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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope by now that you have heard from your child that we have an exciting development in relation to Praise at FCC. We want to recognise every student's effort and resilience and value the contributions they make to the learning environments and community at FCC. Praise is fundamental to building positive relationships in school. When student behaviour aligns with our values – belong, believe, aspire, achieve and when they are doing the right thing, in the right place at the right time, students should see this valued.

We are therefore raising the profile of praise at school and have been working with our student council and staff body to craft a new House system which is supported by an online platform called EPraise.

Teachers will use EPraise to award points for good work, positive contributions to lessons and meeting our school values. There are a number of positive features that make EPraise stand out from our current system of Bromcom. Students will work towards their next milestone and will receive online badges as they progress. Alongside this, we have asked our students to feed into what they would like to receive to mark those milestones. These include 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' which has been popular this year and also lunchtime queue jumpers.

Teachers will be able to invite students to extra-curricular clubs and reward them for attending. Students will receive accolades for meeting and going beyond expectations. An example of this would be entering a House competition.

There will also be a healthy element of competition through student and staff leaderboards and the new House system. The Student Council have voted overwhelmingly to adopt the Houses: Aqua, Terra, Ignis and Ventus. These are Latin names which represent concepts in ancient philosophy, building blocks for life (water, earth, fire and air). All four have their own strong identity but work together in harmony creating one whole community. Parents and carers will be able to view this on the Parent app.

If students make mistakes and behaviour does not meet our expectations, they will receive demerits in line with the school behaviour policy. Parents and carers will be able to see these but crucially for students, negative points do not take anything away from what has already been achieved. This will enable you to have conversations at home to support your child and help us to work in partnership with each other. We will maintain Bromcom for student data, reporting and assessment. Homework will still be set through Google Classrooms.

Staff are currently receiving training on how to use the system. We will be running an internal trial from 16<sup>th</sup> July until the end of term. During this period of time, you will not receive alerts through Bromcom. We will communicate consequences via subject teachers, the Tutors and Heads of Year.

We will be in touch in September about how you and your child can log onto the online platform. There will be an evening parent forum and students will be supported in tutor time with the change.

Yours faithfully

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