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Dear parent/carer,

As part of our current French scheme of work, pupils in year 8 have recently been describing a past holiday. They have enjoyed studying the past tense in a lot of detail in their lessons and have grown in confidence practising a variety of vocabulary on this topic.

This week and over the coming weeks, all pupils in year 8 will be set a homework task to record a podcast about a past holiday and to upload it to Firefly for marking once it is complete. All classes have been given detailed instructions on how to do this using their phones and their Firefly accounts. Additionally, they have all been given a paper copy of the task requirements to help them understand what is expected of them as well as information about how the task will be marked. The task follows a 'chilli' format, meaning pupils pick their level of challenge (or heat!) based on their ability. Class teachers will help point pupils in the correct direction if they are unsure.

They will be preparing the script in class but will then go away to practise, record and upload the podcast at home. The different class teachers will set a deadline with their classes and this will be noted on firefly and in their journals.

We appreciate this requires a certain amount of technological skill and therefore wanted to inform you of the task so you can help your son/daughter if they are struggling. The PowerPoint uploading instructions have been put onto Firefly along with the documents about the marking and the chilli choices. Please encourage your son/daughter to show this to you so you can support them. Pupils who do not complete the task by the required deadline will be asked to attend the MFL clinic on a Tuesday after school to use a digital recorder.

We hope your son/daughter will enjoy practising and challenging themselves to use their French sounds, knowledge and vocabulary on this creative task and will strive to produce an excellent piece of work. The language department are definitely looking forward to listening to and marking their efforts!

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via parentline.

Yours sincerely

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Subject leader, French

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