



# Tring School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## GCSE Spoken Language

As our new Year 11 students embark on their Spoken Language assessments today, I just wanted to share some extra information with you regarding them.

The Spoken Language assessment will give students an endorsement of a Pass/Merit/Distinction on their GCSE English Language certificate. They have been working hard putting together 3-4 minute persuasive speeches on topics of their choosing. We strongly recommend that they should be practising their speeches beforehand. Students are encouraged to make cue cards to help them structure their speeches but they should avoid an over-reliance on them. Knowing the speeches by heart often promotes a more effective delivery.

They will be assessed by their teachers via recorded hangouts or in school with small groups as their audience. All students will need to be in uniform (top half only for those at home). Class teachers have arranged assessment times with their students; it is important that they attend at this time.

For many of our students, this can be an incredibly intimidating experience and we encourage them to move out of their comfort zones and approach it with determination. From their planning work, there is a wide variety of subjects being covered by our young people, many demonstrating passion and commitment to their topics.

We can see we have a fantastic couple of weeks ahead of us and wish our students every success in this important step.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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