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Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted that your child has opted to study a Modern Foreign Language at KS4. Apart from being fun and rewarding, learning a foreign language is proven to develop communication skills, increase student confidence, improve employability and, of course, open up opportunities to study and work abroad.

We would like to take this opportunity to outline some key points about the GCSE course in Sept 2019:

- Your son/daughter will need an A4 ring binder, with dividers (10 sections approx.) and plastic wallets, to organise their work.
- We also recommend the following websites (and Apps where stated) to help students to improve their GCSE language skills over the summer holidays:

Website	Language	User Name	Password
<a href="http://www.linguascope.com">www.linguascope.com</a> App	All 3	silverdale	9991
<a href="https://www.memrise.com/">https://www.memrise.com/</a>	All 3	Sign up for free and practise GCSE vocab	
<a href="https://www.duolingo.com/">https://www.duolingo.com/</a> App	All 3	Sign up for free and practise GCSE vocab	
<a href="http://www.languagesonline.org.uk">http://www.languagesonline.org.uk</a>	All 3	Free vocab and grammar practice	
www.atantot.com	All 3	Silverdale	6131
<a href="http://www.1jour1actu.com">www.1jour1actu.com</a> App	French	Free	
<a href="http://www.klar.co.uk">www.klar.co.uk</a>	German	silverdale	Spass
<a href="http://www.espanol-extra.co.uk">www.espanol-extra.co.uk</a>	Spanish	silverdale100	rioplata

- Students can also borrow some great DVDs to watch over the holidays – please just ask.
- In the Autumn term, we will be selling very useful GCSE revision guides that will greatly help your child to get ahead with the content covered.

Throughout Years 10 and 11, there will be regular assessments in all four skill areas to check progress, and there will be four final exams at the end of Y11 which will test the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.

There will be no coursework so it is important to keep well-organised files, learn vocabulary regularly and complete homework **ON TIME** throughout the two-year course.

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On behalf of the Languages Department, we would like to thank you for your continued support. Gaining a Language qualification will no doubt open up many career opportunities for your child.

Yours sincerely

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