



Moorside High School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to inform you about your child's upcoming Spoken Language assessment which forms part of the GCSE English Language examination. This is intended to help your child present and communicate effectively, in preparation for student leadership duties, college interviews and more so, life beyond school.

This assessment requires your child to deliver a 3–5-minute presentation to their class and teacher before answering questions around their topic. We advise that your child chooses a topic that interests them or more so, a topic that relates to their current English curriculum, as this is a great opportunity to revise our GCSE texts studied so far.

Please see below examples of topic choices:

- *A sport you compete in- challenges/ skills required/ successful athletes.*
- *If presenting on football – choose a more challenging approach (gap in pay between genders/ how we can justify those staggering wages- rather than just presenting on a player)*
- *Computer games – harmless or hazardous?*
- *Cosmetic surgery- pros and cons.*
- *Vicious and dangerous sports should be banned (bull fighting)*
- *Animals should not be kept in captivity.*
- *The wonders of space*
- *AI: friend or foe?*
- *Social media and its dangers*
- *The Royal family: love them or loathe them?*
- *The ramifications of war, worldwide*
- *Is the cinema a thing of the past due to the growth of home streaming?*
- *Advice from English staff- link it to English as part of your revision – Who's most responsible for the death of Eva Smith? /Who plants the seed of ambition in Macbeth? / We could all learn a thing or two from Scrooge- anyone can change?*

We kindly ask that you support your child in preparing this at home over the next four weeks. They may use a PowerPoint aid, although this is not compulsory, but we do advise them to prepare carefully using notes/cue cards to help them organise and deliver effectively. Pupils may deliver their presentation with a partner in their class; however, the exam board state that both speakers must present equal parts, or the assessment is invalid.

Please can I ask that your child has agreed their topic with their class teacher before Wednesday 8th May. Presentations will begin the week commencing 3rd June.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Magee

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