

March 2025

Dear 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 28 April. All students studying Spanish will be given an individual time slip by their Spanish teacher. Please check your child knows which day and time their exam will be on.

Students are fully prepared for this as have had two mock speaking exams already. 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 weeks.

Students will be 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. Some students have shared with us that 'marvely.ai' is a useful app that helps prepare for role plays, as well as the app 'Speak'. A free version is available for 7 days, so this would be an opportune time for Year 11 to try the apps. We ask that families support students 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. 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

