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Dear Year 11 families,

I am writing to confirm that the Year 11 GCSE Spanish speaking exam, which is worth 25% of their grade, will take place on the week commencing 22 April.

Students have been preparing for this exam since September, including two mock examinations, therefore should be fully prepared for how it will take place. As the general conversation element is on select topics, students have some control over this element of their grade, depending on the quality of work and resilience that goes into their final preparations over the coming week. Students were given a revision pack before the Easter holidays to help with their revision, alongside their purple book containing their personal general conversation questions and answers. We ask that you support them in their revision by ensuring they have a quiet place to study without distraction.

As this is a timetabled GCSE exam, attendance is compulsory and any appointments on this date will need to be rescheduled. All students have their personal time slot stuck into their planners, so please check this with them. Failure to attend their GCSE speaking exam may result in a U grade for that component. If an exam needs to be caught up in the subsequent week, but no legitimate reason has been given why it was missed, i.e. medical, families may incur an examination charge.

If you have any concerns, or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you in advance for your support, and best of luck to your child.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Amanda Bowley
Head of Languages