



## News-letter

### Bilingual Education (TTO)

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Welcome to the New School Year!

The start of the new school year has brought a fresh wave of energy and excitement to our school community! Classrooms are buzzing with activity as students settle into new routines, meet their teachers, and reconnect with friends. There's a real sense of curiosity and enthusiasm as everyone dives into lessons, projects, and extracurricular activities.

Over the past weeks, students have had the chance to explore new subjects, take part in creative workshops, and join in team activities that build skills, confidence, and friendships. From lively classroom discussions to group projects and hands-on experiences, there's plenty to inspire and challenge everyone.

As we head towards the autumn break, there are also special events and opportunities to look forward to. These weeks are a great time for students to set personal goals, try new activities, and enjoy the start of the school year in a fun and supportive environment. It's also a wonderful chance for everyone to reflect on the progress they're making and the memories they are creating together.

With so much happening and so many opportunities ahead, the rest of the school year promises to be a memorable and rewarding experience for all. Let's embrace the weeks ahead with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a spirit of community — and make the run-up to the autumn break truly special!

Enjoy the rest and I'm sure we can come back ready and refreshed for the term ahead.





## Boost Camp – eV1AT and eVH1AT

The first-year TTO students kicked off their bilingual adventure with an unforgettable two-day Boost Camp, filled with laughter, teamwork, and of course — lots of English!

During the camp, everyone rehearsed and acted out creative plays under the theme “A Day in the Life of a Royal.” From elegant queens to mischievous servants, the performances were full of energy, imagination, and plenty of British humour.

In between rehearsals, the students headed to De Langspier, the local lake, where they built rafts, went canoeing, played volleyball, and challenged themselves on a tough obstacle course. As evening fell, the excitement continued in the woods, where groups crept through the darkness trying to capture each other’s flags. The day ended perfectly with roasted marshmallows around a warm bonfire, a spooky story, and lots of laughter before heading to bed — though not much sleeping actually happened!



The next morning began with the smell of a typical English breakfast, prepared with the help of the third years — eggs, bacon, toast, and beans included! With new energy, everyone spent the rest of the day playing games and competing in a lively quiz before heading home, tired but happy.

Boost Camp was not just a great start to the TTO year — it was a chance to make friends, practise English in real-life situations, and create memories that will last long after the campfire smoke fades away.

Below is a reflection written by one of the first years – thanks guys!!

*“We came in and we started with a theater assignment, a day in the life of the British royal family. It was really fun to act it all out and to see the other groups making it like a real day. I mean that we got with hunting a deer cooking was cooking a deer and dinner was eating a deer. Then we got to the Langspier a lake where we needed to make four groups to do other things like an obstacle course, beach volleyball, canoes and building a raft. When we got back we ate fries and with a snack. After that we got to the forest to play a game called living stratego. We got a green and a red team and the goal was to get the flag of the other team. After that we made a bonfire and roasted marshmallows, we also got a scary story about a man with a hook. Did some games for ourselves and then went to bed. The next day we got morning exercise which was good for our body but not for my spirit when I just woke up. Then we got a little run game with questions like what is the capital city of France. And that was camp!!”*





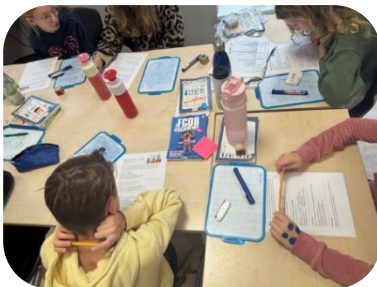


## Day of Languages – Sharing the Power of Language,



To mark the annual Day of Languages, our enthusiastic second-year TTO students took part in a very special project — returning to their former primary schools to share their experiences of bilingual education at Elde College.

The goal was simple but meaningful: to inspire younger pupils by showing them how much can be achieved in just two years of learning in two languages. The second years prepared short presentations about life in the TTO programme, explaining what it means to study subjects in English and how it helps them think more broadly and communicate more confidently.



After their introductions, the real fun began! Each group had designed and taught their own English lesson, fully planned from start to finish. The chosen themes were creative and engaging — from animals and sport, to the human body, and even lessons exploring England and London. The classrooms were soon filled with energy, laughter, and lots of English conversation.

Teachers and pupils alike were impressed by how well our students were able to communicate and manage a classroom — something that can be quite a challenge, even for adults! The second years showed excellent teamwork, preparation, and confidence as they explained new words, played games, and encouraged everyone to take part.



Perhaps the most rewarding part of the day was the chance for our students to reconnect with their old teachers and show them how far they had come. Many former primary school teachers expressed how proud they were to see their students now acting as role models for the younger generation. We would like to thank the schools and teachers who allowed our students to come and give these lessons.

For the TTO students, the experience was both exciting and eye-opening. They realised how much progress they have made in their use of English, and how valuable it is to share that knowledge with others. It was a true celebration of communication, creativity, and cultural connection — the very heart of bilingual education.

The Day of Languages 2025 reminded us that language is more than just words; it's a bridge between people, ideas, and opportunities. And our second years crossed that bridge with confidence and pride!



### Exploring AI, Big Data, and Ethics with Guest Speaker Natalie Pollock

Over the past three weeks, our students had the unique opportunity to attend a series of insightful lessons led by Natalie Pollock, an expert in technology, data, and ethics. Her sessions introduced us to the fascinating and sometimes worrying world of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Big Data, and the ethical questions that arise in today's digital society.



The first lesson focused on Big Data and the ways personal information is collected, stored, and used. Natalie explained the difference between a data lake and a data warehouse: in a data lake, all kinds of information exist together in a raw and unstructured form, whereas in a data warehouse, specific, sensitive data is safely stored for easy access when needed. Students were surprised to learn just how often their data is used by large companies, sometimes in ways they don't even notice. This session highlighted the importance of understanding where our data goes and how it can be used.





During the second lesson, students explored Artificial Intelligence and its role in everyday life. Natalie showed how AI powers many apps we use without realizing it. She also shared a thought-provoking video demonstrating how AI can recreate a person's voice or image, sometimes to trick others into revealing personal information. This led to discussions about digital security and online safety, and a reminder that even clever technology can be misused if we're not careful.

The third lesson turned to ethics in the digital world. Using an interactive presentation, students were asked to consider a range of ethical questions about technology and social media. Topics included online privacy, digital responsibility, and the limits of parental monitoring. Students debated, shared opinions, and reflected on questions such as: Should parents monitor our social media? Most agreed that trust and respect are key, emphasizing that ethics is not always clear-cut but is essential to think about when engaging with technology.

Throughout the three sessions, students were actively engaged — asking questions, sharing opinions, and reflecting on how technology impacts their daily lives. The lessons offered not only knowledge about AI and Big Data, but also a chance to develop critical thinking skills and awareness of the ethical considerations that come with digital life.

We would like to thank Natalie Pollock for her time, expertise, and inspiring presentations. Her lessons reminded us that technology is a powerful tool, but one that must be used responsibly, ethically, and thoughtfully. These sessions have left a lasting impression on our students, encouraging them to explore the digital world with curiosity, awareness, and care.

## CAE / Junior Certificate and IB / Senior Certificate Diploma Ceremony

### A Night of Celebration – Certificates and Memories

It was a night filled with smiles, memories, and well-deserved recognition as our fourth-year students and alumni gathered at Elde College to celebrate their achievements in bilingual education.

During the ceremony, our current fourth years proudly received their Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) Certificates along with their Nuffic Bilingual Junior Certificates — a wonderful reward for years of hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm in the TTO programme. Their progress in English and international learning was clear for all to see, and the applause in the room spoke volumes.

The evening was made even more special by the return of our alumni, who came back to their old school one last time to receive their International Baccalaureate and Bilingual Senior Certificates. It was a heartwarming moment as former students reunited with classmates, caught up with teachers, and shared stories about their next steps beyond Elde College.





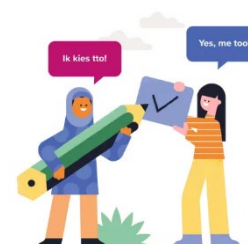
To top it all off, a few nostalgic films showing highlights from their early years at school brought laughter — and a few emotional smiles — to everyone's faces. Watching those moments reminded us how much these students have grown, not only in their language skills, but also as confident, international-minded young adults ready to take on the world.

The evening was a true celebration of achievement, friendship, and the spirit of bilingual education. We couldn't be prouder of our students — past and present — for everything they've accomplished. Congratulations to all!



### Coming Soon: The TTO Experience Evening at Elde College!

We're excited to announce our brand-new TTO Experience Evening, taking place on Monday, 25 November at Elde College! This special event is designed for Group 8 pupils who are curious about what it's really like to learn in our bilingual department.



Forget long presentations — this evening is all about hands-on experiences! Visitors will take part in fun, interactive workshops and classroom activities led in English, giving them a real taste of bilingual learning in action. From creative challenges to engaging mini-lessons, the TTO Experience Evening promises to be full of energy, laughter, and discovery.

Our enthusiastic second-year TTO students will also be there to share their stories, answer questions, and talk about what their first year in the bilingual programme has been like. Who better to explain what it means to study, speak, and have fun in English than our very own students?

If you know anyone who would love to find out what it's like to be in a bilingual classroom, then this evening is perfect for them! It's the ideal opportunity to experience the TTO atmosphere firsthand — to see how exciting, challenging, and rewarding bilingual education at Elde College can be.

We can't wait to welcome all our future TTO students on 25 November for an unforgettable evening of learning, laughter, and language! Sign up can be done via the website.

### TTO-Activities coming up in the next few months



Date	Activity	Students
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Exchange to Hattingen - Germany	eTVH2A
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Exchange to Turin - Italy	eTV5
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Trip to Normandy - France	eTv4
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	TTO Experience Evening	Group 8