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Dear Parent / Carer

GCSE French Speaking Mock Exam

I am writing to inform you that students will be completing their GCSE French Speaking Mock Examination on Wednesday 25 February.

On the morning of the exam, students will have a 14-minute preparation period beginning at 8:40am. During this time, they will prepare their role play and photo card tasks. Each student will then be given a specific time for their speaking examination and will be excused from their lesson to complete it. The individual exam times will be published on Class Charts.

The speaking examination will consist of four parts:

- A Read Aloud task
- A Role Play
- A Photo Description
- A Follow-on Conversation based on the theme of the photo card

For this mock examination, the photo card theme will be Travel and Tourism. Students will need to revise key phrases for describing a picture (speaking for approximately two minutes) and prepare answers to questions we have practised in class on this topic.

I have explained to students that this mock is a “dress rehearsal.” It is completely normal to feel nervous; however, the purpose is to help them become familiar with the routine and structure of the exam so that they feel more confident and prepared for the real examination. It is also an excellent revision opportunity, as they will consolidate their knowledge of the Travel and Tourism unit through their preparation.

Revision Tips

- Learn and practise key verbs in the present, past and future tenses.
- Higher tier students should also revise the imperfect, conditional and simple future.
- Revise key structures and phrases used to describe a photo card clearly and confidently.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Kirsty Abercrombie
Head of Languages

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