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Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: French and Spanish

I would like to take this opportunity to share some simple ideas with you on how to support your child/children in their learning of French or Spanish.

Firstly, in Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) we issue every student with vocabulary books. For students in Year 7 and 8, these include the key vocabulary in all topics that we will study throughout the academic year. In Year 9, 10 and 11, the vocabulary books cover the key words for a specific unit of work, usually lasting a term.

Our MFL teachers will sometimes set a learning homework that may be directly from these booklets. Alternatively, it could be from one of the language learning websites we subscribe to (such as 'Activelearn') or based on vocabulary used in class.

For most students it is beneficial to work with someone on learning vocabulary and to practise by being tested. We would therefore really appreciate it if you could spend some time with your child/children learning vocabulary using their vocabulary booklets or from their exercise books (even if not set as a specific homework). This way you would be helping your child to learn and in the process might even pick up a bit of French or Spanish yourselves.

We know that learning a foreign language also helps to improve a student's knowledge of their own language, both in terms of grammar and vocabulary, so you will hopefully see an improvement in their understanding and use of English which will help in all subjects.

For those students following the GCSE course in Year 10 and 11, we recommend buying a revision guide and workbook or revision cards to support the work completed in class. These are available in the school shop, at a price less than the RRP, and can be bought via the Driffield School website (parent links, online shop). Your child's class teacher can show them these products in lesson if they'd like to see them before buying.

If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at lorraine.pearce@driffieldschool.org.uk.

Many thanks for your support.



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