**iGCSE French Listening Skills**

**Before we start the exam please complete the checklist below**

Using the five minutes exam preparation time :

* Start from the very back page of the paper and work backwards. (These are the hardest questions and you will benefit the most from using your preparation time here).
* Have you read all the questions?
* Have you noticed any questions which have two parts?
* Have you predicted any vocabulary if there are picture questions?
* Have you predicted any synonyms you may hear? E.g. la natation/ nager
* Have you taken on board the context of the question- do they want a number, time, weather? Pay careful attention to the question word used e.g. quand, qui etc.
* Have you annotated near the question any ideas you think may come up?
* If there is an example it is because it is a difficult question, have a think about it now.

During the exam :

* Is your pen clear? Only black.
* If you make a mistake cross out and write answer clearly nearby (you must write on the lines provided and not arrow to an answer elsewhere on the page as scripts are scanned and the examiner only sees a post-box around where the answer should be).
* Say what you heard again in your head, your brain will slow down what you hear and you may then be able to pick out the answer.
* Listen to the tone of voice – any clues?
* Aim for precision.
* Ignore distracters -the obvious answer might be wrong, have you really understood all that was said? The information you need will be hidden in the middle of a longer passage.
* If you don’t know a key word then think of a near cognate.
* Do any of the questions refer to different time frames, if so what should you listen out for, how does past, present, future sound?
* For the higher level questions have you written enough but not too much? Follow the example if unsure how much to write.
* If the question requires true/ false/ not mentioned, not mentioned tends to be the longest and have a connective e.g. sin embargo in the middle to try to distract you…

Any other ideas/ tips that will help?