

Friday 21 October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

This academic year at Outwood Grange Academy we will be providing half termly Praising Stars reports for students in Year 10, 11 and P16 but will be providing termly reports for those students in Years 7 - 9.

It is important to note for all parents/carers that the reduction from 6 to 3 reported assessment points for years 7-9 is not an indicator of a reduction in the vital tool of assessment in the classrooms of these year groups. We will always utilise the routine assessment of our students' knowledge, understanding and performance to inform all future teaching. This is as important during the early secondary phase of students' experience as those students completing GCSE and Level 2 qualifications.

At Outwood Grange Academy teachers collect attainment information from students in every classroom every day as part of quality classroom practice. This information is used to develop future learning and differentiate practice to support and challenge all students. This new system of reported assessment for Year 7 - 9 students will afford teaching staff more time to analyse assessment information, identify misconceptions and implement appropriate interventions for their students to progress in their subject area.

Parents Evening 1 will be **virtual** on Tuesday 9 November 4-7pm for Y10, Y11 and P16 students and you will see on your child's Praising Stars 1 report which teachers have indicated that they would like the opportunity to speak with you. All of our Parents Evenings are booked online via <https://parents-booking.co.uk/outwoodgrange> You only need basic details of your child to book appointments. Please only book appointments if you have been requested by your child's teacher.

Teachers will also be contacting specific parents of Year 7, 8 and 9 if they have any concerns and you are always able to contact your child's Tutor or Learning Manager over the year.

Finally, thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful half term break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lee Woods', written over a horizontal line.

Lee Woods
Vice Principal
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