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Dear Parent / Carer

'Bienvenue' and 'bienvenidos' to all our new students and a warm welcome back to all students returning for the new academic year. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer and are getting back into the routines with relative ease this term.

I am writing to draw your attention to the ways in which we will be celebrating European Day of Languages this month. Every year, this event takes place across Europe in a bid to encourage us to discover more languages, as a powerful tool for improving our intercultural understanding. This year we will be extending the celebrations slightly across the week commencing Monday 25 September.

- Year 7 and 8 students are invited to enter a European Day of Languages Bake Off and we will be sharing a languages challenges app with them. The brief: create something which celebrates a country and language of their choice. This doesn't have to be baked from scratch and students might prefer to decorate a shop bought cake / biscuits. Students should bring their creations to ML1 at the start of the day on Friday 29 September for the judges. They should return to collect them at the end of the school day if they wish to take them home.
- Year 9 students have a virtual escape room challenge to tackle [EDOL \(genial.ly\)](https://genial.ly)
- Year 10-13 students will be set a quiz on Classcharts aimed at discovering characteristics of a variety of languages and finding out which staff are learning / speak a different language.

Everything will be on Classcharts for students to access and there will be prizes to be won by each year group.

Finally, I would encourage you to have a look at the website and perhaps even try out some words in a new language at home. There is so much now available to watch/listen to on streaming sites so we do not need to leave home to surround ourselves with another culture. [European Day of Languages > Home \(ecml.at\)](https://ecml.at)

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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