



# BYDALES SCHOOL

15 December 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

## Praising Stars© 2 Report

As the end of term approaches we hope that your son/daughter is now accustomed to the new systems we have in school and that they are thriving in lessons. Please find enclosed Praising Stars© 2 information for your child. This is the second 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. This would be strongly recommended if your son/daughter is behind 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	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.	
<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 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.

**Parents' Evening 2 will be held on Monday 12 January 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. It is important that you strongly encourage your child to make appointments on Page 133 of the planner.

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A number of reports may have not got home via students last time. 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 this. 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/carer of: \_\_\_\_\_ VMG: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I have received and read his/her Praising Stars© 2 report.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_