Frequently asked questions – Revising MFL

1. When will the exams take place?

* All exams summer 2020

2. How long will the exams be?

Listening exam – Foundation 35 minutes / Higher 45 minutes

Reading exam – Foundation 45 minutes / Higher 1 hour

Written exam - Foundation 1 hour / Higher 1 hour 15 minutes

Speaking exam – Foundation 9 minutes / Higher 12 minutes

3. What will the exams look like?

* **Listening exam**

Section A multiple choice questions / answer in English

Section B to be answered in German / French

* **Reading exam**

Section A – answer in English

Section B to be answered in German / French

Section C – translation German / French – English

* **Written exam – Foundation**

Question 1 – four sentences in response to a photo

Question 2 – short passage - write about 40 words

Question 3 – translation from English into French / German

Question 4 – structured writing task - write about 90 words

* **Written exam - Higher Tier**

**Q**uestion 1 – structured writing write approximately 90 words

Question 2 – open-ended writing task write approximately 150 words in total Question 3 – translation from English into French / German

* **Speaking exam**

Conducted by the class teacher at the end of April/start of May. The exam consists of 3 elements:

Role-play – 15 marks (up to 2 minutes at Foundation and Higher)

Photo card – 15 marks (up to 2 minutes at Foundation; up to 3 minutes at Higher)

General Conversation (speaking questions) – (3–5 minutes at Foundation; 5–7 minutes at Higher)

4. When should students begin revising?

* We recommend that revision should be little and often. Students will be in the habit of learning for vocabulary tests and these take place weekly during years 10 and 11.
* Students should be able to identify where they are weak and need extra practice. There are many activities for listening and reading available on line through Kerboodle. Written word is corrected and redrafted.
* Students should be in the habit of revising speaking questions weekly, redrafting and adapting answers where necessary.

5. What are the best revision activities?

* Little and often – ***look, cover, write, check*** to practice vocabulary. Practice writing out answers to speaking questions.
* Use Quizlet or other language learning apps to practice language covered in lessons.
* Redraft all marked work and act on feedback from lesson.
* Create mindmaps for topics which include all of the vocabulary, structures and tenses that you need to learn.
* Using Kerboodle, practice listening activities that you have struggled with in lesson. Listen to the audio files of vocabulary to practice pronunciation.
* Students should keep notes of questions they struggle on and list the relative topics; this should then be their revision focus. MFL clinic is available to seek support on topics you are struggling with.