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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: GCSE Speaking and Listening Assessment

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Year 10 are beginning preparations for a vital aspect of their GCSE English Language qualification: Speaking and Listening. This is to assess your child's ability to present their opinion in a formal way and respond to questions appropriately. A life skill that will be useful as they move towards job applications, interviews, college courses and beyond.

For the assessments, students are required to speak for at least 2 minutes on a topic they are passionate about to an audience of their classmates. It is completely understandable that this will cause some students to feel nervous and uncertain, however, if students refuse to take part, they will fail this aspect of their GCSE. The English department would appreciate parental support with encouraging students to take part in this essential aspect of their GCSEs. Previously, despite students feeling anxious beforehand, it has offered an opportunity for students to increase their confidence and develop skills in resilience which are useful in education and later in life.

Once again, the English department value the support given by parents and hope this will be continued during this module of the English Language course.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email: lmcinnis@chaucer.sheffield.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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