



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

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Dear Parents,

As part of the GCSE English Language course, all students have to complete a spoken language endorsement. Each student has to prepare a presentation and then speak on a topic of their choice for approximately five minutes and answer questions from the audience (their teacher and peers).

Whilst this assessment does not contribute to their overall GCSE grade it will be awarded a pass, merit or distinction and this result will appear on their GCSE certificate. It is important that all students prepare for this thoroughly as there will be no opportunity to repeat or retake this assessment. Communication is a vital skill and universities and future employers will be looking for a merit or distinction for this assessment.

Your son has been taught how to prepare for this assessment including understanding the assessment criteria. The assessment will take place in lessons beginning 1st July. All students must use homework and private study time to prepare and rehearse their presentation. As part of the exam board requirements the students will be recorded and a sample sent to the exam board for moderation purposes.

If your son has further questions he should see his English teacher, or if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Ruth Haywood

Head of English

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