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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Years 10 and 11 - Tips for independent language learning

We are writing to update you on how you can support your child with their language learning at home. When it comes to preparing for a GCSE in languages, a little and often approach is best and the opportunities for extra study are plentiful. Class teachers will set regular vocabulary learning tasks but revisiting previously studied units of work is highly beneficial, especially in the current situation. We provide students with paper based vocabulary lists, but they also have access to a number of online resources to support their learning.

- ✓ Kerboodle (online textbook and support materials)
- ✓ Languagenut (grammar, vocabulary, practice exam questions)
- ✓ Quizlet (vocabulary learning tool)
- ✓ Seneca (vocabulary lists and practice exercises)
- ✓ Linguascope (intermediate section)
- ✓ www.espanol-extra.co.uk (Spanish-vocabulary, grammar, reading and listening tasks)
- ✓ www.languagesonline.org.uk (vocabulary, grammar, reading and listening tasks)
- ✓ Google 'Fun with languages' (GCSE section)
- ✓ Lyrics training (listening and reading practice using target language music)
- ✓ Videoele (Spanish- Listening)

Subject teachers can advise students on which sites would best support their areas for development and login details where necessary.

Finally, if your daughter is in Year 11, we want to make you aware that your daughter's result in the PPEs in January will help us decide which tier of examination (foundation or higher) she will sit in the summer exams. This highlights the importance of working hard in all lessons and always putting in 100% in home learning assignments.

If you have any questions about supporting your child with preparation for GCSE languages, please do not hesitate to contact us by email.

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