

MFL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Welcome to the very first edition of the HCC MFL Newsletter! We hope to add to your language learning experience by celebrating student success, promoting language skills, and keeping you up to date with events and activities in the languages department. The Newsletter is written by some of our very talented Language Leaders, as well as MFL teachers.

WHY LEARN A LANGUAGE?

- ❖ Improves memory and attention span.
- ❖ Exercises your brain
- ❖ Challenges you to concentrate.
- ❖ Mastering a new skill boosts confidence
- ❖ Improves ability to solve problems
- ❖ Helps you to think more logically.
- ❖ Shows you to be more logical and rational
- ❖ Improves decision-making skills
- ❖ Makes you more perceptive and aware of your surroundings.
- ❖ You can communicate on a global level.
- ❖ Enhances your experience of travel and holidays.

STUDENT VOICE

"I chose to study a language because it is helpful and gives me more life options. Flash cards work best for me when revising."

Tom Burroughs - year 11

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Seneca Learning is more interactive and effective than reading revision guides or making notes.

In a study of over 1000 year 9 students, those who had spent time using Seneca as part of their revision achieved test scores that were twice as high as those who hadn't.

REVISION TIP

Put post it notes around your bedroom with key words from the current topic. Look at them/say the words aloud each time you move past them.

MFL Competitions

Year 7 pupils are invited to compete for the French Spelling Bee title.

Tell your teacher if you are interested in getting involved and check your emails for the list of words to learn for the first stage of the competition.



Research and design a Christmas card (A5) which shows the Christmas traditions of another country. No English please but any other language is acceptable. P1 per entry. Deadline 10.12.21. Submit entries to MTH.

MFLCHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION





Mentoring – Inspiring - Motivating

LANGUAGE LEADER AWARD

Congratulations to the Honiton Community College students who have been appointed Language Leaders for this academic year!

The Language Leaders Award programme is open to students who have a passion for languages and want to disseminate their linguistic expertise with the school community.

The award seeks to develop leadership skills in our younger linguists while raising the profile of languages.

It aims to teach young people how to lead others through basic languages activities by working to develop their communication, organisation and motivational skills.

Alongside organising MFL events in school throughout the year and mentoring students in lower year groups, the programme involves students developing their planning, teaching and analysis skills and involves several visits to a local primary school to teach languages.

Participants will study different aspects of communication and leadership whilst developing the necessary skills to plan and deliver successful lessons in modern languages to younger pupils. Students will also research cultural identity in the country of their chosen language and will have the opportunity to impart some of this knowledge during their lessons.



MFL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Yr7 - Reese Tacbas

Yr8 – Oliver Smith

Yr9 – Gracie Marks

Yr10 – Hope Roberts

Yr 11 – Harry Chambers

Tales of Teacher Travels



**MISS BEAN
(ENGLISH)**

I haven't really lived in another country, but I spent 3 months volunteering in Nepal when I was 18 after my A levels. I stayed in an orphanage in Pokhara and helped and taught at a school nearby. It was an amazing experience and one of the best things I have ever done!

I speak a bit of French – I took this for A level but regret that I have let it slip over the years.

I've been to quite a few countries for holidays – usually in Europe. I've been to France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Tenerife, Gran Canaria, Majorca, Menorca, Venice and Bulgaria (I think that's everywhere!). A few years ago, I also took part in a trek in Peru for charity – we trekked along the Salkantay trail to Machu Picchu. When I was at Sixth Form, I also visited India for 2 weeks with the school.

I don't speak another language at home generally, but sometimes try to practise my French.

I think my favourite foreign country is Italy, which is also where I've had the best food! I visited Tuscany and had the best steak, best pasta and best ice cream (or gelato) I have ever eaten, and I love Italian food generally.

I also loved the food in Nepal – lots of tasty, vegetarian food and the lady who ran the orphanage I stayed in made an amazing dal bhat.

I'm planning on visiting New Zealand next year for my honeymoon – from what I've heard, I think this might be the country I'd choose to live in, but based on the countries I've visited so far, I'd have to choose Italy.



READY FOR A QUIZ?

QUIZ

Every entry earns a P1

EMAIL ANSWERS TO MTH

QUESTIONS

1. The word alphabet has roots in which language?
2. The first printed book was written in which language?
3. What was the first language spoken in outer space?
4. The Hawaiians have a lot of words for 'rain'. Can you guess how many?
5. 'Kikusikitishacho' is the longest word in which language?
6. According to dictionary entries, which language has the largest number of words (more than 200,000)?
7. What does 'real' mean in the football name 'Real Madrid'?

MFL DINGBAT

Lang4uage

MFL JOKE

MFL TONGUE TWISTER

Cinq chiens chassent six chats

(= Five dogs hunt six cats)



swimming poule

Student work

Congratulations to Rubie White for her hard work and effort. Well done!





**WHERE WILL
MFL
TAKE YOU?**

A qualification in Modern Foreign Languages from YOUR SCHOOL NAME could lead to a career as an...

Air Traffic Controller/Intelligence Specialist/Art Dealer/International Account Representative/Banking Correspondent/International Banking Officer/Bilingual Educator/International Consultant/Civil Service Employee/International Trade Economist/Interpreter/Copywriter/Investment Analyst/Cultural Attache/Linguist/Cultural Officer/Customs-Immigration Officer/Missionary/Doctor/Police Officer/Overseas Plant Manager/Financial Planner/Foreign Correspondent/Pharmaceutical Representative/Foreign Diplomat/Sports Agent/Foreign Exchange Trader/Teacher/Foreign Service Officer/Tour Organizer/Translator/Travel Agent/Travel Writer/Intelligence Researcher/Software Engineer, or a job not yet created...

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