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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 10 GCSE English – Spoken Language Endorsement (SLE)

As part of the English Language GCSE, all Year 10 students will be assessed for the Spoken Language Endorsement during the Summer Term 2026. This is a compulsory, formal qualification for which students will be awarded a pass/merit/distinction grade that will be reported alongside their GCSE grade in August 2027. For your information, there are two parts to the test. Part 1 is the individual presentation that lasts between three and five minutes, during which the candidate talks on a single topic or theme that they have chosen. Part 2 involves a discussion between the student and teacher which will last approximately three minutes. In accordance with the exam board regulations, the speech must also be recorded.

Students have been briefed about this assessment via their Year 10 English teachers and have had time to prepare for this part of the qualification. Students have been encouraged to choose a topic of personal interest and to research it carefully using reliable sources. The best presentations are those in which 'students argue with passion and fluency about issues which matter to them and the society they live in'. These can be anything from the global climate crisis to the regeneration of a local playground. Please encourage students to discuss their ideas with you, as well as with their English teacher, ahead of the assessment. This will assist them with their confidence and help them fine tune their presentations.

Students will be issued their individual dates, times and rooms in their English lesson as soon as the timetable is finalised. The assessments will start w/b 1 June.

Many thanks for your support.

Regards,

Mrs Kate Chambers
Deputy Curriculum Leader of English

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