

3 July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to explain an important Component that is part of the GCSE English Language course that all KS4 students undertake.

As you are aware, students will sit their formal exams in Summer 2024. These will include Component 1 and Component 2- both of which assess students' Reading and Writing skills.

Component 3 of the qualification assesses students' Speaking and Listening skills. This Component is completed within school and is assessed by a staff member within the English department.

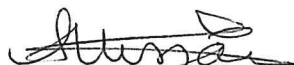
The expectation of Component 3 is for students to present their point of a view on a topic of their choice by speaking for approximately four minutes and then answering a series of questions to show their listening skills.

Students have begun to prepare their topics and their speeches within lessons, which will continue this week too, and the presentations and recordings, which are required for the exam board to assess and mark, will take place the week commencing 10 July 2023.

Your support in encouraging your child's attendance to school, and Enrichment on a Thursday, would be greatly appreciated during these crucial last weeks of Year 10. Please discuss and speak to your child about their chosen topic and the importance of completing Component 3 to ensure they can be awarded their GCSE English Language qualification.

If you require additional information, or have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact their English Language teacher, or me, via the school phone number or via email at [a.hussain@bishopsgarth.outwood.com](mailto:a.hussain@bishopsgarth.outwood.com).

Yours faithfully,



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