



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Alex O'Donnell

18th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

The MFL department would like to share with you the events planned for **Beths International Week**, which will take place in the week commencing 21st September.

European Day of Languages 26th September – Swedish

This year, we have decided to focus on the Swedish language, so scholars in Years 7-9 will receive a Swedish taster lesson during their weekly MFL lesson for the language they started in Year 7. Additionally, other departments will be including aspects of Swedish in their lessons with a cross-curricular emphasis. At lunchtime on Friday 25th September, scholars will have the opportunity to order traditional Swedish meatballs in the canteen.

Cultural awareness focus

Scholars in Years 8 and 9 will receive a lesson focused on the culture of the countries where their chosen second language is spoken. In addition, scholars in all year groups will have an assembly on European day of Languages and the importance of learning languages in our globalised world, even in the age of AI. In form time, students will enjoy a languages quiz.

Food tasting events

The MFL department will run food tasting events in French, Italian, Spanish, German and Mandarin during international week for scholars in Year 8. This will take place during lesson time in their chosen second language class. They will learn about the cultural significance of the food on offer and use their language skills to discuss what they think about it – bubble tea from China, French cheeses, Italian and Spanish ham, cheese and tapas. Staff will bring in the packaging for all food items so the ingredients list can be checked for any allergens. Scholars must inform staff if they have any food allergies.

Friday 25th September - International Dress Day

In conjunction with the school's Multicultural Committee, the MFL department is organising an International Dress Day. Scholars from all years and all staff are encouraged to come to school wearing international clothing, whether it be from their own culture, a culture they love or a key international figure. In previous years, students have dressed up in a variety of traditional attire from West African Agbada to Japanese Kimono. Scholars are not permitted to wear football kits, and they must ensure that they dress in clothing that is appropriate for school and the British weather.

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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: UNICEF and the Beths Multicultural Committee (MCC), who fund events in school which promote and celebrate multiculturalism.

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

Yours faithfully,

Ms E Cato-Sargeant
Head of MFL