

The marking of the GCSE English Spoken Endorsement

1. GCSE English Language has an endorsed component covering Spoken Language. This endorsement will be reported as a separate grade (Pass, Merit, Distinction or Not Classified) and will not contribute to the result of the GCSE English Language qualification. (Although clearly it is better to gain it with the Speaking Endorsement).
2. Students can carry forward their GCSE Speaking Endorsement from GCSE if they are satisfied with their existing grade. In almost all cases, this is what students choose to do. This means there is no need for them to complete the Speaking Endorsement tasks again.
3. If a student wishes to resit the Speaking component of the English GCSE, as well as the written papers, they must demonstrate their competence speaking English language by carrying out a variety of tasks, as directed by their teacher. The teacher keeps records, which are updated when students execute each of the required procedures or demonstrate each of the required skills.
4. In the event of a student not meeting the requirements to gain the Speaking Endorsement (through having missed lessons or not carrying out tasks as instructed) they are notified by email at regular intervals through the course (with their parent or carers copied in). These emails give details of the remaining opportunities to carry out the speaking tasks in order to meet the requirements they have not met.
5. If the speaking tasks are not completed, or to a sufficient standard, the student will be awarded 'Unclassified' for the Speaking Endorsement.

Once the result of the English Speaking Endorsement is published, with all the other Centre Assessed components in other courses, there is no further opportunity to add to the work and gain the Speaking Endorsement.