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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Modern Foreign Languages at Ashlyns School**

At Ashlyns, our aim in Modern Foreign Languages is to broaden students' horizons and foster intercultural understanding. We believe that every student should have the opportunity to learn at least one foreign language, regardless of their background. By exposing students to the rich cultural capital associated with languages, we enhance their learning experience through both curricular and extracurricular activities.

A key element of this learning journey is home-learning. Your child will be expected to complete a 30 to 40-minute home-learning activity each week. This will typically include vocabulary learning, using their student handbook, and practising on Quizlet. The student handbook contains a comprehensive vocabulary list for the entire year, organised by topics. At the front of the handbook, you will find an overview of which topics will be covered each half term.

We have created Quizlet sets for all the vocabulary lists, which your child can access through Google Classroom and our class page on Quizlet. This makes it easy for students to revise regularly and reinforce what they learn in class.

We also expect students to take initiative and engage in self-driven revision at home after each lesson. This is crucial for consolidating what they have learned in school. In addition to their exercise book and student handbook, Quizlet is an excellent tool for this revision. If your child mentions they do not have specific homework, please encourage them to revise their vocabulary.

It is important to note that when using Quizlet, students should focus on the 'Learn,' 'Spell,' and 'Write' modes, as these are the most effective for mastering spelling and vocabulary retention. While the matching game can be fun, it is less helpful when it comes to solidifying key language skills.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child's progress in learning a foreign language.

Yours sincerely

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