



May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Multilingual Digital Storytelling Project – French Trip to London

This term, during independent study your child is studying a film in French. To aid and deepen their understanding, we have been working on multilingual films as part of the Critical Connections Multilingual Digital Storytelling Project run by Goldsmiths, University of London. All Year 9 French classes have made their own films in groups and the best films from our school will be shared with schools from 11 countries including Australia, Cyprus, Egypt, Germany, India, Italy, Malaysia, Taiwan, Turkey, Switzerland, Scotland as well as England.

On Friday 07 June, the films will be shown and celebrated in an online and in person whole-day festival. We shall be taking up to 26 students to take part in the day. All Year 9 students studying French are welcome to apply, regardless of their film being selected for the festival or not. Selected films will be announced on Thursday. Details of the day are below:

7:55am – Meet at Steyne Road site to take the train to London (New Cross)
11:00 – 11:30am - Poetry Performance by Michael Rosen at Goldsmiths
11:30 – 12:30pm - Interactive multilingual poetry workshop with Michaël Vidon, Head of French at SHS and bilingual poet
12:30 – 1:30pm - LUNCH
1:30 – 3:30pm - Screening of films live at Goldsmiths and live streaming for schools in other countries
3:30 – 4:00pm - Café/ice cream outside Goldsmiths
7:00pm – Arrival at Seaford Train Station for collection

Students are expected to bring a packed lunch with them and some money to buy a drink if time allows. They should wear comfortable shoes as there will be some walking, but they should be in full uniform as they are representing the school.

Additional information about the project can be found below:

Critical Connections Project 2024-25

Introduction

The 'Critical Connections Festival 2024' is part of the Critical Connections Project (2012-ongoing). The project is hosted by the Centre for Language, Culture and Learning at

Seaford Learning Trust

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Goldsmiths, University of London. This filmmaking, artwork and multilingual poetry project develops and celebrates the languages and cultures of children and young people in our schools and explores the theme of 'Care, Community and Hope'. The project involves children and young people across different ages (6–18 years old) and language backgrounds across eleven countries. The short 3–5-minute films will be produced bi- and multi-lingually (usually with subtitles in English). The project is open to new filmmakers and those with experience. There will be a celebratory screening of the films at Goldsmiths, University of London (live streamed and recorded for international schools) and certificates will be awarded for completing the project. There will be a celebration of the artwork and multilingual poetry as part of the Critical Connections Festival 2024.

If you would like any further information about this project, please contact one of the project directors at Goldsmiths: Professor Vicky Macleroy v.macleroy@gold.ac.uk

Project website: <https://goldsmithsmdst.com>

The cost of this excursion is £11.50.

To secure a place for your child on this trip, please express your interest via ParentPay no later than May 31 2024. If you do not have a ParentPay login, please email parentpay@seafordhead.org stating your child's name and year group.

Should you have any further questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at MichaelVidon@seafordhead.org.

Yours sincerely

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