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Dear Parents and Guardians,

During the week commencing 15th June, Y10 students will be completing their GCSE Spoken Language exams. This is a certification that is compulsory for all students taking a GCSE in English and is a separate certificate that they will be awarded with on top of their GCSE English Literature and Language certifications.

Students will have been given information and guidance on this exam and what it entails by their classroom teacher, however I wanted to send you some of the key messages additionally, so that you can best support your child with this.

Students will have ten minutes to present on a topic of their choice - this should be a topic that they are interested in but ideally will be a subject that will allow them to build an argument. Students will be marked on their ability to engage their audience, use sophisticated vocabulary, and presentation skills. The teacher examining will then ask 2-3 questions based on the given presentation, which students should respond to effectively. Students should not read from a piece of paper, as they are examined on their presentation and communication skills, however they can use cue cards to support them. They should practice their presentations so that they are best prepared to take the exam.

All exams will be recorded discreetly by the teacher completing the exam, as we will be sending a portfolio to the exam board for moderation. This will only be used for internal moderation.

Students have been asked to put themselves into groups of 3-4 and will be given their exam time after half-term. It is important that students make us aware of any issues with their given exam time, so that we can make changes in advance if necessary. If students miss their exam, they will need to complete this in their own time during a lunchtime or after school.

An assembly will be delivered on this subject to all Y10 students on Wednesday after half-term, which will reinforce the key messaging around the exam.

If you have any further questions, please do get in touch with your child's English teachers in the first instance.

Kind regards,

Rebecca James
Deputy Subject Leader, English



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