

Dear Germanist,

Welcome back – we hope you have had a fabulous summer break! Our September newsletter is jam-packed with news and tips from the world of German teaching:

1. Modern Languages A'level Consultation

All change! New MFL A'levels are upon us for first teaching from 2016. The consultation is still open – just – until 22 September:

<http://comment.ofqual.gov.uk/developing-new-qualifications-for-2016/> .

You may also be interested in the A Level Content Advisory Board (ALCAB) report published in July (OGN Director Katrin Kohl is a panel member). If you can't quite stomach the whole report, there is also a handy executive summary. Both ALCAB documents can be downloaded here:

<http://alcab.org.uk/reports/>

2. Oxford German Primary Forum

In the context of statutory language provision in English primary schools from this term onward, we are pleased to announce the new Oxford German Primary Forum (OGPF). To join the OGPF and receive an occasional newsletter, please email ogn@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk. You can find the OGPF page, which also includes some handy links to primary resources, here:

<http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/primary-forum> . Speaking of Primary, 'The Voyage kids' has an excellent 'Back to school' special with fun games and resources.

They will even help you find a partner school for a mini-project:

<http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/kids-school-special>

3. Fußball

Sorry if you're bored with this topic, but you can't blame us for plugging it one last time! Whilst it's common knowledge that the German men's team won the World Cup for the fourth time this July, did you know that the German Under-20 (U20) women also became Weltmeister in Canada recently? Not stopping there, the U19 team won the European cup in Hungary, the Bundesliga has just started, and the German women's team is due to play the Lionesses at Wembley on 23rd November. All good reason to build some football-related material into your lessons, for example using footballers' Facebook pages, or this page on football museums and stadiums:

<https://www.deutschland.de/de/topic/kultur/stadt-land/entdecke-de-fussball-stadien>

4. Mauerfall anniversary

2014 truly is the year of German-related anniversaries. Amongst others, coming up this autumn: 25 years 'Fall of the Wall' (which sounds so much snappier in English than in German!). For a daily update on what happened, in no more than 140 characters, you and your students might want to follow the twitter account @Mauerfall89. Why not get students to compose their own 'Wende' tweets?

As ever, we're always pleased to have your feedback and comments.

Mit vielen herzlichen Grüßen

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