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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Speaking Examinations 2018

After the Easter holidays, MFL students will be taking their GCSE speaking examination. The Modern Foreign Language teachers know how hard the students have worked and are keen for them to be aware of the following important information regarding this component of the exam.

The year 11 GCSE speaking exams will take place between **18th and 25th April**. This final speaking exam counts as **25%** of the overall grade.

Students will be informed by their language classroom teacher of their allocated time for their exam and both times and locations will be available on Show My Homework for students to check.

Students will need to adhere to their allocated time and ensure they arrive promptly as failure to do so will impact on their preparation time and the running order of the exam on the day.

During this period students are expected to attend their usual lessons and ask their teacher to be excused in sufficient time to attend their exam. Staff will be informed of the timings of the exams but **it is the student's responsibility to remember to attend.**

Please make sure your child is aware of the following exam regulations:

- During preparation time, students should prepare for the role-play and photo card parts of the examination on the additional note sheet provided.
- Once in the speaking examination room, students should only speak in French or Spanish; all notes and examination materials should be handed in to the teacher when requested.
- If absent due to ill health on the day of the speaking examination, please contact the school attendance line indicating that your child has an exam and giving the name of your child's languages teacher.

Wednesday 18 th April	Miss L Stewart/Mrs S Roberts
Thursday 19 th April	Miss L Stewart/Mr C Thompson
Friday 20 th April	Mrs S Roberts/Mr C Thompson
Tuesday 24 th April	Mr I Green/Mr C Thompson
Wednesday 25 th April	Mrs S Roberts/Mr I Green

The following strategies are most helpful in preparing for the speaking part of the GCSE grades 9-1 and to make sure that students have the answers to all of the questions for the assessment.

- Record yourself and repeat your answers whilst listening.
- Copy out your questions onto separate pieces of paper and get someone at home or your study buddy to test you.



- Check out the resources on VLE and Show My Homework – pictures/chatty mats/speaking questions.
- Use Edexcel revision guides and BBC Bitesize.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's languages teacher.

Yours sincerely

Miss L Stewart
Curriculum Leader of MFL

