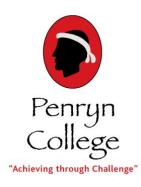May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Year 10 MFL Mock Exams

I wanted to write to let you know how Year 10 French and Spanish students will be assessed at the end of this term.

In order to give students a better understanding of the format of the GCSE language exams and to get a comprehensive picture of each student's strengths and areas for development, all Year 10 MFL students will sit a mock exam in listening, reading, writing and speaking.

Whilst these replicate the format of the real GCSE exams, the content has been modified to only include the six modules they have studied over the past two years. In addition, the speaking exam is simplified and students will have two weeks of lessons and homework to help them prepare. To support them with this, they will be given a preparation pack which includes:

- Six potential role play cards
- Six potential photo cards
- Progress questions for their chosen Conversation 1 topic
- Progress questions for the unknown Conversation 2 topic

This will be the second year we have conducted Year 10 MFL Mocks and the positive impact it has had of current Year 11 pupils in helping them prepare for their Year 11 Mocks and GCSE exams has been huge. In addition, the data we get from this allows us to better inform our Year 11 intervention programme.

In their End of Year report, students will receive an overall mock grade based on their total marks from the four exams. Following this, they will also receive a comprehensive breakdown of their marks from each exam and the grade boundaries in their MFL lessons.

The exams will take place as follows, in lessons the **W/B 3rd June**:

- Listening: 45 mins / Non-Tiered
- Reading: 45 mins / Non-Tiered
- Writing: 45-60 mins / Foundation or Higher
- Speaking: **W/B 24th June** - students will be given their allocated day/time by their class teacher.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's MFL teacher.

Yours faithfully

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