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Dear Parent/Carer

## **GCSE Year 10 -English Language: Spoken language endorsement (Component 3)**

As part of the GCSE English Language course, students are expected to undertake an in-class assessment centred on a spoken presentation. This is graded separately from the rest of the GCSE with students being awarded either a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Your child's English teacher will soon explain to them the format of this assessment in much greater detail but for your information, the assessment consists of two linked parts:

- a formal presentation
- responses to questions and feedback following the presentation.

Afterwards, each student will be informed of their unmoderated grade.

To ensure the integrity of the assessment and for moderation purposes, the Eduqas exam board stipulate that the spoken presentations should be video recorded. Of course, all the recordings will be kept strictly private in line with GDPR policies and only used as part of a moderation sample.

**The spoken assessment will take place in Term 5 (20 April – 22 May 2026) during English Language lessons.** Your child's English teacher will ensure that there is sufficient time to prepare their presentation.

As this is a formal requirement by the exam board, completion is compulsory and applicable exam access arrangements apply. In this case, those students who are officially entitled to complete assessments in a smaller room may be allowed to complete their presentation outside lesson time. Students who fail to complete the assessment, or whose performance is judged not to meet the pass criteria, will be awarded 'N' (Not classified).

Whilst many students are understandably nervous about speaking in front of their peers, a great number gain a real sense of accomplishment when they have done so. We have consistently found students to be supportive and appreciative of their peer's efforts and as teachers we have certainly learnt a great deal from, and often been entertained by, what our students have to say. It is also an opportunity for those students who may struggle with the academic side of the course to feel more liberated by the fact that this is an oral based assessment.

Full details of the assessment, its requirements, deadlines etc will be given to individual classes by the English Language teachers at the end of the month after the trial assessments. In the meantime, if there's anything you would like to raise, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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