



THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

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Dear Year 7 Parent/Carer

Last year we introduced a new system called 'epraise' in our school. Epraise is designed to improve student engagement and motivation and to support parental involvement. It has proved really popular with teachers, parents and students alike.

Students have an individual epraise account that they can access using their school Google account details. They can download an epraise app for their phone or iPad to find how many house points they have been awarded, along with the subject and the teacher that gave them to them. They can also see where they rank in their tutor group, year group or within the whole school.

Epraise is designed to be easy for teachers to use, which means that we can now start to reward the kind of things that the majority of students do that in the past we have possibly taken for granted, for example: good behaviour (no demerits), 100% attendance, not being late to school or to lessons, attending after-school clubs/practice/training/revision, representing the school in ANY way.

As students gather more epraise points, they will be able to achieve a variety of certificates, badges and awards. However, we know that in order to motivate as many students as possible, we need a range of different awards. Over the year we will be looking to consult with our students for ideas of other awards that we could also issue; for example, students could cash in their award points in order to collect equipment that they might need or for vouchers of some sort. In some schools, students can donate their points to a charity and the points are converted into money from the school.

Parents also have an epraise account. Parents can use epraise to access information about their child and receive alerts when they receive a house point, demerit or detention. An email of invitation has been emailed to you to access this account, **using the email address that you have previously given us.** You should use that email address to access your account and create your own username. Hopefully you will find the process straightforward and easy, but I have attached a 'Frequently Answered Questions' sheet which you may find helpful if you experience problems logging in, or there is an issue regarding your email address.

Once logged in to epraise, there are a couple of resources which you might find useful:

- The parents' guide from epraise, which is here:
https://epraise.co.uk/index.php?view=guide_parent
- A getting started with epraise video, which is here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRpldNYk1NE&feature=youtu.be>

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Please note that as we are new to epraise, we do not yet have all of the features that you may see in the video or guide, but our intention is to add more as soon as we can.

Here is a link to a video that I made for students last year, which you may also find helpful.

- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zCaqCMuQdRIGW5F3AD2CRBY8GImpW_9/view?usp=sharing

If you have any questions regarding epraise, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance. For any technical issues, please see the contacts mentioned on the accompanying FAQ sheet. I hope you find the system as helpful and exciting as we do!

Yours sincerely

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