

## Information about the GCSE Spanish Speaking Exams – April 2018

### *When will the speaking exam take place?*

During the week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Year 11 GCSE Spanish students will complete the speaking exam. This exam counts for 25% of the final mark and cannot be retaken. It is, therefore, imperative that students arrive for the exam on time and well prepared. Students will be given details of their individual slots after half term.

Below you will find details of how to support your son/daughter as they prepare for this exam, in addition to useful guidance on resources available to support their learning.

### *On the day of the exam*

On the day of the exam, your son/daughter will be given 12 minutes preparation time, immediately before their speaking exam. This time is to prepare for parts 1 and 2 of the exam (see below). This preparation time is completed in exam conditions with an invigilator. All students have completed two PRE speaking exams in the same conditions as the exam they will sit in April and, therefore, understand the process.

### *What does the exam require the students to do?*

The speaking exam is divided into 4 parts. Some parts of the exam can be memorised prior to the day and others require students to respond to unseen material. There is plenty that students can do at home to prepare.

Part 1	Role play	Students will prepare for this on the day. We will practise in lesson time and there will be resources available on the OneDrive for independent study at home.
Part 2	Photocard	Students will prepare for this on the day. We will practise in lesson time and there will be resources available on the OneDrive for independent study at home.
Part 3	Presentation and questions	During the lessons before February half term, students will choose the topic of their presentation. They will draft their response and receive teacher feedback before producing their final script. The presentation must last for no more than one minute. It is imperative that students learn their presentation so that they can maximise their marks in this part of the exam. After the presentation, students will be asked a range of questions, linked to their presentation. Again, these will be scripted and receive teacher feedback. Again, it is imperative that students learn these questions so that they can maximise their marks in this part of the exam. <b>Summary; ensure that they know their presentation and linked questions</b>
Part 4	General questions	Students will then answer general questions on a theme chosen by the exam board. Though they will not know the theme prior to the day of the exam, they will have written answers to the full range of questions to be used by the teacher. It is imperative that they devote learning time at home to ensure that they can answer these questions. <b>Summary; ensure that they know answers to the full range of questions.</b>

### **What resources are available to prepare for the speaking exam?**

There will be a range of resources available on the OneDrive to support Year 11 students with their preparation for the speaking exam.

Students can also use the following website to assist with their learning (particularly the presentation)

[www.voki.com](http://www.voki.com)

Here students can create a character who will recite their presentation and/or answers to the presentation questions/general questions. There are different options available, including a Spanish accent which is helpful for practising pronunciation. This is also available as an App and we will be exploring it further in lesson time.

