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To all students who will be studying AS MODERN LANGUAGES in September

Dear Student,

By the time you start languages lessons here in September, it will be some time since you took your GCSE and so your language skills may be a little rusty. It will be enormously helpful to you and us if over the summer holidays you do all of the following, just to keep up your practice and give you confidence.

- Complete the personal information sheet attached in the relevant language. **BRING IT TO YOUR FIRST LESSON.**
- Revise your basic GCSE grammar, especially tenses.
- Watch a foreign language film (subtitled in English).
- Purchase a large dictionary in readiness for your first homework in September. (See recommended list below.)

We look forward to meeting you in September. Good luck for your GCSE results and enjoy your holiday!

Yours sincerely



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DICTIONARIES

If you are starting an AS or A level Modern Language in September, we strongly recommend that before you start your course you buy an up-to-date bilingual dictionary which is large enough to provide you with the language you need for study at this level.

All large booksellers and stationers are likely to have these in stock or can order them for you. We recommend that you buy the largest dictionary that you can afford from the following list. The prices quoted are recommended retail/high street prices; you may be able to get these cheaper from an internet book supplier.

The New Collins Robert French Dictionary	£35.00
The Collins Robert French Concise Dictionary	£22.50 (<i>new edition out 7/7/2011</i>)
The Oxford German Dictionary	£35.00
The Collins German Concise Dictionary	£22.50 (<i>new edition out 7/7/2011</i>)
The Oxford Spanish Concise Dictionary	£19.99
The Collins Italian Dictionary	£35.00
The Concise Oxford-Paravia Italian Dictionary	£25.00

Language Exchanges/Trips

All languages offer you the opportunity to take part in an exchange or a trip. Whilst this is not compulsory, we strongly recommend that you spend some time in the target language country during your A-level course. You will receive all the necessary details and information in your first week here at Hills Road. If you are planning on taking part in the Montpellier exchange, we want to make you aware, that the French students will be here during the first weekend of the October half-term, from 13th October – 22nd October 2011.