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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE French PPE Speaking Exams

We would like to let you know that all French GCSE students will have a PPE Speaking Exam between Wednesday 18 November and Friday 20 November. The result of the Speaking Exam will be added to the Listening, Reading and Writing exam results to provide one overall French PPE grade.

Individual dates and times will be communicated after half-term. and Students will be required to come out of their normal timetabled lesson to attend for 30 minutes: 15 minutes preparation time in exam conditions and 10-15 minutes one-to-one exam time with their French teacher.

Revision sessions are focussing on strategy for the exam and we will further consolidate this in lessons. Revision resources are available on the Year 11 French Teams page which students have been signposted to.

For your information, the speaking exam has three parts:

Part 1 Role Play - students are presented with a scenario based on one of the topics studied. They will be required to give 4 pieces of information based on given stimuli and ask one question. (1-1.5 mins)

Part 2 Reading Aloud & unseen questions – students read aloud a set text (35-50 words) where their pronunciation skills are assessed. They then answer a set of unseen questions based on the same topic as the text. (2-3mins)

Part 3 Photo description & unprepared discussion – students describe two photos seen during the preparation time and answer questions from the Speaking Booklet. We have chosen Theme 2 as the focus for the discussion for the PPE. (4-7mins)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Wright via the school office.

Yours sincerely

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