

Dramatic goals

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Ruth Sewell, 11, attends Hermitage Primary School in Wapping, east London.

"I like to use the side of my brain that deals with things like art and music and drama, rather than the side that follows maths and logical kinds of thinking.

"I would like to see more of these creative things. We only have singing once a week. I like English and My favourite teacher is strict, but he is straightforward. reading but we do a lot of that.

"My music teacher explains things a bit more than a lot of other teachers. I think that's because she's not actually a school teacher, and she visits different schools. It is difficult to say why one teacher would be better than another. I think it depends on how old you are.

"My favourite teacher is strict, but he is straightforward. He doesn't try to complicate things too much and you know what to expect. He's quite nice in a way.

"When I was younger and someone told me 'Do this, or else!', then I think it was easy to be frustrated or angry - especially if it was a difficult subject to understand. When you're older, I think it is better to for a teacher to be a bit harder, a bit more challenging."

Eugene Asare, 11, is in Year 6 at St Francis Primary School in Peckham, south London.

I like football and love to play in goal. My football teacher trains us on Wednesdays after school. What is best about him is that he really knows what he is doing - how to play the game. The best thing about football is the medals - if they gave them out for maths or English, I'd be the best. Also, it is very entertaining.

"Once we had a supply teacher and he knew nothing about the game. And it was worse that he didn't care. It is a problem if teachers don't know their subjects very well.

"Football is the only thing that will get me out of bed in the morning. I get really bleary-eyed. I like to attend school but I wish it started at 11.

"I plan to go on to college or university and do whatever it takes. I'd like to be a doctor or a footballer. I'd be willing to work harder at school if I felt that I had a good chance of becoming a doctor.

"My favourite teacher is my form teacher. She is good at explaining the work, and if she catches you talking she goes rawr-rawr-rawr! Just like a tiger.

"My favourite classroom subject is handwriting - that's because I got 95 per cent. I get into trouble sometimes and I get detention, and I think it's not fair. I wonder why and it gets to me. I will try to change my reputation in the future.

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