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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 Shadow Heroes Programme with the MFL department.

Shadow Heroes is an organisation that provides a series of creative workshops for secondary school and university students with three main aims:

- To use translation to explore and broaden awareness of implicit bias(es)
- To transform the way language and language-learning is seen and understood
- To demonstrate the political power of translation as a tool for social inclusion

Translation is a powerful process for inspiring the kind of critical reflection that isn't possible in the average classroom. In the workshops, students are encouraged to question the linguistic choices they have made and how these reflect on their reading(s) of the source text.

All Shadow Heroes workshops include focus on translation across period and geographical setting as well as between languages, on translation in different media and on 'hidden' translation in everyday life. The workshops are used to expose students to excellent writers, poets, singers and artists who would not usually be on their radar or on their school/university curricula. Throughout, the aim is to help students gain in confidence as natural linguists and critical thinkers.

The Shadow Hero programme comprises six, two hour workshops that will run from 1.45 until 3.45. Your son will be removed his period 5 lessons on these occasions to take part, and will be supported in catching up with the work that he misses in those lessons. The first session will be on Wednesday 30th October (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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