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Dear Parent/Carer

Entry Level English Assessments

As you know, in addition to being entered for a GCSE in English Language, your son/daughter has also been entered for Entry Level English. This letter is to inform you of the arrangements for the assessments that will be taking place over the next few weeks.

There are three elements to the course:

1 **Topic Tests**

These are a series of short tests which will take place during English lessons with the students' usual English teacher. There is no need for students to revise as the skills being assessed are very similar to those they have been taught for their GCSE English Language lessons.

2 **Speaking and Listening**

Task 1 (Bullying) : Wednesday 3 April
Task 2 (Interview) : Thursday 25 April

Both speaking and listening tasks will take place after school, from 3.30 to 4.30 pm, in S3. The students will be given details of what they will need to do in advance as part of their preparation.

3 **External Exam**

In addition, there is an external exam on Monday 13 May. Again, the students' English lessons will furnish them with the skills they need to succeed in the exam.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Pinner
Deputy Subject Leader, English