

# **Modern Languages Department**



How to help your child with  
GCSE languages

# **Deadlines**

## **1. Homework**

## **2. Controlled assessments**

### **YEAR 10 (2015-16):**

- December 2015      Writing
- 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016      French Speaking
- 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016      Spanish Speaking

### **YEAR 11 (2016-17):**

- December 2016      Writing
- January 2017      Speaking
- March/April 2017      Speaking / Writing 'catch-up' as necessary

# Example task



## Controlled Writing Assessment

Context: Lifestyle



You are writing to your penfriend about your lifestyle.

### ***You could include:***

- What you normally like to eat and drink. Is it healthy?
- What did you eat and drink last night?
- Are you fit? Why or why not?
- Were you more or less fit/healthy when you were younger?
- What should you do to lead a healthy lifestyle?
- Do you smoke/drink? Why (not)? Consequences?
- Why do you think young people smoke/drink?

# **Controlled Assessment Handbook**

## **1. Assessment criteria**

- **AQA** [www.aqa.org](http://www.aqa.org)

## **2. Log book**

- Ask your child what they have been doing
- Complete tasks together
- Sign the Logbook – when YOU are satisfied

Week beginning: \_\_\_\_\_

Due in: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity	Tasks completed/Topics	Date	Signature of parent
1 hour Grammar			
1 hour Reading / Listening			
1 hour vocabulary			
Other activities (eg. homework/ controlled tasks			

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Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Vocabulary....a few tips**

- 5 -10 new words per day (Malvern guide or textbook)
- You say the English and the student gives you the French/Spanish
- You say the French/Spanish and they say the English
- Ask them to spell the words
- Ask them to write down the words, which you can then check against the list
- Ask them to teach you the words
- Ask them to teach you the correct pronunciation
- Post-it notes
- Phone/iPods

# **Targets and target setting**

Know your child's specific targets

1. Year 10 Parents' Evening
2. Exercise books / assessment passports

# **FURTHER SUPPORT**

A decent dictionary – Collins Gem

- Avoid/discourage use of Google Translator
- There are some very useful online dictionaries which are easy to use: [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com)

Revision guidance / preparation for controlled assessments

Working together at home

Revision lessons and clinics

Cultural experiences

Keep in touch!



# Useful websites

[www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)

[www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com)

[www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)

[\\*www.thisislanguage.com](http://*www.thisislanguage.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/)

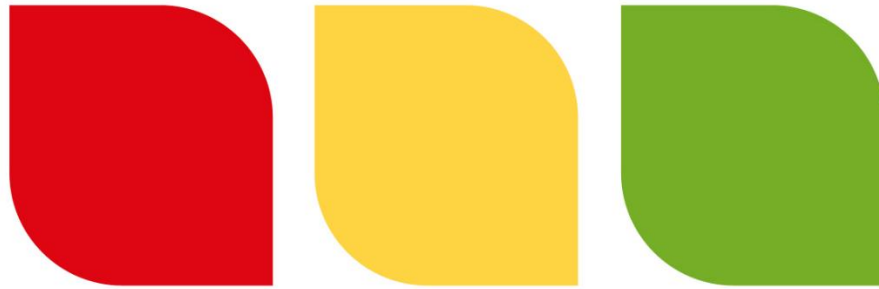
[www.bbc.co.uk/languages/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/)

[www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com)

[\\*www.linguascope.com](http://*www.linguascope.com)

[www.text-to-speech.imtranslator.net/](http://www.text-to-speech.imtranslator.net/)

**Coming soon....**



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**App Store**



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**Merci / Gracias**

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