

Schoolboy suspended for selling sweets to classmates

A schoolboy has been suspended from his healthy eating school for repeatedly selling sweets to classmates.

12-year-old Tommie was making up to £200 a day selling chocolate and fizzy drinks in the playground at lunch and break times. But his school weren't happy and suspended him for breaking their strict healthy eating rules. Tommie has since promised to give the rest of his stock to the Salvation Army "to bring to the homeless".

Tommie said he first got the idea from the BBC series *The Apprentice*. He bought the sweets and drinks in bulk from discount stores and then sold them on for a profit.

"I've got a good business brain. I saw stuff was going for cheap, so I bought about £30 worth and then dotted it around mates' houses," he said.

Tommie's father Gary Rose said he had no idea his son was selling the snacks at first and was surprised when he found out how much he was making. Tommie was grounded when his parents found out what he was doing, but his dad thinks the school went too far in suspending his son. A spokesperson for the Oasis Academy in Salford said that while they support pupils' new businesses ideas, they must not break any of the school rules.



Read the article, 'Schoolboy suspended for selling sweets to classmates'.

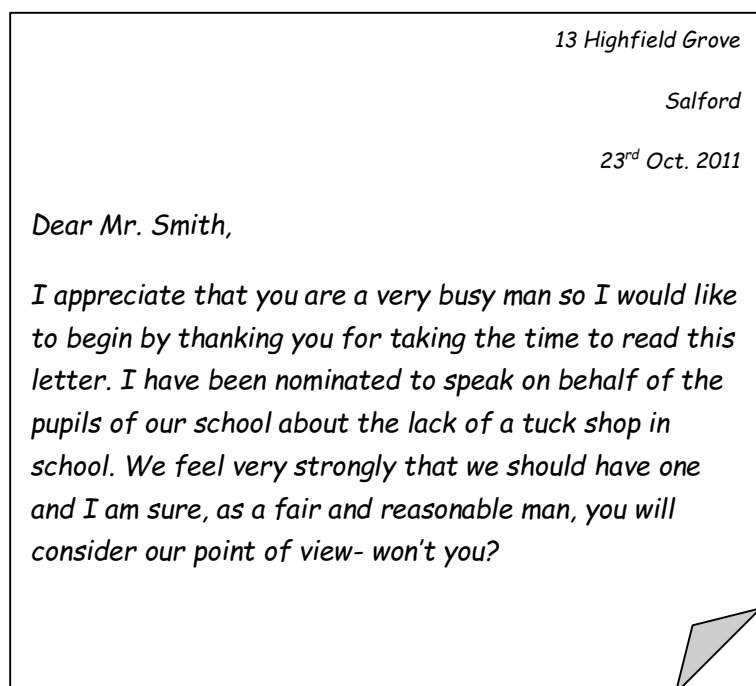
Below is a grid with arguments both FOR and AGAINST Tommie being allowed to sell sweets in school.

- Identify which points are FOR Tommie selling in school and colour them in one colour.
- Identify which points are AGAINST Tommie selling in school and colour them in a different colour.

His healthy eating school should promote eating healthily- not eating sweets.	Tommie was making £200: Money he could use to pay for essential items that his family may not be able to afford.	Selling in school is against the school rules.
Tommie's dad punished him when he found out that he had disobeyed school rules.	Selling produce enabled Tommie to improve his business brain.	Tommie clearly had good intentions as he donated the left over stock to the Salvation Army.

Read the opening of a letter, written by Tommie to his Head Teacher. In the letter, he is trying to persuade his Head Teacher to allow him to set up a sweet shop in school. How successful is the letter at persuading the reader?

Find each of the following persuasive techniques in the article:



Being polite and trying to flatter the Head Teacher.

Using a rhetorical question, to make the Head Teacher think about the importance of the issue.

Using personal pronouns, like 'we' to make it seem like the students are very united and all think the same thing.