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Dear Parent / Carer,

Part of your child's GCSE English Language course includes the requirement to complete a Spoken Language Presentation. This is a compulsory component of the English Language GCSE, and, whilst it does not impact on the overall GCSE result, it is given a separate grade of pass, merit or distinction which will be listed on your child's results certificate along with the GCSE English Language 9-1 grade.

This half term, your child will be set up with the requirements for this component in lessons and will begin preparing their presentation on a topic of their choice in agreement with their teacher. All English homework this half term will be given to their research, planning and preparation for their presentations. Your child will be completing the assessment from the week beginning 8th June. This will involve your child giving their short speech to their English group. The presentation is followed by a short question and answer session. The entire assessment will fit into ten minutes or less.

In accordance with our exam board's guidelines, most speeches will be recorded for moderation purposes.

We understand that students can become nervous about the prospect of delivering an individual presentation and we work with the students to provide a supportive environment for this compulsory part of the course. We thank you for your support as part of this important element of your child's qualification in English takes place.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Batchelor
Head of English and Media

