**ASSESSMENT TASK 4 – EXTENDED RESPONSE**

**Nature vs Nurture debate in communication and language development**

**Weighting:** 5%

**In-class write up:** Start of Week 2, Term 2

**The topic: Communication and language development**

‘*The development of language abilities and effective communication in a person are due just as much to the environment in which the person develops as their genetics.*’

**What you will need to do:**

Assess the accuracy of this statement, applying examples from the unseen scenario where possible. Refer to relevant psychological evidence in your response.

You will have the holidays to research, draft and practice this **extended response**.

You will be given a scenario alongside the above statement to apply your knowledge to and to use as evidence to assess the above statement with.

You will not be allowed any notes while you write up your response.

You will have 64 minutes of in-class time to answer the question and write up your final response.

**Relevant research points:**

* A detailed explanation of the nativist theory of language development including key theorists and evidence
* A detailed explanation of the Interactionist theory of language development including key theorists and evidence
* Succinct, accurate and relevant research that can be applied to either topic of communication and language development.