

World Class Schools Essay Writing Competition 2021

The challenge

The role of parents, teachers and trusted adults in the lives of children is a big theme in Dan Freedman's books. His latest novel, Unstoppable, revolves around the relationship of a father with his two twins, and explores the impact he has on their ultimate success, or lack thereof.

Dan's essay question for students is:

“How much can motivation from parents, or the important adults in your life, help or hinder your success?”

The Competition Rules

The rules are as follows:

- The competition is open to all students, but particularly recommended for those **studying in years 6, 7, or 8**
- The maximum length of each submission is **2,500 words**
- Submitted essays should **not** include diagrams or graphics
- Essays must be submitted electronically in A4 portrait, using black, Helvetica, 12-point font in MS Word
- Each submitted essay should include the name and year group of the student, and the name of the school, in the footer.
- Essays should be emailed to Miss Wells cwells@bishopramsey.school by 17th September 2021
- Dan Freedman will read all shortlisted entries and choose the winner and runners up.

The Awards & Prizes

- Shortlisted students will be honourably mentioned at the Awards Ceremony and on the WCSQM website.

- Winners and runners up will be announced and awarded at the Awards Ceremony, and their essays will be made available to download from the WCSQM website.
- The winning student's school will receive a set of free books for the school library, kindly donated by Dan Freedman, and (depending on restrictions) either a virtual or in-person school visit from Dan himself.

For resources and ideas on what to include in the essay, see these resources

[Forest School presents Dan Freedman; ambition - does self-motivation work best? - Wakelet](#)