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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Mobile Phone Use During Modern Foreign Language (MFL) Lessons

A significant part of the MFL courses at GCSE includes developing listening and speaking skills. To help our students develop this, and allow for a personalised approach, we will be running a trial of allowing students to use their mobile phones during *some* lessons to allow them to access listening content.

Students will need to bring in headphones that work with their mobile phones to be able to participate and benefit from this trial.

To help students and staff run this trial there are some controls we are putting in place: Mobile phone use will be limited strictly to Year 11 MFL lessons and for listening purposes only. Students will be expected to place their phones (switched off) back into their school bags before leaving the classroom to ensure the normal school rules are then adhered to. Teachers will supervise all activities and ensure that students remain focused on the task. Students will be asked to bring headphones which work with their phones. If headphones are not brought in, the listening task cannot be accessed.

Phones must be placed in "Do Not Disturb" mode to prevent any unnecessary distractions. Phone must be placed on the desk to make it easier for teachers to supervise all activities. Any misuse of mobile phones during this time including taking photos or messaging other people will result in the student no longer being able to participate in this trial. If you have any concerns regarding this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact us. We believe this will be an excellent opportunity to integrate technology into our language lessons in a productive and controlled way.

Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.
Yours faithfully,

Mr Maurice
Head of MFL