



March 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 11 MFL Speaking Examinations 2018

In the next few weeks, students will take part in a Mock Speaking examination in preparation for their GCSE Speaking examination in May 2018. The Modern Foreign Languages teachers know how hard the students have worked and are keen for students to be aware of the following important information regarding this component of the exam.

The Year 11 mock examinations will take place on the following dates: **Monday 12 March, Tuesday 13 March and Wednesday 14 March 2018.**

The Y11 GCSE examination, which will count towards 25% of the overall grade, will take place on the following dates: **Wednesday 2 May, Thursday 3 May and Friday 4 May 2018.**

Students will be informed by their language classroom teacher of their allocated time for the mock and for the GCSE examination.

Students will need to adhere to their allocated time and ensure they arrive promptly as failure to do so will impact on their preparation time and the running order of the exam on the day.

Please make sure your son or daughter is aware of the following exam regulations:

- all pupils must remain silent from the moment they enter the preparation room
- all pupils must leave their belongings outside of the preparation room
- only clear pencil cases or plastic bags allowed.
- only clear, label free, bottles of water allowed.
- during the preparation time, students should prepare for role-play part of the examination and the photo card part of the examination on the additional notes sheet provided.
- once in the speaking examination room, students should only speak in the target language.
- all notes and examination material must be handed in to the teacher when requested
- if absent due to ill health on the day of the mock examination and the GCSE exam please contact **Mrs Penny Miller, Exams Officer.**

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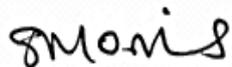
In the MFL faculty, we want to do everything we can to ensure that students are thoroughly prepared for their speaking exam. Students can ask their teachers for use of rooms for quiet learning at lunch or break-times. We would greatly value your support in supervising their learning at home.

The following strategies are most helpful in preparing for speaking part of the GCSE 9-1 and to make sure that students have the answers to all of the questions for the assessment.

- Use Quizlet.com to check pronunciation of words you are unsure of. Create your own speaking question online flashcards.
- Record yourself and repeat your answers whilst listening.
- If you like moving around! - Write the question(s) out on a post-it note and stick them on a door. Go to the door, try to memorise some of the question then write it down OR create a 'memory palace' by linking each question to a place in your room.
- Copy out your questions onto separate, different coloured pieces of paper and put them into a box once you've learned each one – then CHECK!
- Ask someone at home or your study buddy to test you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01777 713700 ext 636 or by email: morriss@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely



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