



Las Novedades de la Profesora Irvine



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Este mes celebramos

It's the start of the academic year, and Year 11 will be the first cohort to sit the new GCSE exams in Modern Languages.

All of my new students have had their first sessions with me, from complete Adult Beginners to Year 13 students with ambitious, and achievable A Level targets.

Testimonial del Mes

Georgina is an exceptional linguist and teacher. She tutored my son for GCSE French and my daughter for both GCSE French and Spanish. My daughter gained so much confidence and enjoyment from Georgina's lessons that she continued with her tutoring and chose Spanish A level. Throughout these last two A level years, she has found a real love for the Spanish language thanks to Georgina's enthusiasm and passion for Spain and all things Frida Kahlo!

Georgina was incredibly supportive throughout the whole exam process for both my daughter and son. She is patient, calm, clear and organised and left no stone unturned...each and every element of their exams was covered meticulously so there were no surprises.

Georgina knows the syllabuses back to front and tirelessly prepared them with listening and writing papers and special mock orals right up until the night before the exams, giving them belief in their abilities and confidence that they can do it.

Languages are now so often overlooked in schools and I have not witnessed language teaching of this quality since my own school days and I am so happy we found Georgina. She is kind, caring and as well as helping my children to secure top grades, she has instilled a genuine enjoyment of languages in both of them, which for us, is even more important than excelling at exams.

Thank you so much Georgina - we miss you!

Enfoque cultural

Each month I will be highlighting a cultural event that I have enjoyed.



Penguins



I bought this beautiful hand-crafted penguin in Argentina. He's carved from Inca Rose (rhodocrosite) which was first mined by the Incas in the 12th century. I absolutely adore him!

Pisco Sour



A colleague had raved about the pisco sours that he'd enjoyed on his travels in Chile, so I couldn't resist trying one in this beautiful location in the Chilean Lake District. It was perfection! I bought a bottle of the liquor in Duty Free on my way home and have attempted to recreate the perfect pisco sour: I need more practice!

Para ver y leer

This is a blast from the past!

I read Pedro Páramo in my first year at Oxford and can still quote a few lines from it. Juan Rulfo was a 20th Century Mexican fiction writer, best known for his short stories that were a pre-cursor to the Latin American Boom. This is a challenging read in Spanish, but there are translations available and I will be watching the 2024 film adaptation that is currently available on Netflix: Certificate 15!

