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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Over the Autumn Term, Year 9 have been focusing on a unit titled 'Viewpoints and Perspectives', in which they have been able to express their thoughts and opinions on a wide range of topics, encountered a variety of non-fiction text types, and focused on the skill of persuasive writing. Linked with this unit is a **Spoken Language assessment which forms part of the English Language GCSE qualification**.

This Spoken Language assessment involves the delivery of a short speech followed by a discussion surrounding the chosen topic. This Spoken Language endorsement is reported as a separate grade to a student's English Language qualification, with their award classified as either Pass, Merit, or Distinction. Students that do not pass will be required to re-sit the exam.

Year 9 have been well prepared for this task through their studies since September. Additionally, students will be given time to plan and write their speeches during lesson time, and several self-study tasks have been designed to allow students to choose and research their topic. Students will be delivering their speeches in lesson time during the weeks beginning the 7th and 14th of December, and will be assessed by their class teacher.

Thank you in advance for your encouragement and support with this. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's English teacher should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Collings
Assistant Director of Learning, English