

German Students enjoy the European Day of Languages!

As part of our celebrations of the European Day of Languages (EDL), Gordon's School entered the Vocab Express League of Champions competition, which ran from the day before the EDL on 26th September until 2nd October 2014. Vocab Express is a subscription web site linked to the GCSE and A-level exam specifications which helps students to learn vocabulary over the internet. The competition was open to schools around the world and entrants included the German School in Bombay and the British School in Muscat. With only 45 pupils at KS4&5, Gordon's managed an impressive 5th place in the Piccolo Cup (for schools with less than 150 subscribers) with a grand total of 80,575 points. In the Genius Cup (which only counts the top 25 students regardless of whole cohort entry) we managed a very creditable 20th place in German. Our top individual student was Laura Parry (Year 10) who amassed an amazing 6,115 points in one week! An honourable mention must go to Rebecca Dovener (Year 10) who was a close second with 5,280 points and Chloe Norman, our top placed 6th former. I would like to say thank you to all the students who took part and helped us to achieve such a great result. Hopefully some of the vocabulary will also have stuck in their minds!

In other events to celebrate EDL, year 8 students enjoyed a taster lesson in Japanese delivered by Mr Pavis, Deputy Head and Year 8 German teacher and students enjoyed the film night in Balmoral, showing the timeless classic Goodbye Lenin. Thanks to the Spanish department, **all** Year 9s were also treated to a talk from British Airways in the Rec during their language lessons about the importance of languages in business on the day itself. Pupils were rewarded at the end of the session by the dubious honour of seeing various language teachers dressed up as cabin crew delivering the safety briefings in Italian!

(Next pages: screen shots from Vocab Express web pages showing our results.)

The championship has now finished – congratulations everyone!

## League of Champions 2014 (Final confirmed results)

German | Genius Cup

	School	Score
1	Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School	285,475
2	British School, Muscat	241,310
3	Magdalen College School - Northants	197,380
4	Nonsuch High School for Girls	160,735
5	Wallington High School for Girls	151,970
6	Downlands Community School	140,605
7	Landau Forte College	136,945
8	Homewood School & 6th Form Centre	132,030
9	Dartford Grammar School for Girls	107,860
10	Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College	105,275
11	Altrincham Grammar School for Boys	99,735
12	Robert Blake Science College	95,405
13	Manchester Grammar School	92,180
14	Bishop's Stortford College	90,900
15	Bradley Stoke Community School	81,020
16	Parklands High School	74,255
17	Soar Valley College	71,355
18	The Blue School	71,005
19	Hayes School	67,835
20	<b>Gordon's School</b>	<b>65,000</b>

My School's German  
Genius Cup Score

**65,000**

Start Time 25th Sep 8:00am  
End Time 1st Oct 3:30pm

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## League of Champions 2014 (Final confirmed results)

German ▾ | Challenge Cup Piccolo ▾ ⓘ

	School	Score
1	Wallington High School for Girls	216,225
2	King Edward VI	95,690
3	Parklands High School	88,765
4	Bradley Stoke Community School	83,865
5	<b>Gordon's School</b>	<b>80,575</b>
6	Sevenoaks School	79,125
7	The King's School, Worcester	62,575
8	Riverside School, Prague	47,100
9	Outwood Grange Academy	36,775
10	Ysgol Aberconwy	29,830
11	Surbiton High School	22,060
12	British School of Bucharest	16,635
13	StAndrew's RC High School	13,965
14	Ockbrook School	10,135
15	Deutsche Schule Bombay	8,300
16	Birkenhead School	5,975
17	Almondbury Community School	5,532
18	Langley School	5,455
19	Sherrardswood School	3,200
20	Ryde School with Upper Chine	3,085

My School's German  
Challenge Cup Score

**80,575**

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## League of Champions 2014 (Final confirmed results)

German ▾ | Gordon's School Geniuses ▾ ⓘ

	Student	Score
1	Laura Parry	6,115
2	Rebecca Dovener	5,280
3	Rhys Evans	4,635
4	James Kennett	4,300
5	Eloise Young	4,275
6	Magnus Fotheringham	3,425
7	Jess Tillman	3,365
8	George Bass	2,925
9	Henry Evans	2,670
10	Henry Frith	2,510
11	Tom Askey	2,445
12	Chloe Norman	2,355
13	Stefan Henden	2,145
14	Alyssa Aspinall	2,030
15	Caragh Harvey	1,890
16	Callum Morrison	1,690
17	Sam Storey	1,680
18	Yael Astle	1,500
19=	Grace Francis	1,495
19=	Lucy Spruzs	1,495
21	Hannah Hailu	1,410
22	Arun Bagshaw	1,390
23	Alice Hickin	1,340
24	Megan Fidge	1,335
25	Ollie Mann	1,300

**Gordon's School Geniuses |**  
**German Total Score**      **65,000**

My School's German  
Geniuses Total Score

**65,000**

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