

REF: HGR / RBL

15 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Oral Examination

I am writing to share further detail about your child's Spanish/French speaking examination that is taking place during the week commencing Monday 29 April. This exam is the first languages exam that they will complete and is worth 25% of the total GCSE grade.

This exam was not on your child's initial examination timetable due to this component being conducted outside of the summer exam period by teacher examiners in school. However, your child has known about this assessment for the duration of the course, and they have been preparing in their language lessons.

Of the four components that make up your child's French/Spanish GCSE, students typically find the speaking exam to be the most challenging. An important aspect of success in the oral component of French/Spanish GCSE is your child's preparation. Success in the oral exam is also an indicator of success in the writing exam therefore we encourage your child to prepare for this exam to the best of their ability.

Class teachers will confirm your child's examination time with them, and they will also be afforded time before the exam to prepare with our modern languages' assistants.

To support your child's preparation for this exam please could you encourage their attendance to enrichment and revision at home. All students have also been invited to attend tutoring online with our languages' assistants on **Tuesday 16 April** between **4pm – 5pm** and **5pm – 6pm** and **Tuesday 23 April** between **4pm – 5pm** and **5pm – 6pm**. Your child should express their interest to engage with this tuition through their teacher.

Should you have any questions about their oral examination in French/Spanish, please contact: info@dartonacademy.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Gregory'.

Mrs Hannah Gregory
Assistant Principal