



19 June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Re: GCSE English Spoken Language Assessments**

As part of your child's GCSE English Language assessment, they are required to complete one spoken language presentation.

This is a **compulsory** part of the GCSE English Language examinations. From 2017, a separate level for Spoken Language will appear clearly alongside the candidate's overall GCSE grade on their GCSE examination certificate. This will be an important indicator of his or her confidence and skill in speaking and listening.

This is a change from previous GCSE Spoken Language assessments, where the Spoken Language result contributed to the overall GCSE English Language grade. The reason for a separate grade now is partly due to further education institutions and prospective employers wanting there to be a more obvious indicator of a candidate's aptitude in oral communication.

This means that your child's Spoken Language grade will be very visible to future colleges, universities and employers. For this reason, it is important that they prepare fully and ensure they do the best they can.

Assessments will begin in class on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. All assessments will be recorded, as per exam board instructions.

### **How can you help?**

Parents and carers can help students by being an audience and allowing them to practise at home. You may want to offer constructive feedback on their body language, tone of voice and volume. English teachers have prepared students in class and pupils should see their teacher if they have any concerns or questions.

Thank you for your support in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me at the school, should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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