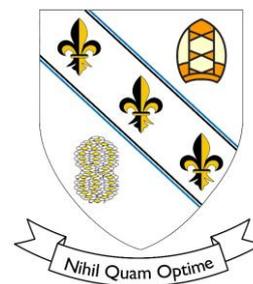


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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

## French GCSE – Speaking Component

I am writing to let you know about the assessment of the GCSE French Speaking component for our Year 11 pupils.

You have already received a letter informing you of the changes to all of the GCSEs for this academic year. In French, the Speaking component of the GCSE will not be assessed in an exam in the summer term. A separate **Speaking Endorsement** will be available. This means that the Speaking component will be teacher-assessed through class activities and routine assessments. Teachers will grade pupils' level of Speaking – each pupil will be awarded a pass, a merit or a distinction. When it is not possible to assess their Speaking, a "not classified" grade will appear on their exam results alongside their overall French GCSE grade.

We will not disadvantage our Year 11 pupils – we will give them every opportunity to get the best Speaking Endorsement grade possible.

We will conduct a Speaking mock during the last week of this half term to assess pupils. We have narrowed their revision for this mock to ease the pressure and the amount of revision needed. They will only have to revise 3 modules (Module 1 – Friends and Family, Module 2 – Leisure/Technology and Module 6 – School). Revising the Module questions will support their Listening, Reading and Writing skills. It is important to continue with the Speaking element – not only for the benefit of those pupils who will continue their French studies at A Level or Baccalaureate, but also as a life skill.

Listening, Reading and Writing papers will account for 100% of a pupil's grade and it is vital they learn vocabulary regularly and practice their writing. We have also subscribed to **This is Language** (an online learning platform) which will support them with their Listening practice.

Thank you for your ongoing support – if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [ljohnson@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:ljohnson@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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