

Dear Parent / Carer

We are passionate about our students meeting the highest standards and expectations and achieving their full potential. Each half-term students receive their Praising Stars reports which report back on their current progress and effort.

To support students in Year 8 with taking responsibility for monitoring their personal progress in school and to aid them in setting and reviewing targets we have devised a new Road to Graduation and Adwick Ambassadors programme.

The Road to Graduation

The end of Year 8 is an important milestone in a young person's education journey. At the end of Year 8 students are preparing to start the year in which they will select their guided pathway qualifications, a personalised selection of GCSE and vocational qualifications that may set their future career and study pathway.

With the importance of this key milestone we would like to reward the efforts of students in both year groups with a Graduation ceremony in the summer term of this academic year. Parents and Carers will be invited to a Graduation ceremony at the academy, where students will be celebrated and in a cap and gowns, receiving certificates of their achievements and professional photographs to share their achievements.

In order to be in a position to graduate students must have zero E4's by Praising Stars 5 and we will track their progress at each cycle. By graduating, students will be able to graduate into their next year group at the end of June 2024.

Adwick Ambassadors

At each Praising Stars cycle students in Year 8 will review with their tutor group their key attributes in becoming a well-rounded person who makes every effort to be the best that they can be.

The four key attributes that they will be measured by are;

- **Attitude To Learning (ATL)** - *This is an average of the Effort grades from all subjects they study at Praising Stars*
- **Attendance**
- **Praise stickers** - *Praise stickers are issued in all lessons for excellent effort*
- **Attendance to Enrichment** - *Enrichment sessions take place each afternoon 14:30 - 15:30 in a range of activities*

Each of these attributes have boundaries, and students can achieve Gold, Silver, Bronze or Not met for each attribute. Totals for each attribute are reset every Praising Stars cycle to enable students to achieve and set themselves targets with their tutor for the next cycle.

Attitude to Learning (ATL): An excellent attitude to learning and positive effort			
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Not Met
1.0 to 1.5	1.6 to 2.2	2.3 to 3.0	3.1 or below
Great Attendance			
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Not Met
97% +	96.9 - 94%	93.9 - 90%	Below 90%
Praise Stickers			
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Not Met
50 stickers	40 stickers	20 stickers	Below 20 stickers
Regular attendance to after-school enrichment			
Gold	Silver	Bronze	Not Met
10 sessions	6 sessions	4 sessions	Less than 4 sessions

At each Praising Stars cycle students are awarded an overall Ambassador status; Gold, Silver, Bronze or Not met. This is calculated by taking an average of their key attributes but with the Attitude to Learning outcome being the limiting factor. Receiving any E4's at Praising Stars will prevent students from being recognised as being an Adwick Ambassador.

Examples of how to achieve each of the Adwick Ambassador statuses;

- To be a GOLD Ambassador you must achieve the Gold ATL, 2 Golds and at least a Bronze
- To be a SILVER Ambassador you must achieve at least the Silver ATL and then averages from other categories
- To be a BRONZE Ambassador you must achieve at least the Bronze ATL and then averages from other categories

Students will receive rewards at each Praising Stars cycle, as milestones on their Road to Graduation and a more significant reward for their final Adwick Ambassador status at the point of the Graduation ceremony.

We are currently working with our Student Voice team to decide on worthy rewards in recognition of students effort and achievement, and linked to the different Adwick Ambassador statuses. We are currently implementing; blazer badges for Ambassador levels, outdoor team-building activities with external providers and shopping vouchers.

We hope that you will be able to support your child in their Road to Graduation and their key attributes in becoming Adwick Ambassadors. Reviewing their progress they will be able to focus on personal areas for improvements both academically and their personal key attributes.

It will be a wonderful experience to see our students graduate at the end of this academic year, celebrating their achievements with friends and family, experiencing a range of rewards, making their very best progress in lessons and being in a fantastic position to embark on their next academic year.

Yours sincerely