



19 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 GCSE English Language Spoken Language Endorsement 2024

The assessment week for the Year 11 GCSE Spoken Language Endorsement qualification is fast approaching. The first assessments will begin on Monday 7 October and will run through to the end of that week.

Our deadline for draft speeches has now passed (Monday 9 September). Please check that your son/ward has now:

- completed all their research and notes on the topic they have chosen.
- handed in a completed draft of their speech (3-5 minutes in length) to their English teacher.
- made some prompt cards to remind them of the main points of their speech (no more than 50 words).
- practised their speech with you so that it is **memorised** by week beginning Monday 7 October.

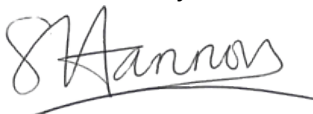
Students have been reminded that they will have only one more English lesson dedicated to preparing for this assessment during the week beginning Monday 30 September. As part of their on-going PPA (homework), students must continue to refine and learn their speeches so that they are fully prepared. English teachers will be closely monitoring progress with their students and will be in touch if we feel that your son/ward is not ready.

Your support in helping your son/ward to prepare for this important assessment is vital, and much appreciated. Please encourage your son/ward to recite their speech with you, and to prepare for the discussion element of the assessment by engaging in conversation around their topic.

Finally, as a broader reminder, please reinforce to your son/ward to complete their weekly PPA and crucially, conduct daily revision; this applies to all subjects, not just English. Please do read the school online newsletter this week to find out more about these important processes.

Thank you in advance.

Yours faithfully,



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