



The Manor
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

To Parents of girls in Year 5

14 January 2011

Dear Parents

English Speaking Board (ESB) Thursday 17th March 2011

In Year 5 the girls continue to work through the ESB levels and will be assessed at Junior Grade 3 this year. As in previous years, the girls will be asked to tell the audience and examiner about something which interests them. The year 5 focus is to explain how the girls have achieved, made, grown or learned something. The girls will also be asked to memorise a poem and prepare a short section of a book to read aloud. The poem is likely to be the same one that they have prepared for the Poetry Festival. The girls will also be asked questions about their topic and will be expected to listen attentively, answer questions and ask relevant questions. A copy of the ESB Junior Grade 3 syllabus is attached for your information.

Three ESB examiners have been booked for Thursday 17th March to assess the girls. All of the exams will take place during the course of the school day in the English classrooms.

The girls will be given some guidance on topics in lessons and there will be opportunities to practise and rehearse presentations. Please decide upon topics, readings and poems by the end of January; the sooner that the girls can start to prepare their presentations and learn their poems, the better. Most girls bring props or resources such as posters or equipment to support their talk.

The girls will receive a written report and grade of pass within a week of the exam and a certificate hopefully before the end of term.

If you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Russell King
Head of English Department