

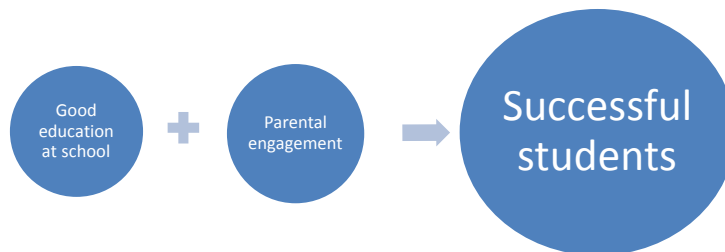


The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank the highly supportive parents and carers who attend our parents' evenings. These events are really important in the success of your child for the following reasons:

- ✓ During our conversation we get to know your child better which enables us to develop stronger working relationships with them;
- ✓ You get to know how well your child is doing across all subjects and find out how you can support your child at home with their learning;
- ✓ Your child gets to learn about how they are doing and how they can further improve – we encourage that your child attends parents' evening with you.



“When parents are involved in their children’s education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school and the schools they go to are better.”

Nearly every parent or carer who has attended a parents’ evening in the last 12 months has clearly stated that the evening was helpful and informative and that they felt able to support their child at home with their learning. Here are the average statistics taken from the parent questionnaires from the last four parents’ evenings.

	Yes	No	Don’t know
Following discussions with staff, do you feel able to support your child at home with their learning?	99.25%		0.75%
Do you feel that this evening was helpful and informative?	99.25%	0.75%	

I am sure you’ll agree that the figures speak for themselves. Therefore I whole-heartedly recommend that all parents attend in the future.

Year 7 Parents’ Evening
Thursday 19th March – 4.30 to 7pm.

World Book Day

World Book Day this year was a huge success. On Thursday March 6th, both pupils and staff worked together to help promote the importance and enjoyment of reading through arriving in fancy dress, donating money or donating old, unwanted books.

By the end of the day, over 200 books and £280 had been donated to the charity Promoting Global Learning. The aim of the charity is to promote reading across the world; ensuring even children in less economically developed countries have access to education. The books we have donated and the money we have raised has helped to build classrooms in Ghana, provide children with reading materials and buy equipment for classrooms which was not previously available.



The efforts of both the staff and pupils were astounding and a fun-filled and heart-warming day was created. Jake French (8e1) and Prince N'Guessan (9W), both require a special mention with Jake donating nearly 40 books and Prince providing an emotive message in the book he donated. It is wonderful to see how much our pupils are willing to give to those less fortunate than themselves – it is what makes our school so special.

For our school's first attempt, it cannot go unnoticed how much of an impact we have made and we can only hope that in years to come, our events for World Book Day continue to be a success.

On behalf of the charity, thank you to everyone who donated money or unwanted books and to those who dressed up excellently as their favourite fictional characters! You have made an exceptional difference to children in Ghana and across the world!


Miss Hennessey



Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Stewardson

Dates for your diary	
Week beginning 16 th March – Star Reading Tests	
Thursday 19 th March – Year 7 Parents' Evening – 4.30 – 7pm	
Thursday 26 th March – Year 8 Options Evening	

Superstar of the week

Erica Vicente (7W2)

English is a new language for Erica, and within a very short period of time, she has managed to secure a level 3 in her writing.

Nominated by Mr Allen.

Subject:	Person and Reason:	Class	Nominated by:
Physical Education	KS3: Courtney Steele - For good leadership skills through PE this term.	7 East	Mrs Morgan
	KS4: Kyle Connolly - For outstanding work ethic within BTEC Sport	Year 10	
English	KS3: See Superstar of the Week.		Mr Allen
	KS4: Mun Ni Yew . Mun has been a massive help in supporting a new student to the school.	9S	
Science	KS3: Reace Savage for making an excellent return to Science lessons, this week.	8W1	Miss Patterson
	KS4: Kieran Cullen - excellent focus in lessons and a great attitude to learning.	11S2	Miss Penn
DT/ Graphics	KS4: Liam Adams - Achieving an A* on his 1st controlled assessment - Well Done Liam	10op3	Miss E Smith
Art	KS3: Tyler Prosser - for always trying his hardest throughout every task.	year 7	Miss Gamble
R.E.	KS3: Sapphire Allen - Consistent hard work and helpfulness		Miss Grattidge Mrs Meersand
	KS4: Callum Swadling - for excellent effort in RE! A true RE talent.		
History	KS3: Shana Westcarr-Stephenson : Excellent effort every History lesson. A pleasure to teach		Miss Edwards
	KS4: Cara Bellingham : Brilliant effort in History lessons, a completely transformed attitude since the start of the year.		Miss Edwards

Geography	KS3: Shelby Lowe - Excellent work in Geography	7w2	Mrs Biddle
	KS4: Brandon Cole - An improved attitude to Geography	11	Mrs Biddle
Chaplaincy	KS3: Francene Brennan - For being so prayerful during the reconciliation liturgy.	Year 8	Lay Chaplains
	KS4: Bonnie Carter - For being a good friend to a new pupil who started school this week.	Year 9	
Computing	KS3: Crystal Latham for continued fine work in Scratch.	Yr 7	
Drama	KS3: Francene Brennan - Fantastic attitude in Drama and her lead role in group work.	8E2	Mr Kearns
	KS4: Rhys Gallagher - For his outstanding effort in Drama lessons.	10op3	
Food Tech	KS3: Chantelle Taylor for her persistence in practical lessons.		Miss Lewis
	KS4: Shannon Darby . Excellent attitude and approach to work and lessons.	10op3	
Music	KS3: Mugthadona Allet for excellent work in music	8E1	Mr Gardner
	KS4: Kai Spinxs for his consistent hard work in music lessons	10	
Spanish	KS3: Hannah Jay-Grant for achieving excellent reading and writing levels in her test.	7W2	Mr Beckett
	KS4: April Barlow for a fantastic attitude towards Spanish		
Child Development	KS4: Jessica Amos for her superb efforts in lessons.	10	Mrs Jinks
LSC	KS3: Ronaldo Burrell - for always working hard in Learning Support and for doing brilliantly at his work on homophones.	7W2	Miss Bygrave
	KS4: Nial Culley for positive learning attitude in maths.	9F	Mr Darby