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Dear Parent/Carer,

Modern Foreign Languages – Years 7 to 11

I am writing to outline the expectations that we have regarding vocabulary learning in KS3 and KS4 Languages at Bishop Ramsey School.

Students will be given a vocabulary list to learn each week via Arbor. The vocabulary may also be set via an app called Quizlet which creates virtual flashcards. Students can play games with this to help them engage with the learning process.

Learning vocabulary is the single most important thing that students can do to help them progress in Languages. The vocabulary that we set will have been covered in the lessons that week so students should be familiar with some of it.

Students are expected to try their best to learn their list and will be tested weekly. The expectation is that they achieve 80% on their vocabulary tests routinely. If they do not achieve that, they will be asked to attend an intervention run on Mondays after school, where they will be given the opportunity to practise the vocabulary set on Quizlet on their devices. We will also be happy for parents to confirm exactly how much time students have spent on their vocabulary learning if students are unable to attend the intervention session on Mondays. Year 7's will be given a hard copy list to practise in that session as they are not yet bringing devices into school.

We would like to ask for your support to help your son/daughter achieve well in Languages. A commitment to testing your son/daughter regularly on the vocabulary they are learning would help them hugely. This can be done whenever you have the time but the best option would be to do mini tests frequently.

If there is an issue of understanding how to learn vocabulary, your son/daughter's teacher will always be willing to organise a convenient time to go through how to do this effectively. Teachers may also set targets for students to achieve in vocabulary tests if our expectations are not met.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any questions regarding vocabulary learning homework in Modern Foreign Languages,
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Yours sincerely,

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