

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

**GCSE MFL Mock 1 Speaking Exams**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to let you know about the mock speaking exam for your son/daughter, which we have timetabled to carry out 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019. This is to help prepare your child for the speaking exam in the summer, which forms 25% of the final mark. Therefore, the importance of these mock speaking exams is to be taken very seriously and we hope that you can support us by making this clear at home.

The Modern Foreign Languages GCSE speaking exam is divided in the following way (Edexcel exam board):

<b>FOUNDATION/HIGHER</b>
Role-play = 10 marks
Picture based discussion = 24 marks
Presentation of 1 minute followed by general conversation questions = 36 marks

Therefore, your son/daughter will need to prepare for each part of the exam carefully in order to achieve his/her best. This is a practice run and there will be a further opportunity to complete a second speaking mock exam in February, details of which we will inform you nearer the time. Preparation in class will also support your child in getting ready for this exam, but we expect that all students will double up their learning at home as well. The class teacher will be informing your son/daughter of the date and time of their slot and we will use the MFL speaking rooms next to our base on C floor as a quiet environment in which we can record each exam. We record the speaking exams so that we can help your child to improve for next time. This is an invaluable opportunity, which we organise with cover implications for our other classes, so **it is a compulsory exam and non-attendance will automatically be sanctioned with an after-school detention.** In addition, the mock listening exam will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in lesson time and is also a compulsory exam.

If you have any questions about the mock speaking exams, you can contact your child's French or German teacher or myself via email: [h.corsie@becketonline.co.uk](mailto:h.corsie@becketonline.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

Mrs H. Corsie (Leader of Learning in MFL)



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