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Dear Parent,

New MFL online resource - www.thisislanguage.com

In the MFL Departments, we are always looking at new ways to engage and inspire our students to enjoy language learning and this year we will be working with an award-winning online resource to do just that.

www.thisislanguage.com creates academically rigorous exercises based on authentic video content, all checked by experienced language teachers and covering all the topics and trends of the curriculum. The content covers both productive and receptive language material as well as vocab, speaking and grammar. Through games, points, competitions and leader boards they make sure that our students stay inspired and motivated throughout.

Thanks to this being an online resource, your son can use it both in school and at home, so you will be able to see first-hand how your child enjoys the site. All the work that students complete is automatically marked, giving them instant feedback and the opportunity to improve. All progress is trackable so you and their teacher can see how your child is improving over the year.

A survey on student attainment - based on a comparative analysis of previous GCSE/iGCSE results data from 100 schools - revealed that schools whose students have access to www.thisislanguage.com achieve 3x more Grades 8-9 and do more independent work than those who don't.

Access to www.thisislanguage.com is for 12 months and we are asking parents to contribute just **£2.75** per student (via ParentPay) towards the cost of this resource. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office to pay by an alternative method. This payment enables your son to have an individual licence to access all the language resources in the language(s) he is studying at GCSE. If your son is a dual linguist he will get access to both language resources on www.thisislanguage.com.

If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please do contact me (French), Miss Lawson (Spanish – skl@rgshw.com) or Mrs Javaid (German – cej@rgshw.com) in strictest confidence and we will see if there is any funding available to assist you. If your son is in receipt of pupil premium, his access will be provided for him.

Thank you in advance for your valued support.

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