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RE: Heriot-Watt University Multi-Lingual Debate

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of a forthcoming opportunity for Modern Language students. The popular Multilingual Debate is organised annually by Heriot Watt's Department of Languages and Intercultural Studies, and may be of interest to those studying French/German/Spanish at Senior Phase level.

Pupils will have the opportunity to hear native speakers debate in five languages, including French and English. They will also be given a chance to listen to simultaneous interpreting by final year students of the university. This will be an excellent insight into studying a foreign language at university level and at the same time will benefit their linguistic studies. This year's debate is entitled "This House believes that the only way to save the oceans is to implement a complete ban on all forms of single-use plastics."

Miss Ritchie will accompany students to the university on **Wednesday 20 March**. The debate begins at 2pm and finishes at 4pm. Students will leave school at 12 noon and travel by minibus to Heriot Watt University. The pick-up time to return to school will be at 4pm and we should be back at school for around 5pm, depending on traffic. Pupils should bring a packed lunch as there might not be sufficient time to purchase food at the university canteen.

If your child wishes to attend, please fill in the attached Returns Form and hand this in to the Modern Languages Department by **Friday 1 March**. Pupils will be allowed to attend on a first-come, first-served basis as we can only take 16 pupils to this event. Please do not hesitate to contact the Modern Languages Department, if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S. Ritchie
Principal Teacher Modern Languages

Heriot-Watt University Multilingual Debate: Attendance Returns Slip

Pupil Name: _____

Registration Class: _____

I wish to attend the Heriot-Watt University Multilingual debate on Wednesday 20 March.

Parent/Carer Signature:
