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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Speaking Assessments

You will be aware that the MFL speaking assessments take place before the main GCSE examinations. This element of the examination represents 25% of the overall mark. The exam board provide us with a window to complete these examinations in and this must be strictly adhered to. Our window runs from Monday 29 April to Friday 3 May. This is a public examination. Students will be provided with their examination time and location before the end of term and it is crucial that they are punctual and attend at the allocated time. Illness must be supported by a note from a Doctor.

Students must ensure that they prepare for this examination over the Easter holidays. They have prepared topics in their general conversation booklets and have received teacher feedback on these. They have been allowed to nominate one theme which they will definitely be asked questions on. There is clear guidance on the MFL section of the school KS4 revision page. It is crucial that students revise common vocabulary linked to role plays and picture descriptions since these are the unseen elements of the exam.

We are aware that there is a Drama GCSE exam on Monday 29 April and that the GCSE Photography exam also runs during this week. Students who study either or both of these subjects in addition to their language will have their MFL exam timetabled accordingly to avoid any clashes.

Yours sincerely

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