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9<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Dear Parents / Guardians,

## GCSE French Examination support for pupils aiming to achieve at least a Grade B/C

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 to achieve at least a Grade C in GCSE French. In order for your son / daughter to be in a strong to achieve their target grade and for this programme to be effective, 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 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 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 18/19 on the dates listed
- The learning of vocabulary ( 20 words per week which will be tested )
- The learning of oral questions each week
- To have the Progress Card signed by a parent on a weekly basis ( Pupils will be given this in their 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.

<b>French B/C classes ( 3.20-4.30pm )</b>	<b>Room</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	18
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	19
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2010	18
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2010	19
<b>*****HALF TERM *****</b>	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2010	18
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2010	19
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	18
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	18
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	19
<b>*****EASTER *****</b>	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	19
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	18
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	19
<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	19
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	18

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 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 record your son / daughter's presentation and speaking questions on to cassette / MP3 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 )

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**Name of Pupil:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like my son / daughter to attend the French Booster classes on Mondays / Wednesdays 3.20-4.20pm in Room 18 / 19 and will ensure that they attend as many classes as possible.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_