time in Japan, this is why I do all the Japanese enrichments. In my spare time I play the flute and I love fitness. I also like trying different foods and I am always looking forward to travelling abroad.

Mr. C. Cullen



I joined OGA 2 years ago and my languages are French and German. I was born in Luxembourg where I went to school and was taught in these languages. I moved over to the UK 6 years ago to study at university and decided to stay here and teach. My favourite word in French is 'en fait' which means in fact or actually and the French use it a lot!

Mr. D. Evans



I joined OGA this September as SENDCo and as a member of the Senior Leadership Team with responsibility for Inclusion. As a former Head of MFL, I thoroughly enjoy sharing my passion for languages with students daily, helping them discover the new cultures and understand the world they live in.

Mrs. R. Coronil Hunter



I joined OGA this September and my languages are French and Spanish. I studied French from GCSE right through to a Masters in Translation Studies. However, in my twenties I decided to pick up Spanish and I moved to Spain for 3 years. Now I use Spanish every day at school and at home with my Spanish husband and two bilingual children. My favourite Spanish word is 'escaparate' and it means shop window.



Languagegenut

HOMWORK

This year we will continue to use Languagegenut.com for homework. Logins (usernames and passwords) are on Googleclassroom and will be available to access for the whole academic year. Should your child forget their login, they can always refer back to Googleclassroom.

Languagegenut is a website where language teachers will set their students 'assignments'. Each assignment relates to the vocabulary being learnt in lessons and by logging in and opening the assignment, your child can quiz themselves on new and previously learnt vocabulary by playing a series of games and puzzles.

Languagegenut covers the four skills (reading, listening, writing, speaking) and exam-style questions. It can be downloaded on to a tablet and an app is available of Apple and Android phones.

Each assignment has a start and due date and will usually take a student between 15 to 30 minutes to complete depending on whether they are in Key Stage 3 or 4. However, they are also free to repeat the activities as many times as they wish and access resources which will help them get ahead, catchup or even, learn a new language. Your child's teacher will be able to see how well they did on the weekly tasks and the department runs a leaderboard and we even compete with schools across the world!

ENRICHMENT

The MFL team offers an extensive range of opportunities to get involved in language learning after school. On Thursdays and Fridays KS4 and KS5 can attend enrichment sessions to support them with exam preparation. On Wednesdays, all year groups are invited to take part in Languages Enrichment – the theme of the activity changes weekly and as you will see below, it is very different to your timetabled French, German and Spanish lessons! So far this term students have already enjoyed learning Japanese and this week was Cinema Night – Part1.

The below schedule is regularly shared on Googleclassroom and our twitter page: @OGA_MFL.

Wednesday 21st Sept	Cinema Night: Spanish film - part 1
Wednesday 28th Sept	Cinema Night: Spanish film - part 2
Monday 3rd October	Día de los Muertos – Biscuits
Wednesday 12th Oct	World Crafts
Wednesday 19th Oct	MFL Mindfulness colouring & music
Wednesday 2nd Nov	'Day of the Dead' Crafts
Wednesday 9th Nov	MFL Mindfulness colouring & music
Wednesday 16th Nov	MFL Board Games
Wednesday 23rd Nov	Japanese Club
Wednesday 30th Nov	MFL Cooking
Wednesday 7th Dec	Japanese Club
Wednesday 14th Dec	MFL Disco Night Event





¡VAMOS A GRANADA!

OCTOBER 18TH 2022 – 3 NIGHTS

We have the wonderful opportunity of travelling to Granada with some of our Y10, 12 & 13 students! We will go on Tuesday the 18th of October and come back on Friday the 21st, when our half term break starts.

We have planned lots of activities such as visiting the 'Alhambra', eating tapas, going to the 'teterías' and many other things. It will be a fantastic experience for our students as they will have to use Spanish in real context and will discover more about the culture.

It will be an experience that we hope they will never forget!

OTHER RESOURCES

HOW ELSE CAN I PRACTICE MY LANGUAGE SKILLS AT HOME?



duolingo

Duolingo – It is an app which helps you learn a language through quick, bite-sized lesson. You will earn points and unlock new levels of learning while gaining real-world communication skills.



BBC Bitesize is perfect for all year groups' needs. It has excellent listening activities and fun videos you can watch should you need to hear the explanation of a grammar point again.



Languages Online languagesonline.org.uk is a great website for practicing grammar and vocabulary. It covers French, Spanish and German from GCSE right through to A Level.



Quizlet is a great quizzing platform for all your subjects. Just search for the topic you would like to revise and lots of ready-made quizzes will come up. You can also make your own flashcards and quizzes.

Y7 Vocabulary Learning Techniques – watch this video to learn about how you can revise vocabulary independently!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16q3U7SBUyU831g-juDCHtqUnl918Smf/view?ts=632f1b65>