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Our Ref: LD/SB/cc/Mock speaking exams

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Dear Parents / Carers

### Mock Speaking Exams

We would like to inform you that your child 's mock speaking exam in Modern Foreign Languages will be held in January 2019 at the start of the new term.

The mock speaking exams will take place on:

French mock speaking exam will be held from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Spanish mock speaking exams will be held from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

German mock speaking exams will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The oral exam comprises of three sections and is worth 25% of the GCSE. Firstly, candidates must complete a role-play and ask various questions in a specific setting, i.e. booking a room in a hotel and visiting the tourist office.

The second part of the exam will be a picture task with a description of a photograph followed by a discussion prepared according to the bullet points provided by the exam board.

Finally, pupils will be doing a short presentation consisting of a one-minute talk (no notes or documents are permitted) followed by questions on their chosen topic and then a short conversation on a second topic chosen by Edexcel, the exam board.

The oral exam can be a chance to secure many points towards their overall GCSE grade and a sound preparation will result in steady nerves and a good performance. From time to time it would be useful if you could put them on the spot and ask them to recite their presentation to you. It does not matter if you do not speak the language; it will be obvious whether they have learnt it or not!

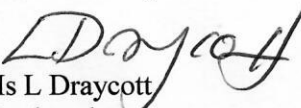
It is equally important that pupils think about potential questions which might be asked about the chosen topic and practice answering them in as much detail as possible. Guidance on the questions has been provided in lessons.

To support your child further, the school has a range of revision guides and workbooks that can be purchased via Wisepay and collected from Mrs Bey (Director of MFL) with proof of purchase.

I would ask that you support your child in preparation for their forthcoming assessment as much as possible.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Bey.

Yours sincerely

  
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