



Church of England School
Executive Head and CEO: Dr Hilary Macaulay

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Years 10 and 11 – Vocabulary Learning Expectations (MFL)

I hope the return to school has been good for all.

I am writing to outline the expectations that we have regarding vocabulary learning in KS3 and KS4.

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 have engaged with this vocabulary learning and will be tested weekly – the expectation is that they achieve 70% on their vocabulary tests routinely. If students do not achieve this, they will be asked to come to an intervention session 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 attend intervention on Mondays.

Allowances will be made for students with SEND needs – confirmation from parents that their son/daughter has spent the 45 minutes learning vocabulary will be sufficient.

We would like to ask for your support in helping us to help your son/daughter achieve well in Languages. A commitment to testing your son/daughter on their vocabulary would help them hugely. This can be done whenever you have the time – in the car or at dinner time. Short periods of time done more frequently are most effective.

If the issue is one of understanding, your son/daughter's French/Spanish teacher will always be willing to organise a convenient time to go through how to learn vocabulary effectively and agree new targets to help students.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any questions regarding homework in Modern Foreign Languages.

Yours sincerely,

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