

## **Children's University Graduation**

On the evening of Tuesday 25th November, I was delighted to attend the Children's University Graduation Ceremony 'Class of 2014' at Braintree Arts Theatre. The children were very excited to get their gowns and mortar boards and then proceeded into the hall to applause from the adults invited to attend the ceremony.

During the evening, we watched a dance performance from one of the learning destinations, a Shakespeare scene from Lyons Hall children, and all the children were called to receive their certificates from the Vice Chancellor of the Braintree campus.

It was wonderful to see so many White Court children receiving awards, and special mention must go to the White Court Ambassadors, Sophia and Fae, who gave a brilliant presentation on what the Children's University means to them and what they gain from it. They were extremely professional and confident and were a credit to the School.

To see the children so proud of their achievements out of school highlighted to me what a valuable programme this is in recognising our pupil's diverse interests and capabilities that are not solely curriculum based. This would obviously not be possible without the parents, grandparents, guardians and carers who actively support the children's extra-curricular activities, and all the staff who have invested time in setting up the scheme at White Court, assessing learning destinations and supporting the children in their chosen pursuits.

Thank you to all involved. I look forward to many more Graduation Ceremonies in the years ahead!

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