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Dear Parent/Carer

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES SPEAKING EXAMS

French, German and Spanish GCSE Speaking exams are now fast approaching. I therefore wanted to make you aware of the dates, as well as how you can support your child in preparing for these exams, which are worth 25% of the final GCSE grade.

The exam consists of 3 elements.

Students are required to do a role play and photo card, both of which they will prepare for 12 minutes in supervised conditions prior to their exam. Class teachers have provided students with examples of role plays and photo cards that they can practise at home.

The third and final part of the exam consists of a general conversation. This is the element where students have an opportunity to maximise their marks, as it is the most predictable. Students have prepared questions on each of the three themes covered throughout the course and will have nominated their preferred theme with which to start the questions. Your support would be appreciated to help students practise and revise these questions. They need to be doing this frequently to build their confidence.

French exams will take place on **Friday 27th April**.

German exams will take place on **Wednesday 2nd May**.

Spanish exams will take place on **Thursday 3rd May** (Mrs Anstead's class) and **Friday 4th May** (Mrs Palmer's class).

I would be grateful if you could let me know immediately if this clashes with any known medical appointments etc. as attendance on the day is essential. Students will be given an individual appointment time by their class teacher.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Atkinson

Curriculum Leader for MFL