

14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Year 11 Parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you of our scheduled speaking assessments that will be taking place after the trial exams.

As part of GCSE English Language, all students are required to complete a short presentation, on a topic of their choice, where students demonstrate their ability to speak English in a semi-formal setting. Following this, they have the opportunity to answer questions to demonstrate their listening skills. Whilst this component **does not count towards their final GCSE English Language grade at all**, it is a compulsory part of the GCSE course.

Students will prepare during their English lessons. Their English teachers will guide them through what is required, how to approach the presentation and give them support, should they need it.

Please find attached the schedule for all Year 11 students. Assessments will take place in Exam Room 1 on the given day and time. Students should make their way to their assessment five minutes before their scheduled start time and wait in the designated waiting seat by the North Hall drinking fountain. Some assessments will be recorded, as our exam board (Pearson Edexcel) requires a submission of a sample of assessments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch at [KCoxon@abbey.college](mailto:KCoxon@abbey.college).

Yours faithfully

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