



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The MFL would like to share with you the events we have planned for Beths International week which will take place on the week commencing 27 September.

Friday 1 October - International Dress Day

In conjunction with the Multicultural society and the House system, the MFL department are organising an 'International Dress Day'. Students and staff alike will be 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 Frenchmen with berets and striped shirts to Mexicans in ponchos and sombrero hats. Students have also worn the colours of a particular flag, the list is endless!

For participating in International Dress Day, we ask that a small donation is made, (£1 is suggested) and the money raised will go to the charity WaterAid. This is a fantastic international charity that seeks to ensure that people around the world have access to clean and safe water and sanitation.

European Day of Languages: Portuguese

This year, we have decided to focus on Portuguese for European Day of Languages and therefore Year 7-10 will receive a taster lesson of Portuguese during their MFL lesson. Additionally, other departments will be including aspects of Portugal and Portuguese culture with a cross-curricular emphasis. During lunchtime on 27 September, students will have the opportunity to try Portuguese food from the main canteen and the snack shacks.

Cultural Awareness Focus

Students in KS3 will receive a lesson focused on the culture of the country whose language which they study for language two. 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 Event

The MFL department will run a food tasting event in French, German, Italian, Spanish and Mandarin on Thursday 30 September. Students from KS3 will have the opportunity to use their language skills to discuss the food on offer – Bubble tea from China, German sausages, French cheeses, Italian and Spanish ham, cheeses and tapas. There will be a sign-up sheet in the MFL corridor from 22 September onwards, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Food allergy warnings will be given to students. Students must inform staff of any allergies.

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

Yours faithfully,

Ms E Cato-Sargeant
Head of MFL