

Dear Parent/Carer

Praising Stars© 3 Report

As we approach the midway point of the academic year, we hope that your son/daughter is enjoying their learning and latest enrichment opportunities. Please find enclosed Praising Stars© 3 information for your child. This is the third of the six reports that will be produced throughout the academic year, to ensure you are kept fully informed about progress towards challenging targets, effort levels and to flag up any concerns. Please note this report gives you the opportunity to attend a parents evening on Monday 29 February. This is strongly recommended in particular if your son/daughter is behind targets or has any E4 grades, or is in Y11 or Y10 approaching GCSE examinations.

In brief, the report gives you:

<u>Effort</u>	E1/E2	Outstanding/good effort – star student
	E3	Positive effort – doing most of what we expect
	E4	Cause for concern – may have received a C4 department detention
<u>Target</u>	This uses your son/daughter's performance at the end of Key Stage 2 to calculate what they should attain at the end of their Key Stage 3 (for Years 7 & 8) or Key Stage 4 (for Years 9, 10 & 11). Targets are based on how students of a similar ability perform nationally in the top 25% of schools.	
<u>Prediction</u>	This is either a National Curriculum Level (Years 7 & 8) or GCSE grade (Years 9, 10 & 11) which each teacher predicts your son/daughter will attain at the end of their Key Stage based on their current performance and the teacher's professional judgement. If a student is studying a BTEC qualification, then an A* = Distinction*, A = Distinction, B = Merit, C = Pass, W = working towards a pass and U = Fail	
<u>Homework/Coursework</u>	This indicates, where marked, that the teacher has a coursework concern (C) or a homework concern (H) or both (HC).	
<u>Attendance</u>	This indicates, where marked with an X, that the teacher has a concern that your son/daughter's attendance in their lessons is having a negative effect on performance and progress.	

The effort grades represent a student's effort from the last Praising Stars report until now. All students will start each Praising Stars© cycle as an E1 student in all subjects. We would be delighted if they were able to maintain this effort right through the next half term, but if they haven't this will be reflected in their grades.

The second of three Parents' Evenings will be held on **Monday 29 February from 5pm – 7pm**. Teachers may request that you come in to discuss your son/daughters progress and this is indicated in the report. They may also telephone. If you are not invited in and would still like to see a teacher, please contact them via the use of the planner parents' appointment grid or alternatively ring school and leave a message that will be passed on, or email via the email addresses of teachers on our website 'Contact Us' page here: www.bydales.outwood.com/contact It is important that you strongly encourage your child to make appointments on **Page 177** of the planner.

I hope you find the report informative and useful, but please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or learning manager should you wish to discuss this further.

To ensure we know you have received this report, I would be grateful if you could complete the section below and return it to your child's VMG tomorrow, or as soon as possible afterwards. This will avoid unnecessary phone calls and/or letters home to check you have received it. Feel free to write any additional comments on the reverse of the slip.

Yours faithfully



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