## Haydock High School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We at Haydock are incredibly proud of our students and the fantastic things they achieve every day and we think these triumphs deserve to be shared. Which is why this year, a great focus for us will be recognising and rewarding the hard work, and successes of our students and celebrating them every week.

We're going to begin by celebrating the outstanding work and talent that our students demonstrate in their learning and have created two new celebration initiatives: Learning Stars and Proud Thursday. We know how much parents and families love to hear when their child is doing well. These initiatives allow us to quickly and easily share their success with you and I am writing to you today to give you more information on how they work, and how we might contact you regarding each initiative.

## Proud Thursday

Each week, all members of staff will nominate students' work they are proud of and that they think the students should be proud of too! If your child has been nominated for a Proud Thursday award, an image of their work will be exhibited on our Proud Display boards, a presentation of their work will be shown in every tutor group on Thursday mornings and a YouTube video will be created and posted to our social media channels. You'll be notified by text message if your child's work is included with a link to video so you can have a peek at their excellent work too. All nominated students will go to the Proud Celebration at break, receive their certificate, a treat and will see whose work has been selected for that week's Principal's Award.

## Learning Stars

Students will receive learning stars in recognition for their outstanding work in class or their brilliance around the academy. Nominated by staff, students can receive infinite amounts of stars which will accumulate for rewards throughout the year, as well as a weekly prize draw to win a treat for the winning student's class on Fantastic Friday. Parents/Carers will receive a text each week letting you know if their child has been nominated and students will receive a gold star in their planner.

These are just the beginning of our student praise plans. With lots more coming up. I will be writing to you soon about our 'Honours Board' where we hope to celebrate and applaud our student's successes outside of school such as sports awards, cadets, being of service in the community and more. I will keep you up to date as the school year goes on as we continue to recognise and celebrate all our student's hard work and achievements.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Weaver Associate Assistant Principal, Deep Learning.