

Our ref: MDU/HBL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Your child has been selected to participate in GCHQ's National Language Competition 2023, which aims to inspire language learning in friendly competition with schools from around the UK.

This is an opportunity for all Y9 students across England to show their language and puzzle-solving skills with a chance to visit GCHQ and be awarded the NLC trophy.

Over a period of five days, students will compete in teams of up to 4 to tackle a range of language related puzzles and will develop their quick thinking, code-cracking and teamwork skills on their language journey. They'll encounter European languages, languages less commonly taught in schools and even made-up languages! Points will be added up to generate rankings on a national leaderboard.

The competition will take place from Monday 6th to Friday 10th November. On those days, students can come at lunchtime and after school, from 3-4pm to P121 where a member of staff from the MFL team will be there to guide them through the tasks.

In the past, Ecclesfield students competing in a similar event managed to win the school £5000, attended a regional final and did very well.

All participants will be rewarded with Merits and a certificate, regardless of the overall ranking of their teams.

We really hope they enjoy the experience.

As always, thank you for your support, it is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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MFL Lead Teacher

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