



## **Il y a une mouche dans ma soupe ! (There is a fly in my soup!)**

### **St Michael's Middle School French linguists visit the 58 Tour Eiffel Restaurant at QE School**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, a group of Year 8 talented high performing linguists from St Michael's Middle School had the opportunity to visit QE for a French workshop led by a group of Year 10 GCSE French students and hosted by Madame de Saram. It was fantastic to see Matthew Parslow, Remi Dewhirst, Jacob Trigger and Martha Tribe deliver the workshop with huge enthusiasm and an impressive level of French.

The workshop aimed to give students the chance to be creative and show-off their excellent language skills. It also showed them the benefits as well as the value of taking a language for their GCSEs and A-Level.

During the two hour workshop, Madame de Saram's classroom was converted into the 58 Tour Eiffel restaurant (a famous restaurant located on the second floor of the Eiffel tower) where students took part in various activities such as learning how to order food from a menu and learning how to make complaints about their food for example "il y a une mouche dans ma soupe ! = there is a fly in my soup!"

Students watched the promotional video for the 58 Tour Eiffel restaurant plus a scene from the Mr. Bean on holiday movie. Acting out the role of Monsieur Trump and Monsieur Macron was just one of the role-play scenarios to practise French and be creative.

At the end of the activities, St Michael's School linguists put their newly learnt knowledge and vocabulary to the test by ordering drinks, croissants and snacks in French from Year 10 students who acted as waiters.

The workshop was a great success with all of the Year 8 students showing immense interest in taking French as one of their GCSEs, describing the event as a 'wonderful time' and a 'memorable experience' for both the students and teachers Madame Paton and Madame Der who attended.

### Remi Dewhirst 10B French

#### Feedback form St Michael's Middle School:

**"We really enjoyed the French experience we were offered and we can't thank the QE French department enough!"**

**"The students presented their lesson amazingly!"**

**"It was really engaging and we can't wait to be at that level when we're at QE!"**

**"On entering the classroom, the tables were presented like a French café and there was music playing. It felt very welcoming. C'était fantastique!"**

**"MERCİ BEAUCOUP!"**

**By Erin Goodwin and Jack Hopton-Butler, Year 8 St Michael's Middle School**



Excusez-moi! Le saumon n'est pas fraise!



Conversation au restaurant



Matthew Parslow as teacher (Madam Paton from St Michael's Middle School)