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British Headmaster sends pupils home who fail to stand when he enters the classroom

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THE ARTICLE

British Headmaster sends pupils home who fail to stand when he enters the classroom

A British Headmaster in Cheshire recently sparked a 'respect' row by sending home pupils who failed to stand up when he entered the classroom – Britain's *Daily Mail* recently reported. Kevin Harrison, 55, is the Headmaster (or in these politically correct times Headteacher) of the 900-pupil Macclesfield High School in Cheshire, northwest England. Mr Harrison believes children should immediately rise when he comes into a room because it helps increase 'pride and educational standards'. However, he has been accused by some parents of being heavy handed. The 'standing rule' in Macclesfield High was dropped two years ago. Earlier this year on becoming headteacher at the school he revived it.

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long enough to earn my sons respect so why should he stand up for him?" He went on: "They are also saying that girls can't wear make up. What has make-up got to do with their brains? If they expected girls to go in without make-up then they should ask the staff to as well. I've had enough of my kids being punished because of these so-called rules which have nothing to do with their education."

Headteacher Harrison: "This pupil continually refused to listen and abide by the rules, comply with our requests and behave in a respectful way. He has been excluded from school until Friday* for refusing to comply with school rules." (*for 4½ days)

Nick Seaton from the Campaign for Real Education: "I would say that most parents would think the headteacher is absolutely right. Youngsters and pupils have got to respect their teachers otherwise the whole system falls apart. It's vital that adults, both teachers and parents and other responsible adults, regain their authority from children, a lot of whom seem to think they can do what they like. As for the youngster who failed to obey the rules, if he doesn't like the school he should go somewhere else. He shouldn't think he can do as he pleases. That makes a nonsense of the system."

Mr Harrison took over the position of Headteacher/Headmaster in February 2009 having previously been a deputy head at a nearby school. He has been a teacher for 34 years, joining Macclesfield High after the previous headmaster retired due to a long-standing neurological condition.

The question is what do you think? Many people have commented on this. Everyone has their own view. In my day we stood up when the headmaster came into the room. In fact, we stood up when most teachers entered the classroom. It was normal. Overstep the mark and you got the cane. You knew where you stood. In Britain in the mid 70s the cane was banned. Respect for teachers went out the door. These days because of political correctness discipline has broken down. Teachers are harassed. Today in schools it is all about the rights of pupils. Mr Harrison maybe facing a losing battle. Maybe Britain needs more headmasters like you?

LET'S START

1. You and the Headteacher: When you *are/were* in school in a classroom with your teacher and the Headteacher suddenly *walks/walked* in what *do/did* you do? Why? Go round the room swapping details.

2. Dictation: The teacher will read 4 to 6 lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self correct your work from page 2 - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than 5 is very good. 10 is acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than 20 - we need to do some work!

3. Reading: Get students to read the passage aloud. Swap readers every paragraph.

4. Vocabulary: Students look through the article. Underline/highlight any vocabulary you do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through & explain any words or phrases you do not understand.

5. The article: Students look through the article with the teacher.

- 1) What is the article about?
- 2) What do you think about the article?
- 3) Should a Headteacher have to earn respect from students when they walk into a classroom before students decide to stand up?
- 4) What do you think of school discipline today?

6. Let's tell a story! School rules: Below are 20 words and phrases from the article. Use them to compile your own story about **School rules**. Add 2 words of your own. Tell your story to your partner. (*Maybe tick off your words as you tell it*)

1	headmaster	11	behave in a respectful way
2	authority	12	high standards
3	obey the rules	13	headteacher
4	respect	14	pupils
5	teachers	15	stand up
6	political correctness	16	heavy handed
7	rules	17	rights for pupils
8	standing rule	18	cane
9	British Headmaster	19	The parent
10	motivated	20	the school motto

Your choice 1 _____ Your choice 2 _____

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their stories in front of the class.

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7. Let's talk! School discipline! In pairs. You are in a pub discussing school discipline today. Compare what it was like in your day. *5-minutes*.

8. Let's write! An e-mail: You are a student. You have been asked to prepare and send an e-mail to your teacher about how to restore discipline and respect in schools today. Bullet point 6 good reasons how you might do this? Your e-mail can be read out in class.

9. Let's compare! Old school discipline: Compare the following with your partner. Rank them in punishment order: the worst = 10, not so bad = 1. Which did you receive? Which did your school hand out? Which would you (not) recommend? Should any of these be used or even reintroduced today? Why? Why not?

1	the cane	5	the slipper
2	100 lines	6	the ruler
3	the strap	7	the thrown book
4	detention	8	a clip round the ear
Your choice 1 _____		Your choice 2 _____	

The teacher will choose some pairs to hear their results.

10. Let's debate: In pairs. Students A think the cane should be brought back and used for discipline in schools today. Students B think otherwise – you think it should remain banned. Explain why.

11. Let's do 'The Article Quiz': With your partner or in small groups: (*1 point for each correct answer. Lose ½ point if you look at the article for help!*)

Student A

- 1) Name the school.
- 2) Name the Headteacher.
- 3) When did the new Headteacher start at the school?
- 4) How many pupils are at the school?
- 5) What is the school motto?
- 6) What county is the school in?

Student B

- 1) What happened in the 70s?
- 2) Sum up the Headteachers view.
- 3) Sum up the angry parents view.
- 4) What did the spokesperson from the Campaign for Real Education say?
- 5) What does the Headteacher believe?
- 6) What does Britain need?

12. Let's think! Respect and school discipline: Swap partners. With your new partner on the board write as many words to do with '**Respect and school discipline**' as you can. *One-two minutes*. Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

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13. Let's compile! Sentences: Choose *six/nine* of the words from No 12. Write *two/three* sentences using *two/three* words in each. Underline your chosen words. The teacher will if necessary correct your work. Students might be asked to read their sentences aloud.

14. Presentation: In pairs, groups or individually: Prepare in class or at home a 2 minute presentation on **Respect in schools & school discipline today**. Try to include your views on it. Stand at the front of the class to give your presentation to the class. The class can vote on the best presentation. Class – After the presentations go through the strong and weak points on each presentation. Learn from the results.

15. Let's think! 10 things about school discipline: Think of 5 positive and 5 negative things about school discipline. Write them below. Compare and discuss with your partner.

5 positive points		5 negative points	
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5		5	

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

16. Let's unscramble: Try to unscramble the following sentences:

- 1) comes rise in believes pupils Harrison immediately when the room Mr he should
 - 2) of accused heavy Mr being was Harrison handed
 - 3) learners happy motto is 'Motivated, school Successful the and
 - 4) he it becoming at the school revived on headteacher
 - 5) ago two standing dropped rule in High was years the Macclesfield
- (answers are on page 18)**

17. Sentence starters: Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) School discipline _____
- b) Successful learners _____
- c) The headmaster _____
- d) Pupils _____
- e) A British Headmaster _____

AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: After reading the article guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. A British Headmaster in Lancashire recently sparked a 'respect' row | T / F |
| b. There are 800 pupils at the Macclesfield High School | T / F |
| c. The standing rule was dropped at the school 4 years ago | T / F |
| d. Mr Harrison became Headmaster in February 2010 | T / F |
| e. The schools motto is 'Motivated, Happy and Respect' | T / F |
| f. Tim Walton is the father of the boy sent home | T / F |
| g. The headmaster has been accused of being heavy handed | T / F |
| h. Britain needs more headmasters like Mr Harrison | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article:

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| a. Immediately | Nevertheless |
| b. Pride | Joyful |
| c. However | Originality |
| d. Many | Ambition |
| e. Happy | Regard |
| f. Successful | Break rules |
| g. Aspiration | Outstanding |
| h. Initiative | Honour |
| i. Disobey | A lot of |
| j. Respect | Now |

3. PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article:

- | | |
|--|--|
| a. A British Headmaster in Cheshire recently | he revived it. |
| b. children should immediately rise | of being heavy handed. |
| c. it helps increase | and Successful Learners'. |
| d. he has been accused by some parents | praised for high standards of appearance |
| e. The 'standing rule' in Macclesfield High | take pride in their work, |
| f. on becoming headteacher at the school | 'pride and educational standards'. |
| g. Pupils are asked to stand so they can be | across the board |
| h. Rules are about raising standards | when he comes into a room |
| i. We want students to | was dropped two years ago. |
| j. The schools motto is 'Motivated, Happy | sparked a 'respect' row |

GAP FILL: READING

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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"Pupils are asked to stand so they can be praised for high standards of appearance to _____ personal pride and expectations," said Headteacher Harrison. He added, "Rules are about raising standards across the board and having high _____. We want our _____ to be highly motivated and able to use their initiative, so that they can be confident, resourceful and _____ in many different ways.

Our aims are to promote high _____ and high academic _____. We want students to take _____ in their work, in the school and in the community. We can't have children refusing to do what a member of staff is asking them to do." The schools _____ is '_____, Happy and Successful Learners'. The headteacher aims to achieve this.

Soon after he introduced this rule Mr Harrison was accused of being '_____' and 'heavy handed' by one parent whose 15-year-old boy was sent home for disobeying him. The parent claimed 'the headteacher needed to earn respect' before children should stand up for him. Tim Walton, 40, whose son Daniel, who is in Year Ten, said his son was 'entirely justified to remain seated when Mr Harrison joined his _____'. He said, "I teach my _____ the laws of society and that respect is earned."

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

Listen and fill in the spaces.

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DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a. Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- b. Did you have to stand up in class when a teacher or Headmaster/Headteacher walked in the door?
- c. Should girls be allowed to wear make up to school?
- d. Should girls be allowed to wear trousers to school?
- e. Should schools uniform be compulsory?
- f. Should schools abandon school uniform?
- g. Should there be more discipline in schools today?
- h. What do you think of the political brigade and political correctness in today's schools?
- i. Was the British Headteacher right?
- j. Are teachers today harassed *in Britain/your country*?
- k. Would you want to be a teacher in Britain today?



STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a. What do you think about what you read?
- b. Should the boy have stood up when the Headteacher walked in the classroom? Why? Why not?
- c. Are you for or against school discipline?
- d. What do you think of pupils having to stand up when the Headteacher comes in the room?
- e. Are teachers really that powerless to act against unruly pupils today in schools?
- f. What advice would you say to the parent of the boy sent home?
- g. What advice would you give to the Headteacher?
- h. What do you think of school mottos? Are they relevant today?
- i. Were you ever caned in school?
- j. Should the pupil in question have been sent home?
- k. Did you like this discussion?

SPEAKING

Let's discuss: School – likes and dislikes

Allow 10-20 minutes

Small groups

Look at the list below. In small groups talk about what you liked and what you didn't like whilst at school. Add your choice of topic. Choose a spokesperson who can present your groups thoughts to the class at the end of your discussion. Present it visually or use the board etc... Try to be imaginative! *10-20 minutes.*

	Your ideas
1) School dinners / Assembly / Teachers	
2) Games / Sport / Sports days	
4) Science / Languages	
5) School trips / After school activities / School holidays	
6) Homework / Detention / Exams	
7) Your choice	

The teacher can moderate the session.

PUT THE ARTICLE BACK TOGETHER

Put the article back together

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- () whose son Daniel, who is in Year Ten, said his son was 'entirely justified to remain seated when Mr Harrison joined his class'. He said, "I teach my kids the laws of society and that respect is earned."

LANGUAGE: Choose the correct words from a–d below and write them in the article.

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Soon after he introduced this (4)___ Mr Harrison was accused of being 'ridiculous' and '(5)___ handed' by one parent (6)___ 15-year-old boy was sent home for (7)___ him. The parent (8)___ 'the headteacher needed to (9)___ respect' before children should (10)___ for him. Tim Walton, 40, whose son Daniel, who is in Year Ten, said his son was 'entirely ((11)___ to remain seated when Mr Harrison joined his class'. He said, "I teach my kids the (12)___ of society and that respect is earned."

1.	(a)	yawn	(b)	salute	(c)	sit	(d)	rise
2.	(a)	pride	(b)	tide	(c)	bride	(d)	stride
3.	(a)	dropped	(b)	drop	(c)	drops	(d)	dropping
4.	(a)	mule	(b)	tool	(c)	rule	(d)	stool
5.	(a)	light	(b)	left	(c)	right	(d)	heavy
6.	(a)	which	(b)	whose	(c)	who	(d)	whom
7.	(a)	obey	(b)	disobey	(c)	obeying	(d)	disobeying
8.	(a)	claim	(b)	claims	(c)	claimed	(d)	claiming
9.	(a)	yearn	(b)	stern	(c)	Be-arn	(d)	earn
10.	(a)	sit down	(b)	stand down	(c)	stand up	(d)	sit up
11.	(a)	justice	(b)	justified	(c)	justifies	(d)	justify
12.	(a)	claws	(b)	laws	(c)	straws	(d)	paws

GRAMMAR 1: MIDWAY

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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GRAMMAR 2: EASY

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article:

1	immediately	11	continually
2	expectations	12	absolutely
3	aspiration	13	otherwise
4	academic	14	responsible
5	successful	15	previous
6	resourceful	16	neurological
7	respect	17	discipline
8	motivated	18	nonsense
9	ridiculous	19	initiative
10	disobeying	20	achievement

Your score: Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20

HOMEWORK

Presentation: Prepare a two minute presentation on **Discipline in schools**. The teacher will ask you to present it in the next lesson. Students can judge the best presentation.

WRITING: In class:

Five-minute article: Write an article on **Discipline in schools**. You have five minutes. The teacher will select some students to read out their work.

Countdown: Every minute the teacher may say, "You have xx minutes left".

ANSWERS - 1

TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F b. F c. F d. F e. F f. T g. T h. T

SYNONYM MATCH:

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| a. Immediately | Now |
| b. Pride | Honour |
| c. However | Nevertheless |
| d. Many | A lot of |
| e. Happy | Joyful |
| f. Successful | Outstanding |
| g. Aspiration | Ambition |
| h. Initiative | Originality |
| i. Disobey | Break rules |
| j. Respect | Regard |

PHRASE MATCH:

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|--|--|
| a. A British Headmaster in Cheshire recently | sparked a 'respect' row |
| b. children should immediately rise | when he comes into a room |
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GAP FILL: British Headmaster sends pupils home who fail to stand when he

enters the classroom: A British **Headmaster** in Cheshire recently sparked a '**respect**' row by sending home pupils who failed to stand up when he entered the classroom – Britain's *Daily Mail* recently reported. Kevin Harrison, 55, is the Headmaster (or in these politically correct times Headteacher) of the 900-pupil Macclesfield High School in Cheshire, northwest England. Mr Harrison believes children should immediately **rise** when he comes into a room because it helps increase 'pride and educational standards'. However, he has been accused by some parents of being heavy handed. The 'standing rule' in Macclesfield High was dropped two years ago. Earlier this year on becoming headteacher at the **school** he revived it. "Pupils are asked to stand so they can be praised for high standards of appearance to **improve** personal pride and expectations," said Headteacher Harrison. He added, "Rules are about raising standards across the board and having high **expectations**. We want our **pupils** to be highly motivated and able to use their initiative, so that they can be confident, resourceful and **successful** in many different ways. Our aims are to promote high **aspiration** and high academic **achievement**. We want students to take **pride** in their work, in the school and in the community. We can't have children refusing to do what a member of staff is asking them to do." The schools **motto** is '**Motivated**, Happy and Successful Learners'. The headteacher aims to achieve this. Soon after he introduced this rule Mr Harrison was accused of being '**ridiculous**' and 'heavy handed' by one parent whose 15-year-old boy was sent home for disobeying him. The parent claimed 'the headteacher needed to earn respect' before children should stand up for him. Tim Walton, 40, whose son Daniel, who is in Year Ten, said his son was 'entirely justified to remain seated when Mr Harrison joined his **class**'. He said, "I teach my **kids** the laws of society and that respect is earned."

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ANSWERS – 2

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