7th April 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

I am writing to inform your that your child's final GCSE French and/or Spanish speaking exam will take place the week commencing Monday 9th May 2022. Your child will be informed of the exact date and time of their appointment after Easter. It is vital that they attend school for their exam.

The language oral represents a quarter of your child’s overall French/Spanish grade. Our students often perform very well in the speaking exam as the students have prepared their answers to all the questions well in advance. To perform well, practice in the weeks leading up to the exam is crucial. We would appreciate your support in reminding your child to revise. An MFL teacher will be available at lunchtimes in the lead up to the Easter break for students who want to perfect their answers, and the week before the speaking exams to practise exam technique. This is so that all students have the opportunity for specialist help that works around their other commitments.

Please remind your child to attend when they can. If you are unsure how to support your child’s French/Spanish revision at home:

• Students should practise out loud, not by reading silently.

• Students should revise one answer to a speaking question by reading it aloud, and then covering up the answer and trying to say it again without looking. They may prefer to prepare cue cards with questions on the front and answers on the back.

• Students could record and listen to themselves reciting their answers as this will help them focus on what they need to improve and remember tricky vocabulary, as well as think about their pronunciation.

• Having someone ask them the questions is useful - your pronunciation does not have to be perfect for your child to understand the question.

If you have any questions or concerns about the exams, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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