



11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Year 11 Speaking Mock Exam**

I am writing to inform you about a **mock** speaking exam that your son/daughter will be completing in **March**. They will be doing a full run through which will be identical to their **final** speaking exam taking place after the **Easter holidays**. The marks they gain on this exam will be added to their mock results from December and you will receive an updated grade for French/Spanish. The dates of the speaking exams are detailed below and your son/daughter will receive a time slot in the next few weeks detailing the date, time and location of their exam.

**French – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Spanish – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March or Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

In the run up to their speaking exam, your son/daughter should put time aside on a daily basis to practise their responses to the general conversation questions. This can be done with anyone, even if they do not have any understanding of the language being studied. It is vitally important that they practise regularly in order to enable them to be successful. This will be accompanied with an hour per week of practice during their lessons and there will be drop in sessions available during break time with their teacher. Their speaking exam is worth 25% of their overall grade, and therefore can really boost their grade before undertaking their listening, reading and writing exams.

I would also like to reiterate the expectation that your son/daughter is spending at least 10 minutes per day, 5 days per week on memrise in order to develop their vocabulary. This is vital in order to prepare them as best as possible for all aspects of their exams and I am thrilled to see the huge progress that students who have been consistently learning their vocabulary have made since September.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support throughout the GCSE course and for all of the hard work that your son/daughter is putting in to their language GCSE. With the consistently high level of focus and engagement, I am certain that they will be successful in the summer exams.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ms Stevenson  
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