



Write a **persuasive opinion piece** for a parenting magazine arguing your opinion about the statement: *'Parents should give teens incentives to achieve good grades.'*

Draw from the stimulus material and your own ideas.

Parents should definitely support their children and one way of doing this is providing incentives to do well at school. Giving their kids the promise of something they have long desired or value, such as a trip away or money, can be a great motivator for a lot of students. Not all students enjoy studying or the school environment and the reality is not all students are self-motivated. A little encouragement from the parents can really make the difference and inspire them to work that bit harder to achieve in school, which we all know will lead to better opportunities in the future.

When parents promise their children gifts or money to do well in school, they are effectively bribing them. What's wrong with this? Some psychologists have argued that this practice is teaching children immoral behaviour and that there are certainly better ways to teach students to achieve. Motivation has to come from within an individual or otherwise they never learn to be self-motivated.