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# LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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## What are we learning this half term?

Please go to the Parent/Guardian information page of our website [www.deastonlanguages.com](http://www.deastonlanguages.com) to find out what we will be learning in French and German lessons this term, including homework and assessment information. On this page you can also find some new information on how you can support your child with their language learning.

## Well done Year 11!

Our Year 11 students sat their GCSE French speaking mock examinations last week and we are so proud of them! It's a challenging exam and our students demonstrated such resilience. We have posted lots of commendation letters home to reward students for their excellent effort! **Mock examinations continue into next week, all revision homework is set on Classcharts!**

## More success for Year 9 linguists!

Some of our Year 9 students have participated in another 'Business Language Champions' challenge event- 'Glastonbury goes global!'. Students worked in teams to create a new festival for the French market- designing a festival site map and poster, as well as taking part in a 'town council' meeting in French over Zoom with native speakers and a question and answer session. Our 6 teams competed against teams from other schools and all received fantastic feedback on their ideas and language skills. All of our teams were brilliant, but a special well done to our 'Tomorrowland' team who won the challenge beating the competition from the other schools! Well done Jordan, Tom, Evie, Izzi, Megan and Millie! All students who participated received a certificate and the winning students were each awarded with a £10 Amazon voucher and a Head Teacher's award badge.



Reminder- it is Year 9 options evening on Tuesday 8th March. If you have any more questions about studying French/German GCSE please speak to a member of the department or visit the 'About' section of our website!

# Guest speaker presentations

On Tuesday 1st March, students in Years 9 and 10 were treated to motivational presentations by two guest speakers, who spoke to our students about the benefits of language learning. Paul Hughes, a multi-award winning and multi-lingual former RAF crewman, United Nations weapons inspector and interpreter and David Binns, CEO of the Software company Sanako. Both of our guests spoke to our students about how important languages are for 'laying the foundations for future brilliance'! Two very inspirational talks!



We have recently subscribed to a fantastic new language learning website- [www.languagenut.com](http://www.languagenut.com)

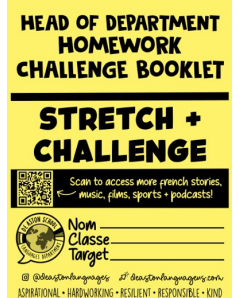
All students now have their own login and will be set homework regularly to complete activities on Languagenut, including vocabulary and sentence building, listening and reading comprehension tasks, writing, phonics practice and much more!

Students earn points for themselves, their class and the school so we would like to **encourage students to go on Languagenut as much as possible** to consolidate their vocabulary and skills- they don't have to wait for an assignment to be set by their class teacher!

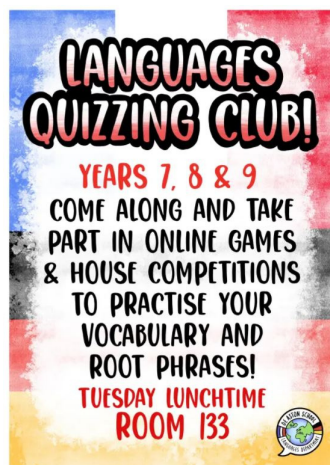
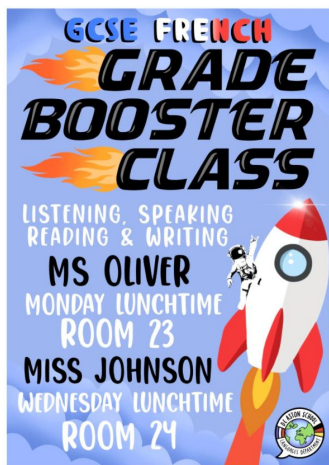
We will be regularly rewarding students who have lots of points, and there will be a special treat for the class at the end of each half term with the most points! Well done to those of you who have already been busy building up your points and to those who have already received certificates and prizes for your efforts, keep it up!

# Head of department challenges

Every Friday Miss Johnson has started setting an extra French homework challenge for all students- please see Classcharts. This may be a video to watch, a song to listen to or a news article to read. Students who want to take on the extra challenge should ask their class teacher for a booklet!



# Extra-curricular and upcoming



- Year 9 exam week and Year 11 mock exam week 7th-11th March
- Cross-curricular French and food technology challenge with Year 9 students- Tuesday 15th March
- 'Business language champions' GCHQ challenge for our Year 10 linguists- 'The word is not enough'- Thursday 17th March
- The week commencing the 14th March is 'La semaine de la francophonie' so there will be events running this week to celebrate the French speaking world!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us!  
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