

6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: GCSE French preparation for the oral examination**

With the final examinations fast approaching and French being the first of their examinations, we would like to update you as to how students in Year 11 might effectively prepare themselves. They should be starting now to revise all of the topics in their textbook which they can access online at [kerboodle.com](http://kerboodle.com). They know their individual login and should be regularly using this to complete their two weekly homework sheets. We are happy to mark and give them feedback on any additional written tasks in particular.

The oral examination is the first element that they will sit and will take place before the AQA deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> May. They will be given their exact appointment time in the next few weeks. Please let us know urgently if there is a problem with the date as changing it is difficult. Under no circumstances can this element of the examination take place after the 10<sup>th</sup> May deadline. Students are currently preparing the answers to the questions that they will be asked in that examination and it is crucial that they keep up-to-date with this work. There is a French teacher available every day at lunchtime as well as Monday to Thursday after school if they would like help with this. If they fall behind, however, we will require them to attend these sessions and will inform you of the dates.

We are also offering a revision day during the Easter holiday on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 10:00am to 3:00pm in L61, L62 and L63. Please return the reply slip below by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March if your child would like to attend. The day will have two sessions, each lasting 2 hours with a break from 12:00noon to 1:00pm when they may leave the school site if you give them permission on the slip. In the morning we will work on the role play and photo-card elements and in the afternoon we will practise the general conversation questions. They should bring their oral preparation booklet with them on the day.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April your child will have another mock oral examination so that we can assess how well their preparation is going and we will let you know if we have any concerns at that point. We will continue to offer support/extension/practice opportunities at lunchtimes and after school as above.

A good performance in the oral examination will give the students confidence as they go into their other examinations, so we hope that you will appreciate how important this preparation is. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs M Gleave**  
**Head of Languages**

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**Reply slip re: GCSE French preparation for the oral examination**

Student name: ..... Tutor group: .....

My child will attend the French oral examination revision day on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 10:00 to 3:00. I do/do not give him/her permission to leave the school site from 12:00 to 1:00pm. (Please delete as appropriate.)

Signed (Please print): .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Parent/Carer/Relationship