7th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Speaking Assessments**

I am writing you to inform you that your child will be doing their first speaking assessment in either French, German or Spanish over the next couple of weeks.

The format is very simple: 5 questions with a 2-minute time running clock per student. They will be assessed on how much information they convey and on their pronunciation. More detailed information and the assessment criteria will be in their exercise books and on Google Classroom.

Students will complete some preparation with us in their lessons, however, they will need to do some independent revision at home.

You can support your child by setting a timer and asking them the questions as many times as needed. This frequent repetition will build their confidence when speaking in the foreign language (and allow them to show off their French, German and Spanish!).

We appreciate your support – these speaking assessments in Key Stage 3 enable the students to experience how rewarding and fantastic learning a new language is.

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

We would like to wish you a great holiday too and a happy new year.

Yours sincerely

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