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Dear Parent/ Carers,

As the Summer holidays approach, we are asking for your support in three key areas of English over the break to help prepare your child for their transition into Year 10.

1. Preparation for the GCSE Spoken Language Endorsement (NEA)

In Year 10, all students will complete their GCSE Speaking and Listening NEA (Non-Exam Assessment). This is a compulsory part of their English Language GCSE where they must deliver a formal speech to an audience and answer follow-up questions. It is awarded as a Pass, Merit, or Distinction on their final GCSE certificate.

To give them a head start, students need to write a speech over the summer holidays, ready to deliver when they return in September.

- **The Topic:** They can choose a topic they are passionate about (e.g., a current event, a hobby, an inspirational figure, or an issue affecting young people).
- **Length:** The speech should be 4 to 5 minutes long.
- **The Skills:** They should put into practice the skills and knowledge they have built throughout Year 9, focusing on structured arguments, rhetorical devices (like triplets, rhetorical questions, and emotive language), and sophisticated vocabulary to engage an audience.

2. 'An Inspector Calls' Consolidation Work

This term, students have been studying their first GCSE text, *An Inspector Calls*. To ensure there are no gaps in students' knowledge of the play, we would like them to re-read the play and make sure all the tasks on the right-hand side of the script have been completed.

3. Vocabulary Building: Bedrock Learning

Finally, we want all students to complete at least 30 minutes a week on Bedrock throughout the holidays. Bedrock is an online tool that teaches crucial academic vocabulary. Data shows that students who regularly engage with Bedrock in Key Stage 3 are significantly more successful in their GCSEs, making this the perfect way to keep their language skills sharp.

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Should you require any technical support with the software over the holidays, you can contact Bedrock directly via the support link at the bottom of their login screen, or by emailing: support@bedrocklearning.org.

Thank you for your invaluable support in helping your child prepare for the exciting challenges of Year 10.

Yours faithfully,

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