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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer, and we are really looking forward to working with your child again this year.

We want to empower your child to be as independent as possible when they are not in class with their Language teacher/s. We want them to make language learning a part of their lives, daily ideally. We know from the research that little and often is far better for mastering all four skills; listening, reading, speaking and writing. Students will sit four exams in this subject. The Speaking exam is usually in April of Year 11, Listening and Reading are back to back in June of Year 11 and finally, Writing is usually towards the end of the GCSE exams period.

We want your child to start to use a vocabulary booklet in lessons and at home. They can take it home, but they must bring it to every lesson. It is a very neat, well organised and useful booklet, divided into the 9 GCSE topics. It can be found in the school shop on our website and through ParentPay here: [ParentPay and School Shop - Seaford Head School](#). The sooner they have this booklet, the sooner they will start to feel more empowered, more confident and more knowledgeable. Please see the link to the booklet below:

[GCSE French AQA Vocabulary Book | CGP Books](#)

Many of our students enjoy Duolingo which we also highly recommend for daily vocabulary practice. Students should also complete their homework on time but in addition, we strongly recommend that they listen to music online, find a series that they enjoy with the English subtitles and of course familiarise themselves with and practise past papers. Please see the link below to the Sample Assessment Material on the AQA website for our GCSE exams in April and June of Year 11. You will find Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing material along with their corresponding mark schemes. This is open to the public and you do not need to create an account so it is very easy access.

[GCSE French 8652 | Assessment Resources | AQA](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read this and to purchase the vocabulary booklet. If you have any questions or would like a chat at any point about your child and their language learning, please feel free to email me on michellederry@seafordhead.org and I will get in touch.

Kind regards

The Languages Department