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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: MFL GCSE speaking exams – mocks and final summer speaking exam dates

Firstly, I want to congratulate the Year 11 students for their hard work during the January mocks. The students did themselves proud and demonstrated excellent progress since the September exams.

In MFL, we would like to give students the opportunity to sit one final speaking mock. With reduced face-to-face teaching time over the last two years due to the impact of Covid-19, speaking is the skill that has undoubtedly been affected the most. We therefore feel it is hugely beneficial for every year 11 student to sit another practice speaking mock before the final summer exam so that they feel confident about what is expected of them. These mock speaking exams will therefore take place **the week commencing Monday 4th April** (the week before the Easter holidays). Students will be given an individual time slot by their MFL teacher. A huge amount of time and planning goes into the speaking exams, from teachers' time to the invigilators who are paid to supervise, therefore it is essential that students attend their given slot.

Students will then be given prompt feedback by their teacher on how to improve in preparation for the final speaking exams in May. The final French speaking exams will be taking place from **Tuesday 3rd May to Thursday 5th May** and the final Spanish speaking exams will take place the week after, from **Monday 9th May to Wednesday 11th May**. Again, students will be given their individual exam time slot by their MFL teacher. These exams are very soon after the Easter holidays so we encourage students to prioritise their speaking revision over that time.

In order to best prepare students for the speaking exams (both the mocks and the final exams), students in both languages have been given a list of questions from which the general conversation part of the exam will be based. Students have been advised to prepare answers for these questions and practise speaking them at home in order to best prepare. We are also offering a speaking practice support session Thursday after school from 3.30-4.15pm within the department.



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at annie.hughes@sirthomasfremantle.org.

Many thanks in advance for your support and best wishes,

Miss A Hughes

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