

Our Ref: PS284/23-24/CSY/JBU/SPL2024

4th March 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Speaking and Listening Assessments

This term, students in Y10 will be completing their speaking and listening assessment in English Language.

The Spoken Language Component is a ***compulsory requirement of the course of study. It will appear on all students' certificates as a separately reported grade (P = Pass, M = Merit, D = Distinction, NC = Not Classified), alongside the overall grade issued. Performance will be assessed against common criteria issued by all exam boards.***

How is the English department preparing your child?

In class, students are being given the opportunity to plan and prepare for this assessment; speaking and listening is a highly valuable skill and the students will have been prepared for this in previous years in the time they have been at The Angmering School. Home Learning for the next couple of weeks will be focused on students preparing for this assessment.

In the coming week, the students will be issued a schedule via their tutors in START to know when their assessments will take place and who they are with. Students need not worry about presenting in front of their group and are only invited to comment on other speeches by the examiner; it is not a requirement. This process is a beneficial experience for preparing students for college interviews etc., which often use this 'focus group' approach.

When will the assessments take place?

The assessment will take place in the usual school day with an internal examiner. The assessments are filmed in accordance with the exam board regulations for moderation, unless your child is exempt.

The assessments will begin on Monday 18th March and will continue after the Easter holiday break.

How can I support my child?

We encourage you to help your child practise and help them to learn parts of their talk. (They are allowed a cue card sized piece of paper to prompt them.) We also encourage you to ask them questions about their talk to generate a discussion about their topic as this is something that the examiner will be doing as part of their assessment.

Students are not told how they have performed in the assessment until they receive their GCSE grades in Summer 2025. This is due to external moderation criteria and protocols set out by the exam board.

We are certain that this will be a very positive experience for your child and we wish them every success in the process.

If you have any queries or concerns about this assessment please do not hesitate to get in contact with me or Mrs Buckle.

Yours sincerely,
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