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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 French & Spanish speaking exams

I wanted to write to you firstly to thank you for your ongoing support, particularly around the mock speaking exam that students sat on Immersion Day, and secondly to make you aware of the procedure for the final speaking exam.

Students are currently revising for the speaking element of their MFL exam, which is worth **25% of their final grade**. These exams will take place 2-4 of May in school and students will receive an individual appointment time for this.

The final exam will follow the same format as the mock exam, comprising a role play and photo card, both of which they will prepare for during the 12 minutes supervised preparation period. The final part of the exam consists of general conversation questions. Students have prepared questions on each of the three themes and have nominated a theme that they will definitely talk about in the exam. This should be students' main focus of revision from now up until their exam.

Although class teachers conduct the exam, it is recorded and sent off to the exam board to be marked externally, therefore, attendance on the day of the exam is essential. If a student is unwell and unable to attend on the day, we will require a medical note or medical evidence in order to reschedule the exam.

There will be drop-in sessions in K block for students who would like to practise the general conversation element of the exam every day after school from now, until the exam dates. Additionally, MFL staff are opening up a Saturday school session on **Saturday 29 April**, 10am-12.30pm to give students the opportunity to practise with a language specialist prior to their exam. We would encourage students to attend this if at all possible.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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