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Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Spoken Language Exam

I am writing to give you some information about the Spoken Language Component of the GCSE English Language exam.

All students studying the GCSE AQA English Language exam are required to complete a Spoken Language assessment, which although not forming part of the overall GCSE grade, is a necessary requirement and will no doubt prove advantageous to students in the future, demonstrating confidence and their ability to present to different audiences, a desired skill in the world of work today. It will be assessed by the teacher and students are awarded a pass, a merit or a distinction.

Students have to prepare and present a topic of their own choosing to their teacher and other members of the class. Their talk should be no more than three or four minutes long and will be followed by a three to four minute question and answer session with questions asked by members of the audience.

Year 11 students will be preparing and presenting these spoken language assessments over the course of the next couple of weeks. You can help your son/daughter by ensuring that they are doing the necessary preparation at home, listening to them perform and help to time and critique their performances.

It is a requirement by the board that a selection of assessments is filmed; as a result there will be a portion of students who will be filmed during English lessons. This material will only be seen by teachers and sent to the exam board.

I hope that this is fully comprehensive but please feel free to contact me via e-mail at donnawitter@allsaintsacademydunstable.org if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully

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