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Dear Parent/Carer

An exciting and brand new online rewards and behaviour monitoring system called Epraise is being introduced next week. Epraise is designed to do three things: motivate students, inform parents and celebrate success.

Students, parents/carers and staff will now be able to easily see the Praise Points, the new name for House Points, which staff award students for excellent attitudes to learning, great effort, attendance at after school clubs and for completing excellent homework.

Students in Years 10 and 11 are now able to manage their homework through the Epraise app and website. Parents will be able to see the tasks that are set, when they are due and if it has been handed in on time.

Parents' Evenings will also be available to book through the Epraise website, making it easier for parents/carers and students to manage their appointment times with teachers.

Attendance is displayed through Epraise, enabling parents/carers to be more informed about punctuality and overall attendance figures for their children. Attendance is key to achievement and we will be awarding weekly bonus Praise Points for 100% attendance and good punctuality.

The system is driven by rewards. Students will be able to spend their Praise Points on an exciting range of rewards in the online Epraise shop. This ranges from canteen credit, to stationery, footballs, water bottles and gift vouchers – with the top prize available being 12 months' student membership at the Leisure Centre. Students can also enter prize draws for the opportunity to win places on trips and special events.

To register on Epraise you should:

- Go to epraise.co.uk and click login
- Select Whitstone School
- Select the Parent tab
- Enter the email address you have registered with Whitstone School
- Click the Login/Register button
- Follow the instructions in the email that is sent to you.

Please note that if your details are not recognised you will need to contact reception and update your registered email address.

We hope that this new system, as well as further motivating our students with their studies, will help to keep you better informed as parents. If you have any questions regarding the system, then please don't hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely

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