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Dear Parents and Carers

This academic year at Outwood Academy Freston we will be providing half termly Praising Stars reports for students in year 10 and 11, but will be providing termly reports for those students in years' 7 - 9. It is important to note for all parents and 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 each student's 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 Academy Freston 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; 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. In addition, we will be advertising parents evening dates very soon. Please remember that if you have a question regarding your child's academic or pastoral progression at Outwood Academy Freston, you can contact your child's learning manager via email or you can communicate with their tutor via their planner.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students, parents and carers a pleasant half term. Students have worked hard this half term and teachers speak extremely highly of their effort and engagement. This half term we have had visitors to the academy from our Academy Council, OGAT Executive Team and external agencies all of whom have commented on how polite, courteous and well-mannered our students are; they are a credit to the academy and to yourselves.

Yours faithfully



Lisa Allott
Principal

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