

April 2024

Dear Year 10 Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We are writing to you to outline the upcoming assessment that your child will be completing as part of their GCSE in English Language.

### **Spoken Language**

All pupils must complete a compulsory element of the English Language course:

#### **Spoken Language:**

For your child to achieve the highest grade in their Spoken Language assessment, we recommend that your child carefully plans and writes their speech to last between 3 and 5 minutes. We also recommend that your child learns as much of the speech from memory as possible, although they will be allowed to use cue cards to aid their memory. They should also consider questions that will be posed by the moderator and can carefully consider the responses ahead of the formal presentation. The Spoken Language assessment is graded at three levels, Pass, Merit and Distinction.

Pupils have started their preparation for this assessment and have been asked to work on the researching and redrafting of their speeches both in their lessons and at home. The assessments will then be completed in allocated time slots on the following days:

- Tuesday 30th April
- Wednesday 1st May
- Thursday 2nd May
- Friday 3rd May
- Tuesday 7th May
- Wednesday 8th May
- Thursday 9th May
- Friday 10th May

Pupils will be given a time slot by their English teacher and must ensure that they attend at the allotted time. On the day, they should leave their lesson five minutes before their time slot to ensure that they are ready for a prompt start.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's English class teacher or myself: l.taylor@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk.

With thanks in advance for your support with this important element of your child's GCSE English Language qualification.

Yours faithfully,

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