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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM OGA

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FROHES NEUES JAHR! BONNE ANNÉE! ¡FELIZ AÑO!

Dear Parents and Carers,

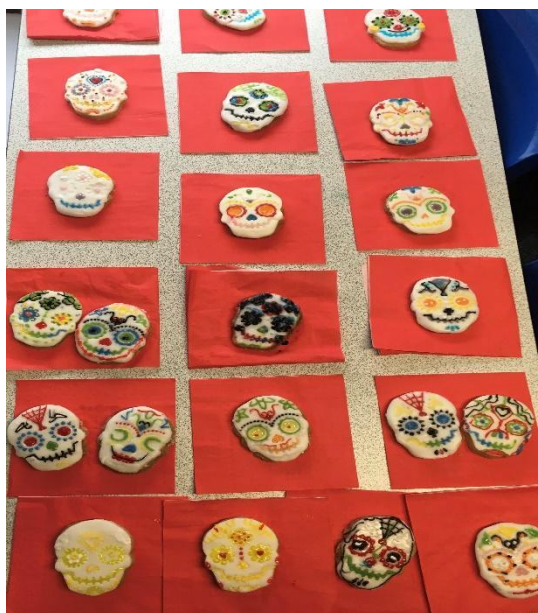
The MFL department at OGA would like to wish you a Happy New Year and update you on how we ended 2022 and what is to come in 2023!

This edition of the OGA MFL Newsletter will also give you a little bit of useful information which we hope will help you support your child's MFL learning in lessons and at home including enrichment, up-and-coming exams, and trip news!

ENRICHMENT AT OGA MFL

In Term 1, a huge number of students attended after-school enrichment in the MFL department. The MFL team offers an extensive range of opportunities to get involved in language learning after school. On Wednesdays, lots of students have enjoyed learning Japanese, watching Spanish films, cooking Día de Los Muertos inspired biscuits and origami.

On Thursdays and Fridays, an impressive number of KS4 and KS5 students have been attending enrichment sessions to support them with exam preparation – their writing skills have already improved since the mock exams!



Next term's enrichment timetable can be found below:

Wednesday 11th Jan	Cinema Night: French film - part 1 ESA
Wednesday 18th Jan	Cinema Night: French film - part 2 ESA
Wednesday 25th Jan	MFL Origami AMC
Wednesday 1st Feb	World Crafts KLU
Wednesday 8th Feb	MFL Sports - Famous people & Quiz CCU

Wednesday 22nd Feb	Japanese Club MHA
Wednesday 1st March	MFL Mindfulness colouring & music ESA
Wednesday 8th March	German - interesting video clips CCU
Wednesday 15th March	MFL Cooking AMC
Wednesday 22nd March	World Crafts KLU
Wednesday 29th March	Board Games ESA



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HOMEWORK

In 2023 we will continue to use Languagenut.com for homework. Logins (usernames and passwords) are on Google Classroom and will be available to access for the whole academic year. Should your child forget their login, they can always refer to Google Classroom.

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, catch up 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!

We ended 2022 in 112th place out of hundreds of schools in the UK and worldwide! In terms of classes, two Year 7 classes were regularly in the top 3 for points, 7Y1 and 7W2 but in the final week, 8O3 swooped in and stole the top spot!

School World Ranking

110	Bourne Academy	4191400
111	The Albion Academy	4165700
112	Outwood Grange Academy, Wakefield	4125400

Classes League

1	8OSP3	935800
2	7y/De1 2022-2023	718800
3	7w/De2 2022-2023	632900

Yr11 Exams & Speaking

Mocks – Jan 16th

Firstly, the OGA MFL department would like to wish all Year 11 congratulations on their mocks. Well done, everyone!

It was a really hard time for our Year 11 students but we can already see in class and in intervention, just how much everyone

has learnt from the experience.

Since the mocks, Year 11 have been working hard to get ready for the **mock speaking exams which will take place the week beginning Jan 16th**. Students have prepared possible answers and should now be learning them off by heart. Each student has an individual time for their mock speaking which has been given to them by their class teacher. These are also stuck up outside classrooms, just in case, along with when MFL staff are available for extra intervention.

The Speaking exam is worth **25% of the GCSE** and although it can seem like the most daunting part of the GCSE, it is often the

exam in which our students perform the best. The mock is a fantastic opportunity to practice and become more comfortable with the format of the exam.

Please encourage your children to spend time learning their answers as this learning will also pay dividends in the other 3 GCSE exams. Good luck, Year 11!



¡FUIMOS A GRANADA!

Granada, done. Next stop, Berlin!

Last half-term, Miss Sanchez and Mr Cullen had the pleasure of taking a group of Y10, 12 & 13 OGA students to Granada ! The 3-night trip was a huge success. The students enjoyed every minute of their stay and really made Miss Sanchez and Mr Cullen proud.

They visited the 'Alhambra', ate tapas, and used their Spanish in the typical 'teterías'

It will be an experience they will never forget!

Mrs Ranga is now planning a trip to Berlin, the capital of Germany, so watch this space for updates about when the trip will be happening and what you need to do to reserve your place!

THEATRE TRIP

Some Year 9 and 10 German students have been invited to watch a German theatre company perform 'Im alten Saloon' as a reward for their hard work and attitude to learning in lessons.

OTHER RESOURCES

HOW ELSE CAN I PRACTICE MY LANGUAGE SKILLS AT HOME?



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

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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/16q3U7SBUykU831g-juDCHtqUnl918Smf/view?ts=632f1b65>