



Monday 25th January 2016

Dear Parents,

It gives me enormous pleasure to invite you to listen to a global leader in UK education speak at our school.

Mr Will Ord is a leading educational consultant from the UK and we are extremely fortunate that during a single day being spent in Athens he has found time to talk to the parents of St. Lawrence College pupils. I strongly urge you to make sure that you are able to attend this event; not merely because it will be interesting and stimulating, but because what you will learn from Mr Ord will have a direct, positive impact on your child's progress and educational happiness. It is an opportunity you should not miss.

Will Ord will be at our school on Wednesday 16th March 2016. He will begin his presentation to parents at 3.30pm, and the entire event, including the Q&A session will end at 5.30pm.

Will Ord shall specifically address the following questions:

On praising your child:

How can praise encourage, and discourage your child's confidence? How can children deal well with struggle and failure? When is praise helpful, and when can it be harmful?

On knowing what success is:

What might a "successful life" for them be in the 21st Century?

On helping your child become resilient:

How can children learn to be more resilient in the face of challenges? What can parents do to encourage resilience in their children?

Will's afternoon session will explore practical steps that parents can take to help their children deal well with the rigours of growing up in and out of school and will conclude with a Q & A session where you are invited to express your concerns and clarify your queries regarding your role as a parent and guardian of your child's learning.

This event is free to our parents and is relevant for every parent whatever the age of their child. Due to the expected high demand for this event and in order to facilitate our planning, we merely ask that you contact us to confirm your intention to attend. Simply email seniorschool@slc.gr or call the school on 210 8917000 and ask for Ms Elizabeth to reserve your place. Please note that parents of junior school pupils have also been invited to this event.

I very much look forward to seeing you at school on Wednesday 16th March, 3.30pm, for this unique opportunity.

Sincerely,

Phil Holden
Headmaster

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Will Ord Biography:

Will Ord has trained teachers in over a thousand primary & secondary schools all over the UK during the last 13 years. He also works abroad and conducting training in South Korea, Thailand, Bahrain, Norway, Dubai, Colombia, Mexico, China, America, Ghana, India and Sri Lanka. He has also given keynote speeches at national and international conferences on a wide range of educational themes, including teaching & learning, school development, and education in the 21st century.

Will Ord was educated at Winchester College, York University (BA), Kings College London University (Masters), and Lancaster University (PGCE). Will has been working full time in education since 1996. In schools, he has been a Head of RE, Deputy Head of 6th Form and a School Governor. As Chair of the educational charity SAPERE from 2003 – 2006, and as Professional Officer for ACT (the Citizenship Education subject association) from 2002 - 2004, Will gained invaluable experience working with the DfES, the QCDA, LAs, Ofsted, AREIAC, the Citizenship Foundation, as well as many primary & secondary schools. He has also been an associate lecturer at Oxford Brookes University.