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Kerboodle – GCSE French & Spanish

Dear Parent/ Carer,

This year, the Language department has invested in Kerboodle for GCSE French and Spanish (www.Kerboodle.com) which allows your son/daughter to access their GCSE textbook from home. All KS4 (Y9-11) students have now been given a username and password to access the resources online, and I am therefore writing to let you know how it works and how you can support your son/ daughter with their French/Spanish homework and assessments.

Kerboodle is packed with interactive activities, video, grammar worksheets and strategy worksheets linking to the Student Book to consolidate or extend content. The Kerboodle Books are digital versions of the Student Books, which can be accessed on a range of devices and tablets (not phones) to use in school or at home. To access all contents fully, please ensure that your device has the latest version of Flash Player – needed to record students' speaking assessments. We advise that students should be spending at least 1 hour in Year 9, 10 and 11 on homework.

The following rules have been set by the department with regard to homework (whether from Kerboodle or weekly vocab/grammar testing):

- Students must see their teacher by 3:30pm the day before the homework is due if they have had any problems accessing the homework. **An ICT/ internet failure will not be accepted as an excuse if students have left homework until the last minute.**
- Kerboodle can be accessed from school and homework can be completed in school should internet access be an issue at home.
- Failure to complete all tasks will result in a detention at break or lunchtime. The expectation remains that homework is completed at home, the detention is for lateness rather than instead of completing the homework and detentions will continue to be set until the homework is completed. This may also result in compulsory homework support sessions if there is no evidence that the homework has been attempted or insufficient time has been spent on the homework on a regular basis.

The Languages department are committed to ensuring your son/daughter makes excellent progress in French/Spanish, but we need your support to ensure they fulfil their potential. Your support, in ensuring that homework is completed weekly and done to a high standard, is invaluable.

Students who are consistently getting it right will be rewarded with reward points and certificates. We will also endeavour to let you know if your son/ daughter is not meeting our expectations with regard to homework and work with you to ensure that this improves.

If we can be of any assistance with homework, or any other languages related query please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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