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Dear Parent,

The Year 6 ESB exam is drawing nearer and last-minute preparations are being put in place. For those of you who are not familiar with the process, here are the exam requirements:

Section 1: Presenting a topic of choice

Research, prepare and present a 4 minute talk on a topic of personal interest. Illustrate this talk with appropriate visual aids, materials and/or demonstration. Brief notes or cue cards can be used to provide prompts but reading from a script is NOT permitted.

Section 2: Speaking by Heart

Present a memorised piece of poetry of own choice. Introduce the piece and explain why you chose it.

Section 3: Reading Aloud

*Bring a book suitable for own reading ability and from which you have prepared *12-15 pages for reading aloud. The assessor will select an extract from these pages for you to read. Introduce the book and explain what it is about and why you chose it.*

* Please note that the prepared requirement is less stringent for documented dyslexic children. Marks are awarded for fluency, appropriate pace and expression.

The keys to success are preparation and practice so I would be grateful if you could encourage your child over the weekend and ensure they have everything in school on Monday ready for their exam on Wednesday.

Not only does the ESB process teach a hugely important life skill but it also boosts confidence and self-esteem.

Many thanks for your anticipated support and good luck to the Year 6 pupils.

Yours sincerely

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