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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE German and French Speaking Exams 2024

I am writing to let you know that your child will be sitting their GCSE German and/or French Speaking exam between **Monday 22 April and Thursday 2 May 2024**.

This exam is worth 25% of the overall grade. It will be conducted in-house by your child's teacher, recorded and submitted to AQA for marking by examiners. Each student will be given a date and time within the window above in due course and they will need to ensure attendance. There will be a small amount of flexibility to accommodate unavoidable absence through illness, for example, but we would ask that routine appointments which may clash with exams are avoided. We are aware that GCSE Art practicals are also happening within this window and every effort will be made to give the relevant students space between exams. Dual linguists will also be catered for.

Students have a General Conversation booklet which they have been working on since September. This contains questions and answers which need to be learnt to the best of their ability ready for the Speaking exam. Additionally, the exam will also feature a Role Play and a Photocard. Students are being prepared for these in lessons and revision sessions and revision resources are available on ClassCharts and Firefly. Evidence shows us that it is also very helpful for students to practise speaking to another person so if there is a willing and able volunteer at home, the support would be greatly appreciated. Fluency is not required, just the encouragement!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher. We will publish the exam schedules in March so please check on ClassCharts for details.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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