

Sir David Attenborough writes to Meriden students

Science teachers across the world use Sir David Attenborough's documentaries to enhance their Biology lessons. Last year, my Year 11 Biology class decided to take a little extra class time after their final exams to write him a letter to express our gratitude for the amazing work he has done in his life, on behalf of all Meriden students.

The class worked together to draft a letter, which we sent to him last year. Here is an excerpt:

Dear Sir David Attenborough,

We come from Meriden Senior School in Sydney, Australia, and we are a grade 11 Biology class who adore your work and videos.

Thank you so much for everything you've done for our planet Earth! Your research and dedication to the natural world has immensely impacted our world and our future generations and we are forever grateful. As our school says, "Meriden girls make their marks" and we are glad to say you have definitely made your mark of kindness and caring on our world. You will go down in history books that we will write in the hearts of our children one day.

We were thrilled to receive his reply:

Dear Mrs Phillips,

Thank you very much for your letter. I am truly delighted to know that you and your class think so highly of my programmes. It was very kind of you to take the trouble to write and tell me so.

Best wishes to you all,

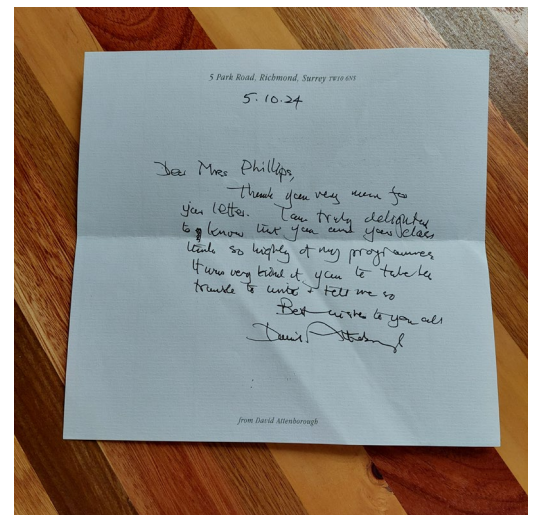
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Making global connections and expressing gratitude are ways to make young people feel empowered and see themselves as future changemakers. We seek opportunities at Meriden to seek out positive role models and show our students that acting for good and with hope can be recognised and appreciated in our modern world. This follows our Fidelis attitudes and values of thankfulness and compassion.

We are inspired that even at 99 years old, Sir David Attenborough still takes time to reply to the letters he receives. Happy Birthday Sir Attenborough, and thank you for your many years of service to our planet Earth!

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Sir Attenborough's reply to Meriden