

July 2020

Modern Languages at Wadebridge School

From September your son/daughter will be learning one foreign language, either French or Spanish. This allows them to build mastery and confidence and provides them with language-learning skills which could enable them to learn other languages in the future.

Saturday, 26th September is the **European Day of Languages**. During the week beginning 21st September, there will be various events to highlight and celebrate cultural and linguistic diversity.

We will be celebrating a variety of other French/Spanish cultural events in the course of the year, so be ready to use your creative talents for make-up and costumes!

In early October (date tbc) we will be hosting our **Parents' Language Evening**. Come and join us for French/Spanish-style refreshments and pick up some useful language skills such as phonics and practical tips for helping your son/daughter with their languages homework!

For several years the Modern Foreign Languages Department has run highly popular and successful **educational visits to Europe** for Year 7 students, providing excellent opportunities for them to practise their linguistic skills. In Summer 2021 these trips will take place during the last full week of the Summer term.

In previous years, students have visited Paris and taken in the famous sites such as the Musée D'Orsay, the Eiffel Tower and the Sacré Coeur as well as enjoying a boat trip on the River Seine and day out at Park Asterix. We estimate that the trip to France will be £450.

In Spain, students have previously visited **Barcelona** and **Seville** and we plan to offer the opportunity to experience Seville for the new Year 7 students next Summer. Past trips have included visits to beautiful historical monuments, as well cultural and culinary activities, including Flamenco shows, cookery courses and theme parks. The cost of this trip is estimated at £550.

Letters for the trip will be sent out in late September and places are awarded based on behaviour and progress in this subject.

So as you can see, language learning promises to be quite an adventure!

Finally, we strongly recommend you buy a Spanish-English and French-English **dictionary** to help with homework tasks and to bring to class. There are a wide variety of dictionaries available from online and high street stores: we suggest the Collins pocket or concise dictionaries.

We look forward to welcoming you all in September!