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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Duolingo – Language Learning App

We are writing to inform you that we are launching an exciting language learning app, Duolingo, with our Year 7 students! We would also like to ask for your support in enabling them to access this app. and use it regularly.

Your child has been sent an invitation to join their class team on Duolingo. This has been sent via an assignment on Microsoft Teams. Once they join the Duolingo class team, students have access to the games which their teacher has assigned to them. These games are a fun way to help them to revise the language they have learnt so far, and to learn some new words as well. Duolingo generates a class leader board with the scores from each game. There will be rewards at the end of each week, from the Headteacher, for students at the top of their class leader board.

We have also attached a copy of the FAQs from the Duolingo website for your information. If you have any further questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact me in school.

We are looking forward to announcing the first winners from each class when we return from half term!

Yours sincerely

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Duolingo?



Duolingo is the world's number one learning language app. Through the use of gamification and other adaptive learning techniques, Duolingo creates a student-centered learning experience that will remain forever free for educators to use to supplement the important work that they are doing in their classrooms.

Duolingo was created by crowdsourcing pioneer Luis von Ahn, PhD, and Severin Hacker, PhD, in 2011. At the time of the writing of this article, in 2021, Duolingo has more than 500 million learners worldwide, furthering their skills in everything from English to 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.

Driven by the need to provide high-quality foreign language learning tools to all students, regardless of economic background or technological access, Duolingo began working on Duolingo for Schools in 2015. Thanks to an extensive collaboration with classroom teachers, professors, and school administrators, Duolingo was able to revamp the Duolingo for Schools platform in 2021 to create an experience that would better allow teachers to integrate Duolingo into their day-to-day instruction.

Duolingo prides itself on a commitment to continuous improvement. To that end, the [languages that we offer](#) are constantly growing, while the [tools that we use to teach them](#) are constantly being reexamined and adapted to [maximize efficacy](#). Keep up with the latest updates from Duolingo, by [visiting our blog](#)!

What can Duolingo for Schools do?

With Duolingo for Schools, teachers can create one (or more!) classrooms and either add students, or allow their students to join themselves. Teachers can manage student access to course content and track student progress throughout their learning journey by tracking student activity, including XP earned and time spent working on a course, as well as individual student level activities, such as lessons completed and scores earned.

How does Duolingo keep students motivated?

Here at Duolingo for Schools, this is one of our favourite things to geek out about. We love making learning enjoyable for students!

One way that Duolingo has committed to student motivation is through [gamifying learning](#) to make the process of learning a language more fun for students. Students earn experience points that they can use to show off their skills, or Lingots and Gems, which they can use as currency to deck out Duo with snazzy new outfits.

We've also compiled specific tips and strategies for [staying motivated](#) that we hope you'll be able to implement with your students. In particular, we recommend offering your students specific, tangible goals that they can use Duolingo to hit, so that they see the direct connection between the work that they are doing and the language they are trying to acquire.



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