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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to you with the dates for the French and German GCSE Mock Speaking exam. These will take place at the beginning of May.

Miss Trichet's French groups – Monday 9th May

Mr Boudiba's French group – Tuesday 10th May

Miss Pawsey's German group – Wednesday 11th May

Miss Trichet's French groups: Thursday 12th May

Miss Trichet's French group: Friday 13th May (morning)

Miss Pawsey's German group: Friday 13th May (afternoon)

Students will be given an allocated time by their teacher, but should this clash with any previously arranged college or medical appointments please do let us know.

The speaking exam is worth 25% of each student's final grade and will be conducted by their class teacher, unless any other arrangements have already been made. Students are required to do a role-play and photo card task, both of which they will spend 12 minutes preparing under supervised conditions prior to their exam. 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. The students have been preparing answers for this across the 3 themes and will need to be practising this regularly in order to build their confidence.

After the Easter holidays we will be running again the French and German drop-in sessions every Thursday lunchtime until the 5th May, with the focus on the speaking exam. Students can come and work independently on their preparations or allow them the chance to practise their conversation with a teacher.

You can also help them with this in a numbers of way, even if you don't speak the language:

1. Just encourage them to practise their answers, they can record themselves and listen back to it.
2. You listen to them speak, they can do this using their revision sheets, and then eventually from memory. They can even talk to the pet dog!
3. You ask them the questions and they have to answer in French or German.

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

Thank you in advance for your support.

Miss C Pawsey
Director of Faculty, MFL