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Year 11 Speaking & Listening Assessments

Dear Parents and Carers,

From Tuesday 11th March, all Year 11 students will be required to complete their Speaking and Listening assessments in their morning tutorial time. The Speaking and Listening endorsement is a compulsory element to their GCSE English Language qualification, which all students across the country must complete.

As part of the assessment, students are required to plan, write and deliver a speech to their English teacher and class. The speech can be on a topic of their choice but should be agreed with their class teacher in advance of their presentation.

Speeches should be no longer than five to ten minutes long and can take the form of a debate or talk. After the presentation, students will be asked questions by their peers relating to their speech. Their responses to these questions, and the questions they pose to others following their speeches, are also assessed as part of the qualification.

Students will receive a pass, merit or distinction for their assessments, as determined by their teachers. All speeches are recorded, and a sample from the cohort are sent to and moderated by AQA examiners, with their results available in August along with all other subjects.

Students should be preparing for their speeches at home by researching and writing this as homework, using the approach English teachers have taught them for Paper 2 Question 5 (writing to argue). Students may use a PowerPoint to accompany their presentation, or flash cards to support them.

The expectation from the exam board is that students deliver their speech to their teacher and peers. If your child is feeling anxious around the delivery of their assessment or if you have any concerns, please feel free to contact school to discuss this.

More information on the Speaking and Listening assessment can be found here:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assess/non-exam-assessment-guide-spoken-language-endorsement>

Kind regards,

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