

## **Some ideas to support your child during their Controlled Assessment**

- Any person can only concentrate for their chronological age (plus or minus 2) up to a maximum of 20 minutes. We have advised your child to revise for this amount of time and to then build in a very quick break of a couple of minutes before returning to their revision. This will maximise the amount of material they are able to retain.
- As the brain responds well to colours your child has been asked to colour code each section of the work and then maintain these colours throughout the revision process.
- They should create cue cards for each section / few lines. These should have the French / Spanish on one side and the meaning of the text in picture form on the other side. They can then use the pictures to support them as they try to remember the text.
- By employing the “look, cover, write, check” strategy they can focus on key vocabulary and spellings.
- Each pupil has been given a whiteboard and marker pen to allow them to write out phrases and then check and clear.
- When revising a speaking assessment if there are any individual words causing difficulty there is a sound facility on [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com) which allows the pupils to hear the word.
- When preparing for spoken CA it is worth pupils recording themselves or their teacher speaking the material so that they can listen to the material at home.
- Mind mapping can help pupils to visualise their work. An effective mind map will include colour and pictures to make the material memorable.
- Where key words are proving difficult pupils can write the word on a post-it note and stick in a location they will see every day, e.g. next to their mirror, by their bed etc. They read this word every time they see it therefore helping with retention.
- Each pupil is allowed to take a 30 word support sheet into the exam. Any key words causing difficulty should be written on this sheet.

Unfortunately, there is no miraculous solution to preparing for Controlled Assessment and it is a long and arduous task but hopefully the above tips will provide some support.

Thank you for your continued support.

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