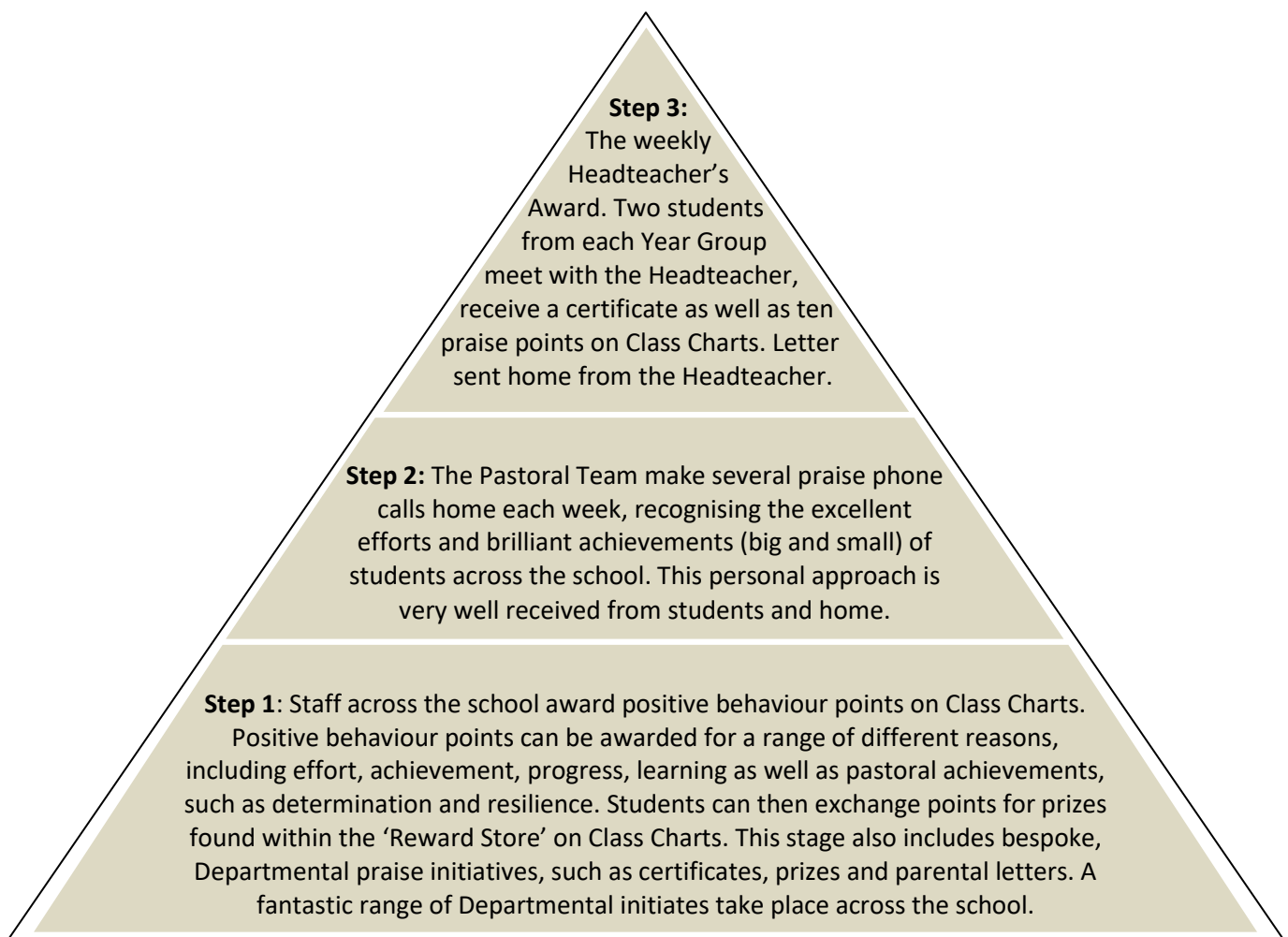




## St Mary's Catholic School Celebration of Student Success

At St Mary's Catholic School we believe that each student should be given equality of opportunity to achieve their full spiritual, academic and social potential by recognising the uniqueness of each individual and providing a rich and varied learning experience for everyone. We believe that all students have amazing God-given gifts and talents. Our role as educators is to help our students recognise their unique gifts and talents. We celebrate all students each and every day here at school in a variety of ways, to ensure that students feel valued and commended for their efforts both within and outside of school. Our curriculum and pastoral care aims to give all students a sense of achievement and thereby help them develop confidence and self-esteem. All students are encouraged to participate in the social and academic life of the school. Celebrating student success is a fundamental part of our school's mission to ensure that all students feel happy and safe here at school. When students feel valued and rewarded for their efforts they can achieve great things. This broad overview aims to outline how student success is celebrated and acknowledged here at school. Celebration of student success here at St Mary's is organised and implemented using the 'steps' below:



In addition to the outline above, student success is also celebrated across the academic year in several other ways:

- School produce a termly 'Shine' bulletin that is distributed across the school and posted on the school website. Staff members put forward many amazing achievements of students (big and small) from that term. These achievements are then collated into the 'Shine' bulletin.
- In the Sixth Form, in addition to the praise phone calls each home, six students in each year group are awarded Sixth Form Star each week. Students receive a certificate, small prize, five praise points on Class Charts and acknowledgment on the Sixth Form noticeboard for their excellent efforts and outstanding achievements.

- In addition, the school's termly newsletter includes a wide variety of student achievement, especially with regards to extra-curricular achievement.
- Each half term, 'Celebration Afternoons' are held in the Sixth Form area. Each year group is selected once a year and the top 25 Class Charts positive behaviour points scores are invited to these events. In addition, many students are rewarded at the end of Term 1 and Term 2 by being invited to an internal 'School Cinema' event, where students receive free snacks and watch a film during one afternoon in the final week of that term.
- At the end of Term 3, students are invited to the school's 'End of Year Trip'. In July 2022, this constituted to all students in the Main School visiting a local cinema.