



# BYDALES SCHOOL

21 October 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

## Praising Stars© I Report

By now your son/daughter should have settled into school life and we hope s/he has made an exceptional start to the academic year. Please find enclosed Praising Stars© I information for your son/daughter. This is a report that will be produced six times throughout the academic year, to ensure you are kept fully informed about progress towards challenging targets, effort levels and to flag up any concerns.

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 a tick, that the teacher has a concern that your son/daughter’s attendance in their lessons is having a negative effect on performance and progress.	
<u>Parent/Carer Invite</u>	This indicates, where marked with a tick, that a subject teacher has a concern about your child’s effort/attainment and requests an appointment with you, or would like to discuss GCSE preparation.	

The effort grades represent a student’s effort from the first day of the term until now. All students will start the next Praising Stars© cycle as an E1 student in all subjects. We would be delighted if they were able to maintain this effort right through until the Christmas holidays.

**Parents’ Evening I will be held on Monday 10 November from 5pm – 7 pm.** 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 planner parents’ appointment grid or alternatively ring school and leave a message that will be passed on.

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. Feel free to write any additional comments on the reverse of the slip.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Barlow  
Assistant Headteacher

-----Please detach and return to your child’s VMG tutor as soon as possible, by return-----

Dear VMG tutor,

I am the parent/carers of: \_\_\_\_\_ VMG: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name (parent): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed (parent): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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