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Dear Parents/Carers

Channel 4's 'Child Genius'

This popular series returned to our screens on Monday evening, hosted by quiz master extraordinaire Richard Osman, with nineteen children from across Britain competing to be named the smartest child.

For those of us who have been following the shows, in amongst the contestants and their families you may well have recognised a few familiar faces from our school family; as Harry Houghton, an ex-pupil of ours (who is now a Year 8 student at Lady Manners School) is one of those brainiest children in the UK; battling it out in this prestigious, national competition.

'Our Harry' persuaded dad, Marcus and mum, Ruth to enter the ninth series of this gruelling TV show last year; and as we've all sat down and watched the programmes this week (on Channel 4 at 8pm) it's just been so emotional: we're so proud of him, seeing him up there on our TV screens, behind the podium.

Monday night featured two rounds based on language skills; where Harry had to spell out some of the most complicated words in the English dictionary. Tuesday, he showed off his astonishing maths skills and completed a fiendish geography challenge. Over the past couple of nights, Harry has displayed complex, scientific principles and an encyclopaedic knowledge of facts: in the quarter finals.

Tonight, as a semi-finalist contestant, Harry will be fighting for a place in the final of the series (televised tomorrow night at 7pm); facing demanding anagrams and some 'sudden death' spelling!

We've always known Harry to be a polite, confident and an all-round, smart young man; who has excelled in sports, music and in his learning. When he was here at Youlgrave, All Saints' Primary School as an 11 year-old, Year 6 pupil, he was doing GCSE maths (... yes, we were very fortunate to have Mr Trevor Williamson, a secondary maths teacher, to work with us in school to tutor Harry)!

On behalf of us all, I'd like to send our congratulations to Harry on this, his latest amazing achievement; and our 'well done wishes' to Tom, Ruth and Marcus for all their love and support, as Harry's biggest fans, in helping Harry to gain so much from this phenomenal life-experience.

Heather Stelling
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