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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: GCSE French and German

Your son or daughter is about to complete the first year of GCSE French or German. I am writing to give you information about useful work and revision that should be completed over the summer holidays to ensure maximum success in the examinations.

Tips for revision over the summer

Students should aim to do 30 minutes revision three times per week during the holiday to consolidate what they have learned this year (go over questions on the topic, test yourself on vocabulary, work from the textbook or revision guide or use one of the websites).

Revision Guides: Students should start to use these for a programme of self-study.

We suggest that students purchase both the Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) Revision Guide and the Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) Revision Workbooks (either French or German). There are listening exercises attached to these guides, which the students can access, and I strongly recommend that they do these.

Websites: Use the following to revise vocabulary and grammar in the holidays

www.memrise.com

This site is excellent for vocabulary revision and has lists of words matched to the exam board specification.

www.linguascope.co.uk

Username: smartins, password: maison. This site is good for vocabulary revision (use the intermediate pages)

www.languagesonline.org.uk

This site is especially good for grammar revision and marks your work instantly.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize

This site revises topics and tests you on the topics.

www.quizlet.com

This site revises vocabulary from past exam papers.

Please encourage your son or daughter to keep up their language studies over the summer as this will be of great benefit to them in September and the rest of the year.

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