

Dear Parent / Carer

### Y7/8 Praising Stars

We are currently in the process of changing how we report for Year 7 and 8 students. This is in response to changes in primary education, new GCSEs and important parental feedback on our reports for Year 7 and 8. The Praising Stars 1 report you received is an interim report issued only for this half term to report on your child's effort in class, behaviour and attendance. Our new report, is under development and will be launched in December at Praising Stars 2.

The new Year 7 and 8 Praising Stars report planned for December will, for the first time, report on students' current working grades against the age related expectation for each subject. This system will show you in more detail how your child is progressing in their studies throughout Year 7 and 8.

This change in reporting follows significant work within our Trust to redesign what is taught across Year 7 and 8 so that it better supports future study and provides a richer entitlement for our younger students. New programmes of study, assessment and tracking have been developed for each subject. Subject teachers across our academies are working together this term to standardise and moderate assessment; this training is essential to ensure assessment within our new programmes of study is accurate.

The new Year 7 and 8 report is currently under trial. This will enable us to take important feedback before it is launched next half term for all Year 7 & 8 students across our trust in the Praising Stars 2 report.

Yours sincerely



Principal  
Elizabeth Ford

- **Effort (E1-E6).** Parents/Carers should view the effort grades first and foremost as a measure of your child's performance towards meeting/exceeding target grades. This will provide a clear indication of the work ethic in particular lessons.

<b>E1 Star Student</b>	<b>E2 Promising Student</b>	<b>E3 Hard Working Student</b>	<b>E4 Wake-up Call</b>	<b>E5 Negative Attitude</b>	<b>E6 Extremely Negative</b>
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- **Homework** - This indicates, where marked, that the teacher has a homework concern.
- **Attendance** - This indicates, where marked, that the teacher has a concern that your son/daughter's attendance in lessons is having a negative effect on performance and progress.

### Parents' Evening

There are three Parents' Evenings in an academic year where you can meet with your child's teachers. Teachers select parent/carers of students they wish to see and this information is identified on the Praising Stars© report. If you, as a parent/carer, wish to see particular teaching staff you can ask your child to make an appointment via their planner or contact the Academy via e-mail and we will pass this onto the member of staff.

### Dates of Parents' Evenings:

15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - (Praising Stars 2)

14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – (Praising Stars 4)

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