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Dear Parent/Guardian

MFL EXAMINATIONS AND REVISION

Revision Resources

Following the recent mock exams we would like to remind you of the revision resources available for your child in preparation for their GCSE French and Spanish exams. As discussed at Parents' Evening it is vital that your child is regularly revising vocabulary and doing exam practice at home. They all have access to a wealth of resources including: work in their exercise books, text book, revision booklets from class, revision guides as well as online resources such as Quizlet. All pupils have been given a hard copy of the specification vocabulary list which they should be revising from daily – there are electronic copies of this on Firefly.

French Reading and Listening 24th May
French Writing 16th June
Spanish Reading and Listening 26nd May
Spanish Writing 17th June

GCSE Speaking assessments

All pupils should now be focusing on their speaking assessments which will be taking place on one of the following dates:

Date	Teacher
Monday 9 th May	Mrs Potter (French) Mr Watkinson
Tuesday 10 th May	Ms Stride Mr Watkinson
Wednesday 11 th May	Ms Stride Mrs Potter (French/Spanish)
Thursday 12 th May	Mrs Joassard Mrs Potter (Spanish)
Friday 13 th May	Mrs Joassard

Individual times will be given to your child via their class teacher. Pupils have a set of questions to practise as well as booklets with examples of role-plays and photo cards. An excellent way to help support your child is by listening to them answering the questions and encouraging them to go through these on a daily basis. The more prepared they feel, the more confident they will be at answering any unexpected questions on the day! Sometimes parents feel they are unable to help as they do not speak the language, but that really does not matter at all. It is the act of answering the questions aloud that will be of great benefit.

Believe.....

It is vital that they attend their speaking assessment at the given time, feeling focused and prepared. This short examination is worth 25% of their total language GCSE and with thorough preparation pupils can do very well. Even now it isn't too late to make a difference with some consistent revision and practice.

What support is there at school?

There is lots of support available for your child at school in the run-up to the language GCSE exams. Every Wednesday after school our Spanish support sessions continue focusing on exam practice and technique. French sessions continue to run after school on a Thursday/Friday with the current focus being speaking preparation. In addition, your child's class teacher will be willing to offer any further support if needed. Please ask your child to speak with their class teacher in the first instance.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require any further information. Thank you for your on-going support with your child and their language GCSE.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Potter
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