

Translation Bee Competition

On the 14th June 2016, 8 students went to the regional final of the Translation Bee competition. There were 3 students for French, 3 students for German and 2 students for Spanish.

The students had been through various rounds in school and as the best in school were selected to represent the school in the regional final.

They were simply brilliant considering that they have to translate as many sentences as possible into English in one minute!

The team was made of year 8 and 9 students.



German Translation Bee, year 8

The translation bee was a great experience for all three of us and it will definitely give us many career opportunities in the future. On the 14th June three year 8s: Aditi Aggarwal (8N), Georgie Van Dyke (8S) and Weronika Wester (8C) went to Voyager's Academy Peterborough to represent the school in the German Translation Bee Semi-Finals. Firstly, we would like to thank our German teachers: Frau Almasi and Frau Carthy as well as all the sixth formers who gave up their lunchtimes to practise with us and Gabriela, our German assistante, Frau Knowles and Madame Barats for supporting us throughout and organising the competition.

We were nervous as well as excited on the journey to the academy. The school was very modern and it was huge! In the competition we had one minute to translate as many sentences possible with perfect pronunciation and speed it was very scary standing up in front of everyone and speaking in another language but this boosted our confidence. First we

got shocked at some people's audition, they were really fast but then we got used to it and tried our best. Surprisingly, the three of us tied, nobody else tied except us! So we did another round where the judges counted how many passes we did. None of us passed any questions. The tie-breaker meant only some of us could go to the finals but at least one of us would go! We didn't know the results yet, we were going to find them out after the break. In the break we got biscuits and drinks, this was quite refreshing.

When the break was over, we were invited into the theatre for the final round. We still had no idea who was through from our school so it was very nerve wracking. The theatre itself was quite daunting due to its sheer size and amount of seats. We were joined by every other competitor (from the German, French and Spanish translation bees) and the five finalists from each language had to stand on a raised part just in front of the stage and face the audience for their minute. The German finalists went first and we were all waiting to see if anyone made it through. After the first girl's minute was over, Georgie was called up to the front and her minute started. Once it began it didn't seem as scary to her anymore and it just felt amazing to know Georgie had made it through. After her round we listened to all of the other finalists in every language which was really interesting! Once everyone completed their minute, we were given our medals and certificates. Georgie came 5th in the German category and Georgie will now be going to Cambridge to represent East Anglia in the national final. But due to the tiebreaker it means that we came 5th 6th and 7th out of 8024 people! We think we can all agree that the experience was amazing and we had a great time. Georgie is really looking forward to the national final where she will try her very best.

But this wouldn't have been possible with all the help and support from our teachers and sixth formers. THANK YOU!!

By Aditi(8N), Georgie(8S) and Weronika(8C)



Year 9 translation Bee



French translation Bee, year 9



On the 14th of June, three Year 9 students (Natasha Oliver, Beth Ward, Elisha Kelly) went to the Voyager Academy in Peterborough for a Translation Bee competition. In the competition, they had to translate as many sentences from English into French in a minute in front of a large audience. The experience helped them learn their tenses and become more confident in speaking in French. It was fun and interesting to take part in a language competition and even though we didn't win, we still had a great time learning and developing our understanding of it. One student however managed to get into the tie breaker round but didn't get in but they all tried their best.

Natasha Oliver 9S

Spanish Translation Bee, year 9

We, (Faith and Mollie), took part in the Spanish Translation Bee this year. Every Thursday running up to the competition, we met in a classroom and practised our vocabulary, speed and pronunciation. The time on Thursdays improved our Spanish and not only helped in the translation Bee but also in classwork. On the 14th June 2017, we both attended the regional final of the Spanish translation Bee competition. On the day, we felt very nervous but excited. It was held in Peterborough at the Voyager Academy. We sat next to each other on the mini-bus, revised vocab, and then we tested each other. When we arrived, we felt even more nervous but the excitement was still there. When we went to Peterborough, we went into a room filled with lots of other pupils representing different schools, parents and teachers. Spalding High School was last to compete but even though it made us both nervous, it was a very enjoyable event. It was an achievement, even though we didn't get through to the final round. We would definitely recommend the experience to students in the future, especially if they want to expand their Spanish.

