



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Mr R J Blyhton

Dear Parent/Carer,

The MFL department would like to share with you the events planned for **Beths International week**, which will take place on the week commencing 22nd September.

European Day of Languages 26th September – International Sign Language

This year, we have decided to focus on International Sign Language for Languages week so Year 7-9 will receive a taster lesson of sign language during their MFL lesson. Additionally, other departments will be including aspects of sign language with a cross-curricular emphasis. During lunchtimes on 26th September, students will have the opportunity to order food from the main canteen and the shack using sign language.

Cultural Awareness focus

Students in KS3 will receive a lesson focused on the culture of the countries where their chosen second language is spoken. In addition, students will have an assembly on European day of Languages and the importance of languages in our globalised world. There will be quizzes and form time games for which they can receive House points during the week.

Food tasting events

The MFL department will run food tasting events in French, Italian, Spanish and Mandarin during the week commencing 22nd September. This will be ticketed and for students in Year 8. Students in Year 7 and 9 will have the opportunity to sample food at events later in the year. Students can win tickets for this event for engagement in lessons in the run up to the events. They will have the opportunity to use their language skills to discuss the food on offer – Bubble tea from China, French cheeses, Italian and Spanish ham, cheese and tapas. Food allergy warnings will be given to students. Students must inform staff of any allergies.

Friday 26th September - International Dress Day

In conjunction with the Multicultural society and the House system, the MFL department is organising an 'International Dress Day'. Students from all years and all staff are invited and encouraged to wear international clothing, whether it be from their own family or friends' culture, a country they love or a key international figure. In previous years, students have dressed up in a variety of guises from Spanish flamenco costumes to traditional Nigerian clothing. We expect students to be creative, no football kits please! In past years, students have also worn the colours of a particular flag or symbol of a country that interests them, the list is endless!

For participating in International Dress Day, we ask that a small donation is made in cash on the gate (£1 is suggested). The money raised will be split between our two chosen causes: The National Deaf Children's society, a charity which campaigns to make sure deaf children get the support they need; and Beths Multicultural Committee to fund events in school which promote and celebrate multiculturalism.

For any questions, on the above events, students can speak to any of the MFL department teachers. There will be a presentation in MFL lessons on all upcoming events next week.

Yours faithfully,

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