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To: The Heads of Department for Modern Languages

For circulation to: All Modern Language Teachers

GCSE Modern Languages (French, German, Irish and Spanish) Speaking Endorsement for summer 2021

Further to the communication issued to Centres on 2 November 2020, we wish to update you on how this will apply to GCSE Modern Language qualifications.

For summer 2021 only, the Speaking unit will be omitted from Modern Languages French, German, Irish and Spanish.

There will be no formal Speaking examination and no option to complete a formal Speaking examination. Instead centres are required to submit an endorsement to CCEA, which will be a statement to confirm that all candidates have been exposed to the assessment objective AO2, communicate and interact effectively in speech. The endorsement will not require centres to award candidates pass, merit or distinction classification. CCEA does not require centres to submit a mark for the Speaking unit.

CCEA does not require centres to conduct a mock Speaking examination or informal assessment in place of the formal Speaking examination. However, if you feel you would like to conduct an informal Speaking assessment, that is entirely up to the centre.

CCEA has also released a summer 2021 Technical Questions and Answers document that provides additional information on the use of endorsements in GCSE qualifications in Summer 2021.

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