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Dear Parents and Carers

**European Day of Languages**

Language skills are a necessity and a right for EVERYONE – that is one of the main messages of the European Day of Languages which takes place every year on 26 September. The overall objectives are to raise awareness of:

- Europe’s rich linguistic diversity, which must be preserved and enhanced;
- the need to diversify the range of languages people learn (to include less widely used languages), which results in plurilingualism;
- the need for people to develop some degree of proficiency in two languages or more.

Once again the Modern Foreign Languages Faculty is organising a European day of Languages Bake Off which is open to both students and all staff/parents. The attached flyer gives all of the key information needed. Due to our Open Evening on 26 September, we will be celebrating a day early on **25 SEPTEMBER**. Proceeds raised will be donated to Macmillan as part of their national coffee morning event.

In addition to this, Years 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to earn House points as well as entry into a prize draw by completing the European Day of Languages Quiz. Staff members will be wearing labels which have greetings in various European languages. Students need to work out the language and return their quiz sheets to the MFL Faculty Office at the end of the day on 25 September. Any student who has correctly identified 6 languages will be entered into the draw.

Furthermore, during this week KS3 students will need to be on the lookout for #linguastones throughout the School site. These stones were decorated by Year 7 last year. Any that are found should be bought to the MFL Faculty and the House who finds the most will again be awarded House points.

Should you be interested in more information on the European Day of Languages, please visit, [https://edl.ecml.at/Home](https://edl.ecml.at/Home)

Thank you in advance for your support in this event.

Yours sincerely

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