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Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to inform you that our school will soon be visited by a top UK educationalist who will speak to parents as well as work with pupils and staff over a whole day of training. Barry Hymer is Professor of Psychology in Education at the University of Cumbria in Lancaster and can truly be considered a leader in his field. He spends much of his time working with UK-based schools and has toured extensively with Professor Carole Dweck, the pioneer of “Mindsets” speaking to packed audiences all over the world on the benefits of belief in the ability to learn.

Professor Hymer only very rarely works in schools outside of the UK. For that reason we are especially pleased that he has agreed to spend the day working with us at St. Lawrence College on Friday 16th September 2016, when he will start his day at 09.00am with a presentation to parents on the difference between giving children feedback and giving children praise.

Professor Hymer will demonstrate to parents the vital role they must play in helping their children develop into real learners, keen to work and achieve progress as opposed to becoming stressed children worried that they will disappoint if they do not maintain a standard worthy of praise. The role of the parent in the development of learning skills in a child is easily misunderstood and therefore such a presentation at the start of the school year is an ideal opportunity for you to listen, enjoy and be placed in a position to really support your child with their learning. **This presentation will be very informative as well as entertaining for parents of children from all year groups and I strongly urge you to book this event into your diaries from now.**

This presentation will take place 09.00 – 10.15am and will be held in the school Cultural Hall. If it is your intention to come to this event, it would be helpful if you could email seniorschool@slc.gr or juniorschool@slc.gr in order to give the school an indication of the size of the audience. To give you maximum notice of this event, I thought it best to write to you and inform you this side of the summer. I will of course write to remind parents of the event once the new school year starts.

Sincerely,
Phil Holden
Headmaster