

Dorchester Middle School Modern Foreign Languages Department Feedback and Marking Policy

Homework

Students are given half termly Knowledge Organisers that are clearly marked weekly for homework purposes. Each student is to spend 15 minutes revising the vocab for their chosen week as part of their home learning. This could be by using a 'look, cover, write, check' method, creating a mindmap, or any other revision method.

This will be complemented by 15 minutes of online learning through the SENECA learning platform, set and marked weekly by the class teacher. The Knowledge Organiser vocab and the online learning will be explicitly linked with the material being covered in class, which can be found in the Medium Term Plan for that half term.

Pupils will have a weekly 'KO test' at the beginning of their 2nd lesson of the week (will be the same lesson weekly for stability and to avoid undue anxiety). It will consist of a 10 question quiz directly drawn from the Knowledge Organiser. Marks will be taken in weekly and added to the KO tracker that will inform the class teacher of strong and weak points. If homework is completed, the expectation is to score a minimum of 5/10, ideally more.

Formal Assessment

Formal assessment will take place at the end of each unit of work, which roughly equates to once per term (in some cases in year 7 this will be once per half term, please see curriculum overview for more details). These assessments can be found on the ActiveLearn platform and are set by Pearson in line with the textbook. Listening files for the assessment can also be found on the platform.

Formal assessment will consist of a Reading and Listening paper, as well as an extended writing task that is completed without the help of books. Students may prepare an answer in advance to this task which they can memorise as homework prior to the assessment. If they wish, they can have an **English** translation of their essay-style answer to help with sequencing, but no French notes may be used. All termly assessment will be uploaded and data passed on to parents through termly reports.

Class feedback

Every 2-3 weeks KS3 classes will complete a piece of extended writing, in line with the demands of the new GCSE. This will roughly coincide with each module of a unit, and double page spread in the textbook. When these are completed, the teacher will fill in a class feedback sheet (see attached) and share this with the class. It will cover WWW, EBI, examples of excellence and misconceptions. Sample marking may be used as an effective way to gain relevant data. Students will stick this class feedback form into their books as evidence.