

February 2018

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 his/her learning and the 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 the 22 February. This is strongly recommended if your son/daughter is behind with a number targets or has any E4 grades. 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 E5, E6	Cause for concern – may have received a C4 department detention Serious cause for concern
<u>Target</u>	This uses your son/daughter's performance at the end of Key Stage 2 to calculate what s/he should attain at the end of Key Stage 4. Targets are based on how students of a similar ability perform nationally in the top 5-10% of schools.	
<u>Prediction</u>	This is a GCSE grade which each teacher predicts your son/daughter will attain at the end of Year 10 or Year 11 based on his/her current performance and the teacher's professional judgment. If a student is studying a BTEC qualification, this will appear as: Distinction* equivalent to an A*/8.5, Distinction equivalent to an A/7, Merit equivalent to a B/5.5, Pass equivalent to a C/4, W is working towards a pass and U is a 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 his/her 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 Parents' Evening of the year will be held on **Thursday 22 February 2018 from 5pm – 7pm**. Teachers may request that you come in to discuss your son/daughter's 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 appointment grid insert for parents in the student planner or alternatively ring school and leave a message to book an appointment that will then be passed on.

To ensure we know you have received this report, I would be grateful if you could complete the section attached and return it to your child's VMG tutor straight after February half-term if possible. This will avoid unnecessary phone calls and/or letters home to check you have received this report. Feel free to write any additional comments at the foot of the slip.

Yours faithfully



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Dear VMG tutor

I am the parent/carer of: _____ VMG: _____

I confirm that I have received and read his/her Praising Stars© 3. report.

Name (Parent): _____

Signed (Parent): _____

Date: _____

Please return this slip to your child's VMG tutor as soon as possible. Thank you.

Any additional comments: