



6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Passmores PopStars**

I have exciting news to share; your young person has been identified as being one of the gifted and/or talented students in their year group. They have now joined a group called the Passmores PopStars, who will be monitored, supported and given opportunities to excel in their areas of ability. They will all wear a badge to demonstrate their ability to teaching staff.

Your child has been nominated as a good all-rounder academically, who, with hard work, should achieve high examination results.

There are several ways we determine who our academically able and/or talented students are: one being data from their point of entry into Passmores. Year 7 students also participate in an aptitude test known as MidYIS which measures their ability and your son/daughter was recognised as being someone that would benefit from this status. Notionally we confer this status on around 10% of our students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you formally. I am leading the PopStars initiative in school and will be working with department leads to ensure your young person has access to a challenging and supportive curriculum as well seeking out and providing opportunities for them to harness their ambition and potential.

I look forward to meeting your son/daughter together in a group and to devising valuable activities for them to do to help them to develop.

Yours faithfully,

**Stephanie Henderson**  
**PopStars Champion**  
**English Teacher**