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Dear Parents and Carers,

**GCSE Spanish speaking examination
Thursday 2 May and Friday 3 May 2024**

On Thursday 2 May and Friday 3 May we will be holding the MFL speaking exams. Your child will be sitting their GCSE Spanish speaking examination on one of these two dates. This exam is worth 25% of their final grade. To support your child in preparing for this exam, the Modern Foreign Languages department have already conducted a full mock speaking exam in January and a mini mock speaking exam will be held week commencing 22 April.

The exam in May is a full GCSE exam component and therefore, it is essential that your child arrives to this exam on time and fully prepared as there are no opportunities to take the exam a second time. It is also essential that your child understands that this is an exam and therefore, they are unable to disclose any information relating to their exam. I have attached the warning to candidates that we have discussed in class so that you are also aware.

We would be very grateful for your support in ensuring that your child prepares thoroughly for the examination and attends at the appropriate time. The speaking test consists of 3 key components, firstly they must participate in a transactional role-play, secondly, they must describe a photo card and then answer 4 questions on the photo and finally they must speak for approximately 6 minutes across 2 themes of general conversation. This is an exam where students can make significant gains on their exam grade and we want to ensure that they do all they can to be successful in this skill. Your child is fully aware of the expectations around this exam and the suggested work to complete in preparation.

The venue for the GCSE speaking exam will be the music practice room with preparation being in the music room. There will be full invigilation in line with the exam board regulations.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Yours sincerely,

S. Marshall

Mrs. S. Marshall
Director of MFL

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Modern Foreign Languages Speaking Tests

Warning to candidates notice

You **must not**:

- become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of this assessment
- discuss this assessment with anyone who has not yet taken the assessment
- share information about this assessment in any way, including on the internet/social media.

Sharing information about Speaking tests can create an unfair assessment and could impact on your grades in this exam. Failing to report to your teacher any assessment-related information being shared may also lead to a malpractice investigation which could result in:

- a loss of marks for this component
- a disqualification from this component or the entire qualification
- a ban from sitting exams for a set period of time.

AQA monitors social media and student websites for evidence of malpractice.

**Remember: treat the Speaking tests as confidential.
Keep things fair for everyone.**