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8th January 2010

Dear Parents / Guardians,

GCSE French Examination support for Set 1 Pupils

As part of our programme of support for pupils doing GCSE French, I would like to invite your son / daughter to an after school booster programme, outside normal lessons, specifically aimed at pupils seeking the top grades in GCSE French. In order for this programme to be effective and due to the cumulative nature of the subject, it does require a high level of commitment. Below are the answers to some key questions you may have.

What are the aims ?

- to focus specifically on higher level exam techniques
- to improve mock grades and reach / surpass target grades
- to work in a targeted group of no more than 15 pupils and with peers of similar ability
- to lay firm foundations for those who may choose to study French at Advanced Level
- to provide a structured and guided revision programme over a period of 5 months (No last minute panic !)

What is the commitment ?

- Weekly attendance 3.20-4.30pm in Room 18 on the dates listed
- The learning of higher level vocabulary
- The learning of 5 oral questions per week
- The completion of a 20 minute reading task in preparation for the lesson
- To have the Progress Card signed by a parent on a weekly basis (These will be issued in the first lesson)

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When does the after school programme take place ?

The dates are given below and may be subject to change. Pupils will however be informed of any changes.

TUESDAY CLASSES
French Set 1 classes (3.20-4.30pm in R20)
Tuesday 20 th January 2010
Tuesday 26 th January 2010
Tuesday 2 nd February 2010
Tuesday 9 th February 2010
*****HALF TERM *****
Wednesday 24 th February 2010 *
Tuesday 2 nd March 2010
Tuesday 9 th March 2010
Wednesday 17 th March 2010 *
Tuesday 23 rd March 2010
*****EASTER *****
Tuesday 13 th April 2010
Tuesday 20 th April 2010
Tuesday 27 th April 2010
Tuesday 4 th May 2010
Tuesday 11 th May 2010
Tuesday 18 th May 2010

What will the format of the lesson be ?

Each lesson will include the following :

- Focus on acquisition of vocabulary
- Focus on preparation for the speaking exam
- Focus on grammar
- Focus on listening exam techniques
- Focus on reading exam techniques

How will I monitor progress ?

You son / daughter will have a Progress Card which they will bring home. It will have a record of marks for listening, reading and vocabulary work as well as a grade for speaking. Parents / Guardians are requested to sign this each week

Other Information

- I am happy to ask the French Language Assistant to record your son / daughter's presentation and speaking questions on to cassette / MP3 file so they can practice pronunciation and intonation at home. It will also assist them in learning their responses.
- Your son / daughter may also wish to have additional listening material. Please ask.
- The after school programme is not intended for coursework. Pupils requiring guidance with coursework must sign up for a lunch time session.
- Pupils may bring a snack / drink to have whilst we work

Should you wish your son / daughter to take part, please sign the form attached and return it to Mrs Henshaw by **Friday 15th January 2010**. If you wish to discuss the programme further, please do not hesitate to contact me .

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M. Henshaw
Head of Modern Languages

Name of Pupil: _____

Form: _____

I would like my son / daughter to attend the French Booster classes on Tuesdays 3.20-4.20pm in Room 18 and will ensure that they attend as many classes as possible.

Signature: _____

Date: _____