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## Clubclass Language School - Malta Newsletter August 2009

### New Clubclass Website



We have recently launched a new website for our school which contains various, useful information about the school's services and facilities. In the Agents' Area we have made our promotional material and prices for the current year available for downloading. As the site is new, there is still some fine tuning needed. The website will be updated on a regular basis giving you all the latest news from Clubclass.

### Academic Courses & Long Term Programmes



Our Long Term programmes are designed for students who want to develop their English language skills more thoroughly over an extensive period of time. Students join the Standard Course in General English which allows them to practice all aspects of English reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar and vocabulary to improve their general level of English. They will then have the option of either enrolling for an Examination preparation course - Cambridge FCE/CAE, IELTS or TOEFL iBT (subject to being at the appropriate level) or taking fluency lessons to develop the skills and vocabulary that students need to become more effective speakers. The long-term programmes offered by Clubclass are very reasonably priced and the fact that the school, accommodation and all the facilities which are at the students' disposal are situated within the same building makes these courses very attractive propositions for students.

### Student Mix - July 2009



In July 2009, students from over 35 different countries were attending a course in English at Clubclass. The top 10 nationalities were from - Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Korea, Poland, Russia, Spain and Turkey. In July we also had our first students from Belgium, Colombia, Estonia, Montenegro, Norway, and Venezuela for 2009.

## Feast of the Assumption of our Lady - 15 August



The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin - also known as Santa Marija - is a national public holiday. This feast has deeply rooted ties with our folklore and history. It is celebrated in a number of villages across the islands namely Mqabba, Qrendi, Gudja, Ghaxaq, Attard, Mosta and Victoria in Gozo. The village feasts are typically characterised by colourful street decorations, band music, and highly decorated churches and fireworks. This day also commemorates the 66th anniversary of the arrival of the Santa Marija convoy - which saved Malta from surrender when the allied convoy of food and fuel reached the islands on the 15th of August 1942, despite the heavy bombardment inflicted by German and Italian planes and the sinking of many ships.

## Ghar Dalam Cave & Museum - Birzebbugia



Ghar Dalam Cave is a highly important site as it was here that the earliest evidence of human settlement on Malta, some 7,400 years ago, was discovered. What makes the site even more fascinating is that it was in use during World War II, when it served first as an air raid shelter and later as a fuel storage depot. The display area consists of two parts: the cave and the museum, which exhibits a remarkable wealth of finds from animal bones to human artefacts. The cave was formed by overlying river running at right angles to the present-day cave. It is some 144 metres deep, but only the first fifty metres are open to visitors.