

## Senior Girls

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For Boys and Girls  
aged 4 to 18 years

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

This year, all girls in Year 7 have the opportunity to take part in the Foreign Language Spelling Bee in either French or Spanish. This is a national competition which aims to improve students' vocabulary, as well as their pronunciation, spelling and memory skills. All of the vocabulary included in the competition is part of the Key Stage 3 curriculum and so will be of value to your daughter beyond the competition.

There are four rounds of the competition in total. The first two rounds will take place in school, the third round in Manchester and the final round in Cambridge. I hope that all girls will welcome the opportunity to participate in the first round but, even if they do not wish to compete against the clock, all girls are expected to make the effort to learn the words. The first round involves the girls learning fifty French/Spanish words and spelling them in the French/Spanish alphabet, against the clock. This stage of the competition will be held in December and the 5 best spellers in each class will go through to the second round. This will involve learning another fifty words on which they will be tested, against the clock, in February. The three best spellers in the second round will learn an additional fifty words and will have the opportunity to represent MTGS at the Regional Final in Manchester towards the end of the Spring Term. Should any of our girls win in Manchester, they will learn another fifty words and compete in the National Final in Cambridge during the summer term.

Your daughter has already been given the fifty words that she will need to learn for the first round and a club is running every Friday lunchtime for girls who wish to practise for the competition. I hope that your daughter is keen to participate, enjoys the experience and improves her language skills in the process.

Yours faithfully

Miss C Wilson  
Teacher of MFL