



Dear parents/guardians,

We are writing to inform you about your child's study of Modern Foreign Languages this year and to invite you to support them in their revision at home.

Research evidence and common sense tell us that the best way to learn and retain information is to revise on a regular basis. This is best done in frequent but short study sessions, e.g. 10-15 minutes every day. In order to support this, all students have been issued with a homework and revision booklet. This booklet includes the key vocabulary for the whole year, as well as key grammar and end of topic questions.

The students are expected to revise vocabulary for the current topic every week. This will be followed up by tests in class. It would be much appreciated if you could encourage your child to study regularly. Some students have also found it useful to do practice tests at home. The vocabulary tests and scores will be recorded in your child's exercise book, this way you can regularly check for the latest scores. Electronic copies of the booklet are available your child's Google Classroom page; this is accessible through their school Google account.

All booklets are also available on the Languages Department website, along with other resources to support your child's learning:

<https://sites.google.com/aldrigedchool.org/mfl/home>

We encourage all students to join the free **Quizlet** website/app to be able to access online flashcard activities and games for each vocabulary list. Students have told us they find Quizlet a fun and effective way of learning their vocabulary.

The group sign up links are:

Year 7 German: <https://quizlet.com/join/c8v3nXwZf>

Year 7 French: <https://quizlet.com/join/n3mbD2W8k>

Year 8 German: <https://quizlet.com/class/15233406/>

Year 8 French: <https://quizlet.com/join/8tfKqUTJU>

Year 9 German: <https://quizlet.com/join/szTN8HxKD>

Year 9 French: <https://quizlet.com/class/14804586/>

GCSE German: <https://quizlet.com/join/9X7pP9euA>

GCSE French: <https://quizlet.com/join/8ddWAs4Mt>



For pupils in years 7 and 8, a parent's email address will be required. You can read the FAQs regarding Quizlet here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OUGoFkFVAzq2SVqJaL85tkxGEJD6BjS4/view>

There will also be further homework set by the class teacher. The students should record this in their planner.

If you have any questions regarding how to support your child in their study of languages, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thanks in advance for your support,

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Some ideas for how to learn vocabulary:

**How do I know what I know?**

1 I can pronounce the word	
2 I know what it means	
3 I can spell the word	
4 I know the gender (der/die/das)	
5 I can use the word in a sentence	

**For example:**

- The word 'Fleisch' is pronounced 'fly-sh'
- It means 'meat'
- It is spelt F-l-e-i-s-c-h
- It is neuter (das Fleisch)
- It can be used in this sentence:  
Das Fleisch ist sehr lecker.

Take your vocabulary list and rate your knowledge of each. How do you need to improve?

- Practise pronunciation
- Learn what the word means
- Practise how to spell the word
- Create sentences with the word

**Self assessment**

Make a set of online flashcards (www.quizlet.com) & spend 20 mins using them to learn (50 pts)

Use your core language sheet and vocab book to create new sentences with the words (50 pts = 5, 100 pts = 10)

Teach the words to a family member (50 pts)

Record yourself saying the words and the English meaning – use this to test yourself (50 pts)

Make own flashcards on card and use them to test yourself over and over (50 pts)

Write each word 3 times & translate once (50 pts)

Use WordArt and type words out in alphabetical order (50 pts)

Work with a partner to learn the words, testing each other (50 pts)

Look, Cover, Say, Check (50 pts)

Make up a song with the words (50 pts)

