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Dear Parent / Carer

In order to support your child with their preparation for the final exams they will have 2 preparation speaking tests this school year before the final oral exam. The first one is tomorrow Tuesday 27 November. Your child has prepared for this in lesson time and knows the format of this exam. They will be expected to sign out at reception a few minutes before the time indicated and walk to the ATC building (on site) to be there at the right time for their speaking test. They will then return to class via reception. They will be out of class for no more than 30 minutes maximum.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. These assessments are key to ensuring that the pupils are as prepared as possible and they are a great way for us to find out where pupils need more practice and support. It is also incredibly useful for pupils to practice being in the exam room. We have found in the past that the more opportunities a pupil has to carry out the speaking test, the more relaxed they are about it.

May I point out that running these assessments comes at significant cost to the school for cover teachers, invigilators, and setting up the exam venue. These are not 'optional' assessments and pupils must arrive in time for the exam.

Your support in this matter is very much appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

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