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RESOURCES FOR THE GCSE GERMAN COURSE

Dear Parents,

Last year, the MFL department invested in some new textbooks that cover the revised specification for German at GCSE level. There are two versions of this book, allowing students to work on similar material in class whatever their target grade.

To promote independent learning and to increase contact with spoken German outside of lessons, the publishers have also created a website with interactive exercises (Pearson Active Learn). The school has purchased a licence to use this platform, and students can expect to receive online homework tasks approximately every two weeks. This will be in addition to vocabulary learning using Memrise. Please let me know if you anticipate any technical problems on this front and I will make arrangements with your son or daughter to ensure that he or she can complete the necessary work in school.

Additionally, I would like each student to own a published vocabulary booklet, which will be a valuable revision aid as time progresses. In my experience, such materials help language learners to maintain a clear overview of their progress. At the same time, they are pitched at exactly the right level for those aiming high on the GCSE course.

All future vocabulary tests will be based on sections in the booklet. To allow students to highlight and annotate vocabulary lists in line with their preferred learning styles and to avoid illegal photocopying, **I kindly ask that you purchase a booklet from the department. The amount due (£1.50) can be transferred using ParentPay.** You simply need to log in and give your consent for this payment.

Please advise me by email if you perceive any problems with this arrangement or contact the finance office if you would like to discuss alternative funding. Otherwise, I would be grateful if you could complete payment by Monday 2 July.

Best wishes,

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