

9<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear parent/carer

**AQA GCSE Spoken Language**

Year 9 students will shortly begin preparing for their compulsory GCSE Spoken Language component of the course. This is a formal examination that will assess students' speaking and listening skills; students will be awarded a Pass, Merit or Distinction. This is an additional qualification that is separate to their GCSE Language grade which students receive at the end of Year 11.

Students will be required to prepare a presentation between 2-8 minutes in length to express their viewpoint about a topic of their choice. Furthermore, students will be asked follow-up questions about their topic immediately following their presentation.

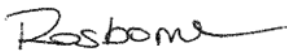
Teachers will be supporting students with their presentations in lessons over the coming weeks as part of their final Year 9 non-fiction unit. However, for students to be successful with this early GCSE examination, they will need to rehearse at home ahead of their presentations in the penultimate week of this term. Any support and encouragement you can offer, will be greatly appreciated.

Students will present to their class and English teacher, as well as being filmed as part of the moderation and sample that AQA request each year. As these presentations are formal GCSE examinations, students will be expected to display exemplary behaviour at all times.

Students are permitted to use cue cards but are not allowed to simply read from a script.

If you would like any further information or advice about how you can support your son/daughter, please feel free to contact: [Rob.Osborne@thedeanaacademy.org](mailto:Rob.Osborne@thedeanaacademy.org).

Yours faithfully,



**Rob Osborne**

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