



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Carers,

GCSE French and German speaking exams were cancelled for this summer, the final grade being based on the candidates' performance in listening, reading and writing. However, the exam boards are still offering a speaking endorsement to be awarded alongside the GCSE as a pass, merit or distinction qualification. Further to previous communications home, I am writing to inform you that all Year 11 MFL students will be completing their assessment for the speaking endorsement between the dates of 8th-17th June. The students are aware of this requirement and have been preparing in class, many will already have appointment slots from their teacher. They also have revision cards to take home so they can continue to prepare at home during the remote learning period.

We would encourage students to complete these assessments over TEAMS, but there is the option for students to complete them on site. If attending on site the students must come in full school uniform, wearing their lanyard and sign in at reception. They should then make their way over to the Year 11 area as their assessment will take place in their normal languages' classroom. If they prefer to use Teams, they simply have to log on at their scheduled time. The students will receive a slip with the date and time of their assessment from their French or German teacher.

We are delighted to be able to offer the students this opportunity; we know that this will complement their full GCSE and ensure that we have strived for the best possible outcomes in French and German, adding something extra to their suite of qualifications. We feel strongly that when the students look back on their experience of Modern Foreign Languages, they will feel proud that they can speak the language and have proven their ability via a formal assessment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your sincerely,

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