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Dear Parent / Carer

MFL French GCSE Exams

Students are currently revising for the speaking part of their GCSE language exam. This is worth 25% of their overall grade and the format of this element will be the same as what they experienced for their recent mock exam.

They will be 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. The final part of the speaking exam consists of a general conversation. Students have prepared questions on each of the three themes covered and will have nominated their preferred theme with which to start the questions.

In the run up to the speaking exam, a French teacher will be available Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes for drop in sessions, for those who would like more practice or additional help. In addition, there are guidance and resources available for students on Google Classroom and intervention sessions Tuesday mornings in L4 during tutorial time with Mrs Caesar. Additional intervention sessions also take place after school on Mondays with Mrs Caesar in L4 and Tuesdays with myself in L1.

The French speaking exams will take place during week commencing Monday 9th May 2022. Your child will be given an appointment slip with the exact date and time of their exam and this information will also be available on Google Classroom.

Although class teachers conduct the exam, it is recorded and sent off to the exam boards to be marked, so it is classed as an external exam and therefore attendance on the day is essential.

Your support would be much appreciated to help students practice and revise for this section of their exam.

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

Yours faithfully

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The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to finance@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.

