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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Spanish Exam Arrangements

We would like to inform you of arrangements for year 10 Spanish exams, so you can help your child prepare for these important exams. These exams will take place between **20th and 29th June 2018**.

The exam will test students on what they have been taught so far from the GCSE specification. Listening, reading, writing and speaking skills will be tested. We would like to give you specific information about the content of these exams.

Speaking Exam in Spanish

Students will have an individual speaking assessment with their Spanish teacher. This will last approximately 7 minutes. It is vital students prepare in advance for this speaking test as no notes will be allowed to be taken in to the exam. The tasks for preparation are as follows:

- 1. Role Play (Topic: Where you live)**
- 2. Picture Based Task (Topic: Holidays)**

Students will be shown a photo and expected to describe it. They will then be asked questions covering past and future tenses and will need to give opinions. Students will need to revise all school related vocabulary, as well as tenses and opinions.

- 3. Conversation (Topic: School)**

Students will need to give a short presentation of up to 60 seconds on an aspect of the topic. There will then follow a 60-90 second conversation talking about friends, families and role models.

They will need to revise vocabulary from this topic area, as well as tenses and opinions.

Writing in Spanish Exam - Foundation

There are 4 parts to this exam:

Question 1: Students will be required to write a 20-30 word description of a picture, plus give their opinion on the wider topic of **relationships**.

Question 2: Write a formal letter of approximately 40-50 words in present and future tenses, giving details about their **school**.

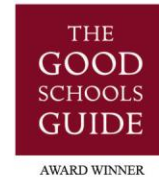
Question 3: Write a longer piece of 80-90 words about the **local area** that covers all three tenses, including giving opinions.

Question 4: A translation task from English into Spanish.





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Writing in Spanish exam - Higher

There are 3 parts to this exam:

Question 1 : Write a longer piece of 80-90 words about the **local area** that covers all three tenses, including giving opinions.

Question 2: Write 130-150 words on the topic of **school trips**.

Question 3: A translation task from English into Spanish.

Reading and Listening in Spanish

This section requires the student to translate from Spanish into English as well as to respond to questions in Spanish and English from reading and listening passages.

All students are being well prepared for this exam but it is very important that preparation and learning takes place at home, especially for the speaking component. Ideas are listed below:

- Prepare a 60 second speech on the topic of **school**
 - Record yourself saying it and then listen to it often.
 - Practise saying it out aloud to someone ... again and again!
 - Prepare notes/prompt cards to help you remember it.
- Learn your *Chatty Mat*; again, beneficial for both speaking and written exams.
- Look over your grammar notes, especially regarding tense formation and giving opinions.
- Revise all topic vocabulary.
 - Use your exercise book.
 - Login to *linguascope.com* and practise the vocabulary items.
 - Login to your *ActiveLearn* account and complete the tasks there.
 - If you have a *Quizlet/Memrise/Duolingo* account, login and work through the vocabulary sets.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Spanish teacher.

Yours sincerely

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