



AJS/SLH

8th December 2011

TO PUPILS AND THEIR PARENTS

PROSE AND VERSE-SPEAKING COMPETITION

All pupils will take part in this annual competition next term and we would like them to consider the piece they will choose during the Christmas holiday.

Each child needs to choose an extract from a book or a poem they have enjoyed reading or would like to read. They need to learn the piece and present it clearly to their peers. It should be approximately 15 lines long.

Children may consult parents for assistance and they will receive guidance about their choices in English lessons. English teachers have lists of poets and authors if requested.

Initially, children will perform their piece in class and a few from each class will go forward to the Semi-finals.

The Finals will take place on Friday 10th February and will be judged by an external adjudicator. There are awards for the winner of each year group, and two awards for the overall winners of Years 4 – 6 and Years 7 – 8. All finalists will receive certificates.

The judges will be looking for the following points:

- An ability to convey the meaning of the passage to the audience clearly.
- Clarity and projection of speech.
- A variety of pitch, pace and volume.
- Overall presentation of the piece.

Headmaster