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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that your son is being given the exciting opportunity to take part in this year's UKLO (The UK Linguistics Olympiad).

The UKLO is a competition, like the Mathematical Olympiad or the National Cipher Challenge, for school students. Unlike other competitions, the competitors have to solve linguistic data problems. It is free for both competitors and schools.

It is an excellent opportunity for your sons to develop in the following ways:

- it allows students to develop analytical skills, more typical of maths.
- it allows them to build on their understanding of how their mother tongue works in learning a foreign language.
- it involves intellectual activities that are less common in state schools than in some private schools.

The UKLO in WES will be run in a similar way to the Maths Extended Project that your son may have been part of in Year 7.

Sessions will run during lesson time and your son will be removed from three language lessons and three other lessons (to be confirmed) over this academic year. Your son will be expected to complete some of the puzzles and problems at home in order to prepare for the competition problems.

The first session will be on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September (period 5).

I do hope that you will encourage your son to take part in what is a fantastic opportunity for him to expand his knowledge and develop and extend his skill set.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions

Kind regards

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