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## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

During the week of the 23rd September, The Languages department hosted a series of events to celebrate The European Week of Languages. It was an amazing way to celebrate the great diversity of cultures we have at Queens' School and show our appreciation for them.

Miss Montes did an amazing job of organising an exciting programme of events throughout the week, which many of our staff and students took part in and each one was a great success!

On Monday, students enjoyed watching some of their teachers sing a few popular international hits in the International Teacher's Karaoke Show! Thanks to all the teachers who performed, they thoroughly entertained us.



On Tuesday, pupils came to learn some transactional language and everyday expressions in different languages (such as Persian, Italian, Portuguese, etc.) in the Languages Taster Sessions delivered by students from different year groups and coordinated by our fabulous English as an Additional Language Coordinator, Miss Holder.

On Wednesday, some of our most keen and energetic students took part in the Bollywood dance workshop led by Miss Patel, a genius of the art of dance!



And finally, on Thursday the 26th, the actual European Day of Languages, we celebrated the biggest event in our calendar: Culture Day. It was great to see so many of our students wearing their traditional attire. Some of them even explained to us the reason behind specific details in their clothing. What a wonderful and enriching experience this was!



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At lunchtime on that day, we enjoyed watching our students giving their best turns, poses on our Catwalk. And last but not least, our fantastic Canteen Team did not fall behind with the European Week of



Languages celebrations: not only did they prepare wonderful local dishes from different countries, they also displayed colourful decorations linked to those countries and their traditional products and they put on some traditional accessories! onion soup, ratatouille bake, chicken schnitzel, mushroom risotto, Spanish omelette were only some of the scrumptious meals they prepared for us throughout that week.

If this was not enough, our canteen sponsor “Culinaera”, in cooperation with our sensational Careers Leader, Mrs Manning, organised a careers talk based on the hospitality realm for some of our students. The guest speaker was Culinaera’s Area Manager.

For the grand finale to this exciting week, the week after the MFL team led a series of assemblies across every year group at school with the theme of “Communication”.

Mr Spada and Miss Montes explained the similarities and differences between communication within the animal kingdom and communication between humans. They encouraged our pupils to celebrate the gift of speech and they displayed a range of pictures of the events that happened the previous week, on the European week of languages. They also shared with students the fabulous designs that the MFL department has received for our very first Modern Foreign Languages Logo Design House Competition.

## MFL Logo competition



Here are some of the views of our students about our European Week of Languages events:

“The Teacher’s International Karaoke was filled with joy and excitement. Teachers such as Miss Montes, Mr Spada, Mr Ringshaw and so many more took part in this event. It was an incredible experience to witness.” - Prisha (Year 11)



“The teachers' international karaoke was a wonderful event. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to Mr Ringshaw and Miss Montes in particular as their turns were very fun. I love foreign music and the karaoke was a great way to bring attention to the many different cultures and to help expand one’s personal taste. It also made students feel more comfortable and to feel more connected with their teachers seeing them in a familiar state despite it still being in school.” - Evie (Year 11)

“The Bollywood Dance Workshop was not just a lesson of dance based on Bollywood songs but a really fun way to engage with creativity. It was a great opportunity to take part in cultural dances. Attending this workshop helped me explore my potential and made me enjoy dance. It was the best!” - Srinjoyee (Year 8)



“During the talk with our Culinera Area Manager, we discussed many aspects of ensuring our school's canteens work efficiently. We talked about issues such as food waste and health and safety, but also discussed how Culinera is trying to attract students with different themed weeks and menu's e.g. a different cuisine for each day of the week. I found out about the event from my Food Technology teacher, and decided to go the talk to widen my knowledge for my GCSE course. Overall, I found the talk quite interesting, especially when we discussed issues that I had been questioning myself such as pricing and food waste. Hasta pronto. Guillermo” - Will (Year 11)

Thank you to all students and staff who took part in the events of European Week of Languages showing all our STAR values. We can't wait until the next one in September 2025, but until then... keep celebrating proudly your own culture, keep gaining awareness and paying respect to other cultures and keep showing appreciation for diversity!

## **CLUBS**

The languages department is running lunchtime and after-school clubs to engage all students and support them for their GCSE exams.

Key Stage 4 after-school revision sessions run regularly for both French and Spanish.

Spanish: every Thursday in room 72 at 3:00pm

French: every Wednesday (room 67) and Thursday (room 71) at 3:00 pm.

Year 10 and Year 11 students are strongly encouraged to attend if they would like to boost their grade, get a little bit of extra support or ask their teachers for more guidance on exam-based skills and questions.

Key Stage 3 students are also all invited to participate in our board games club at lunchtime! In room 70 (Spanish) on Monday (room 68 - French). These lunchtime clubs are a fantastic opportunity to practise spelling with board games (Scrabble), relax and enjoy your lunch!



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