



5TH YEAR INFORMATION MORNING

Thursday 25th August
11.30am



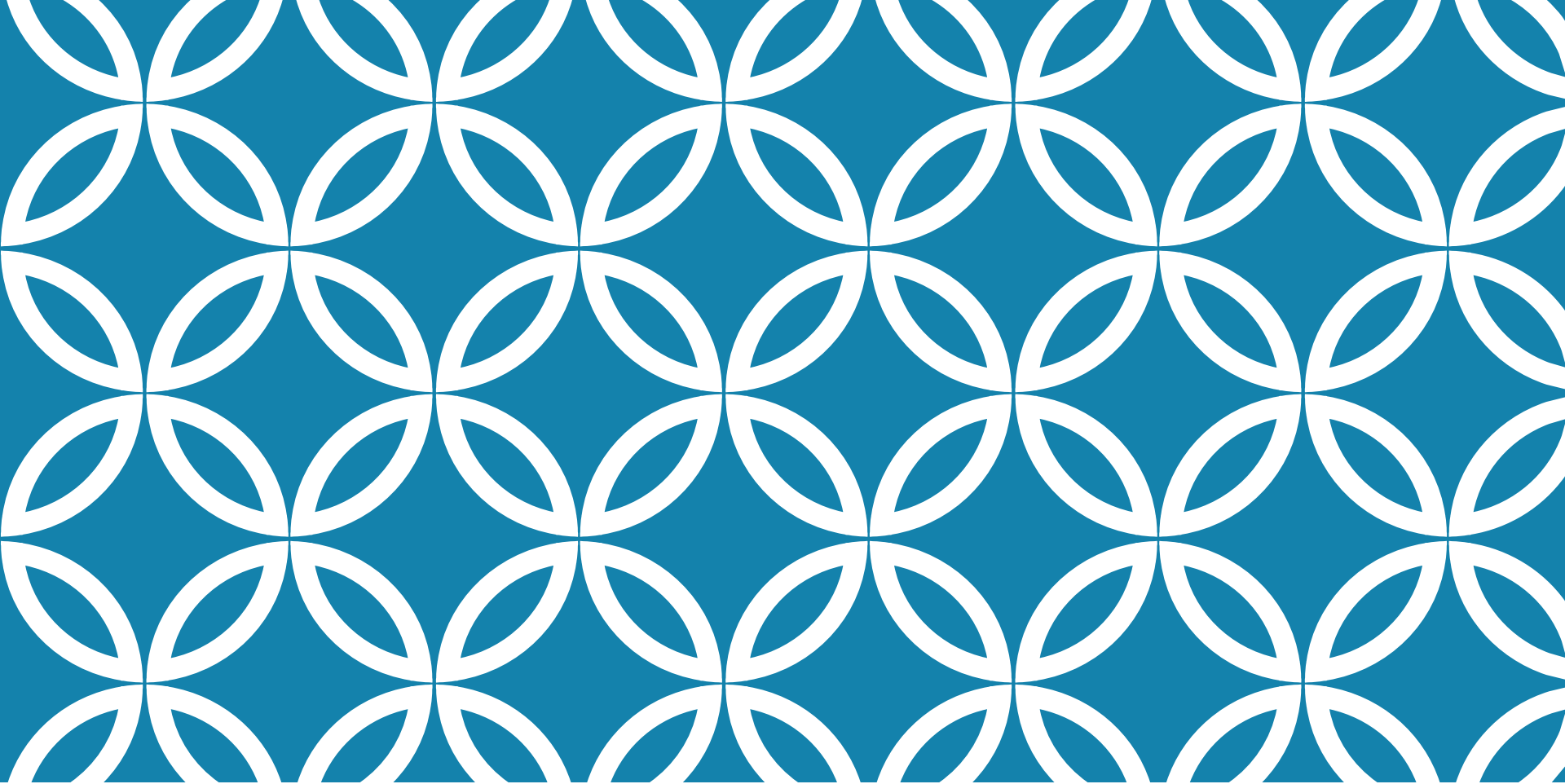
CONTENT

Headmaster

Mrs Elmore – SLT SIMS

Head of Key Stage

Year Tutor



HEADMASTER

Mr Sloan



WELCOME

Appreciation of Attendance at Meeting;

Information rather than usual Parent Teacher Meeting;

Having this meeting in order to try and highlight with you, as parents and students the issues that could have a serious impact on your GCSE grades.



OUTLINE OF ISSUES

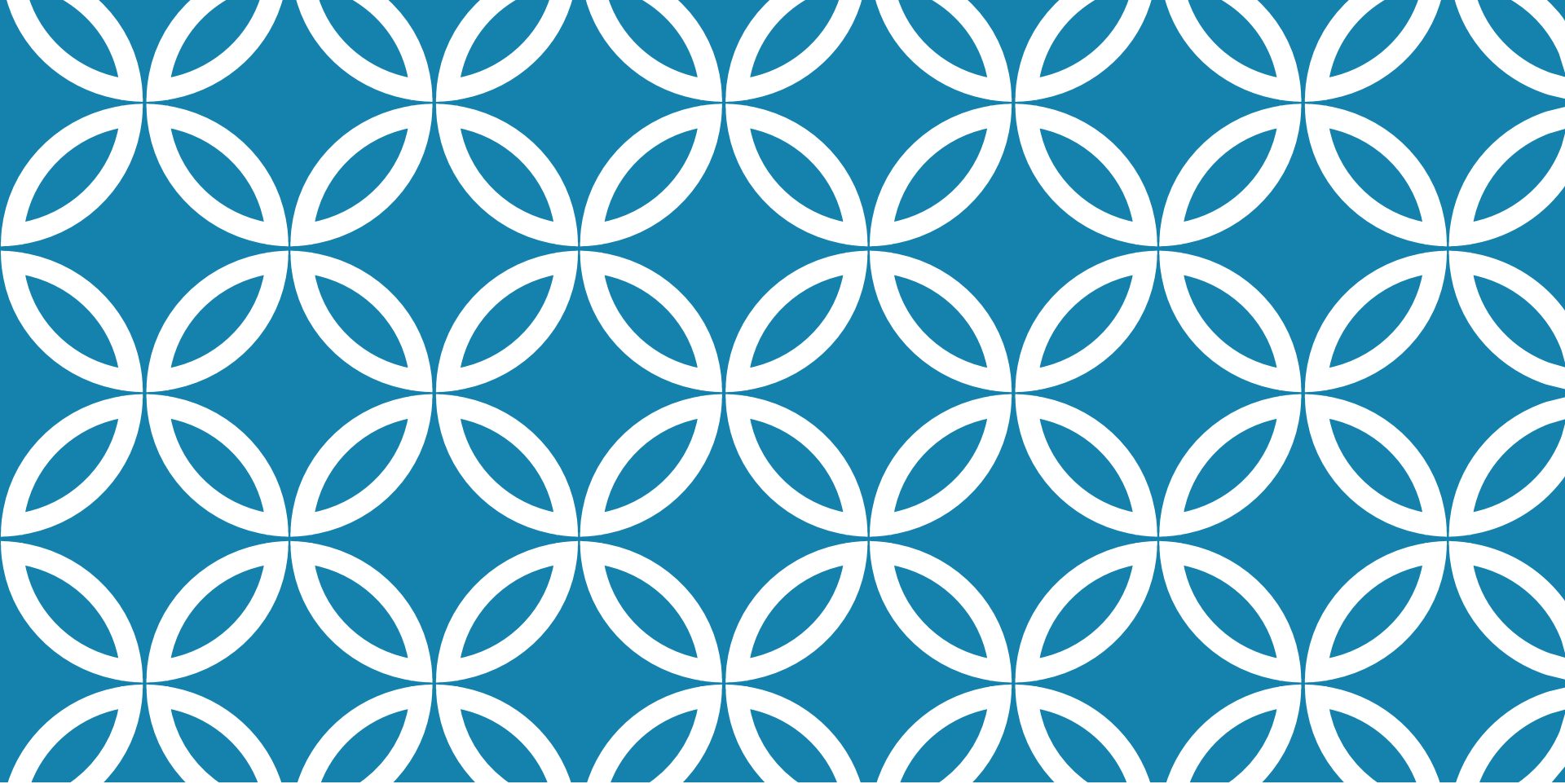
Home – school links - SIMS

Behaviour

Academic Indiscipline

Module results

Controlled Assessment



HOME/SCHOOL LINKS - SIMS

Mrs Elmore

SIMS PARENT APP



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Download the App or go online....



SIMS Parent App is a convenient new way of sharing information with you about your child's school life.

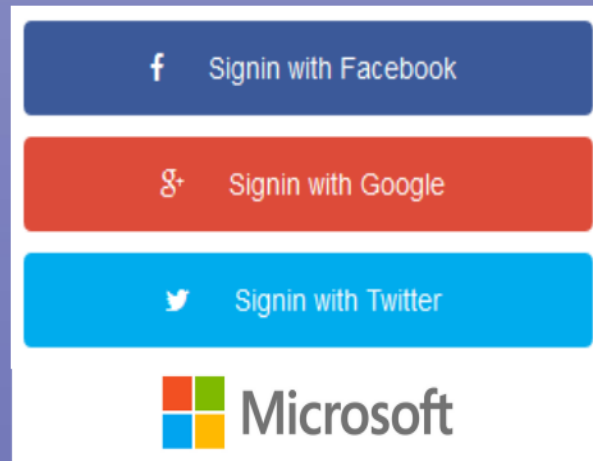
The information that you receive through SIMS Parent will help you to stay up-to-date with your child's daily school life as well as helping you to support your child's development and progress.

You can access Sims Parent from a smartphone, tablet or PC, anytime, anywhere.



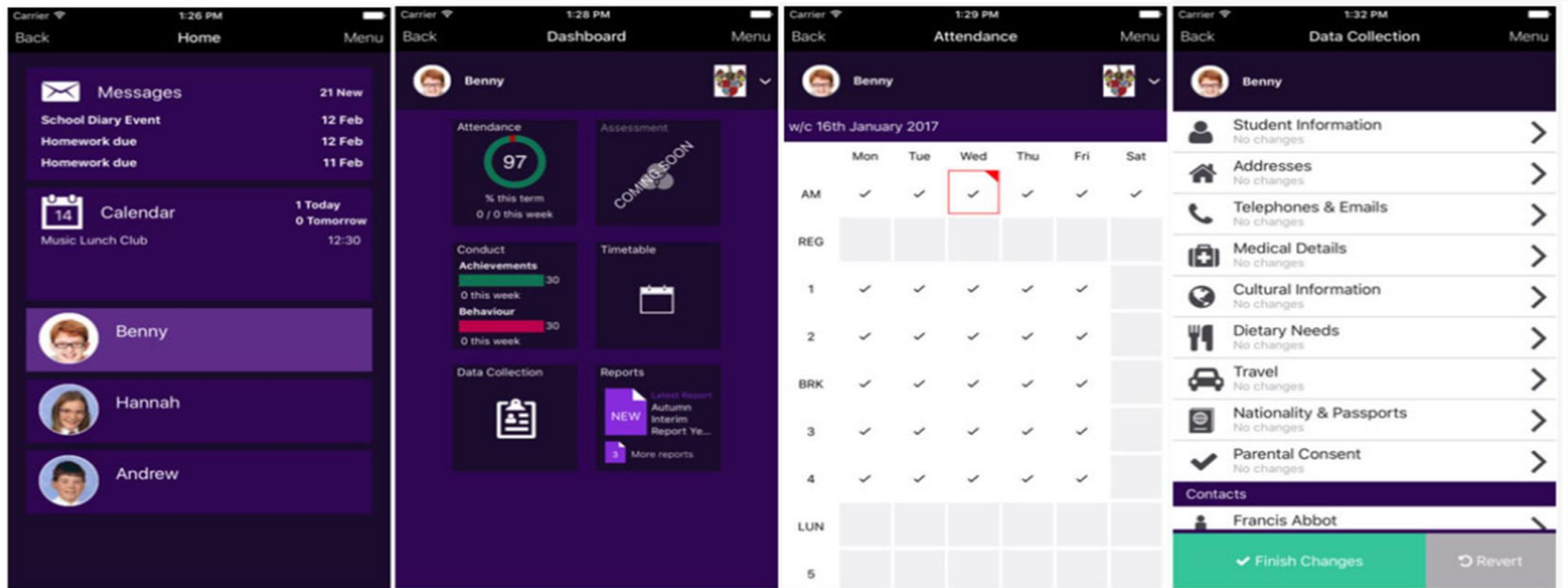
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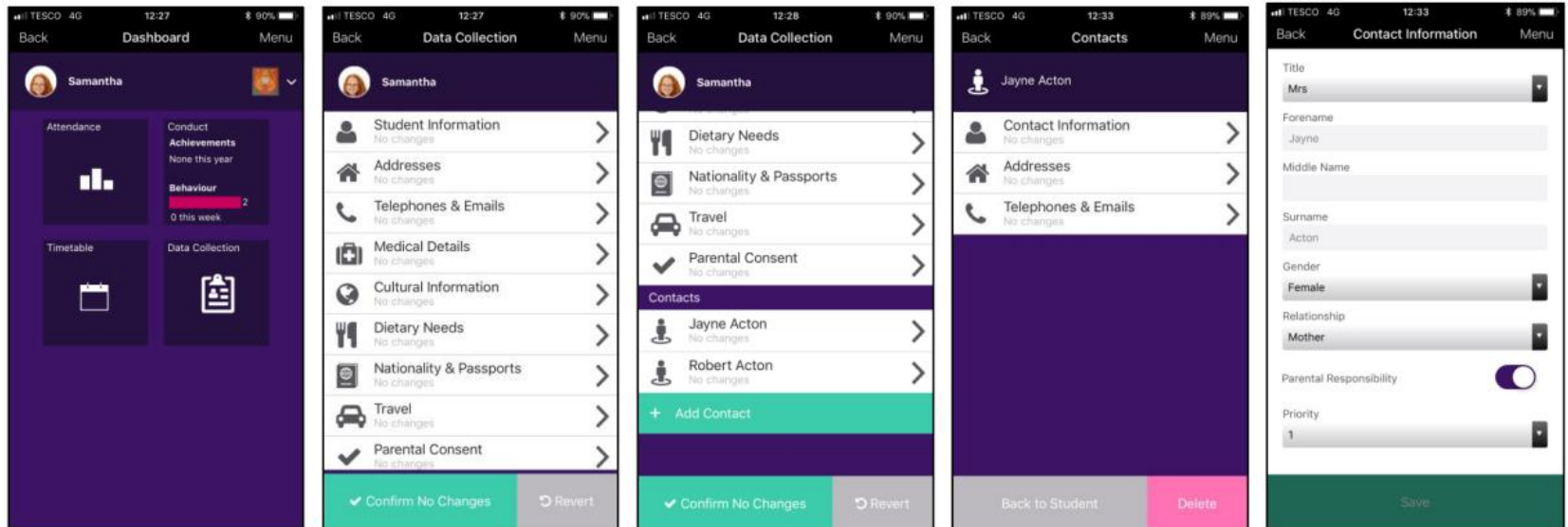


WHAT YOU WILL SEE.....

SIMS Online Parent App



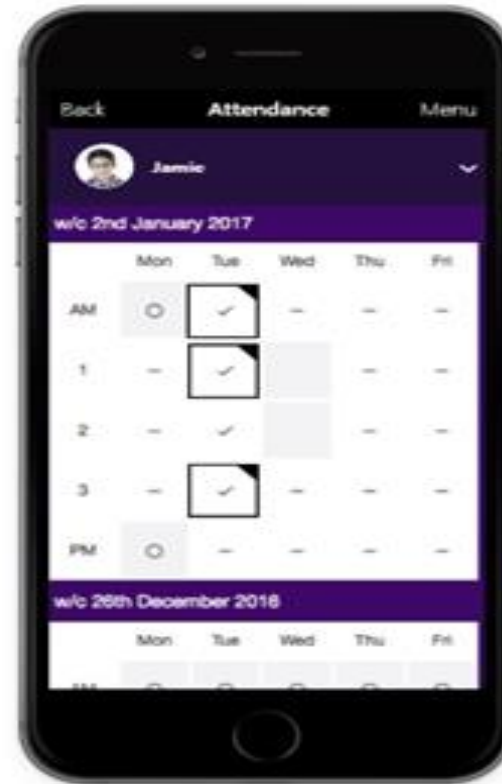
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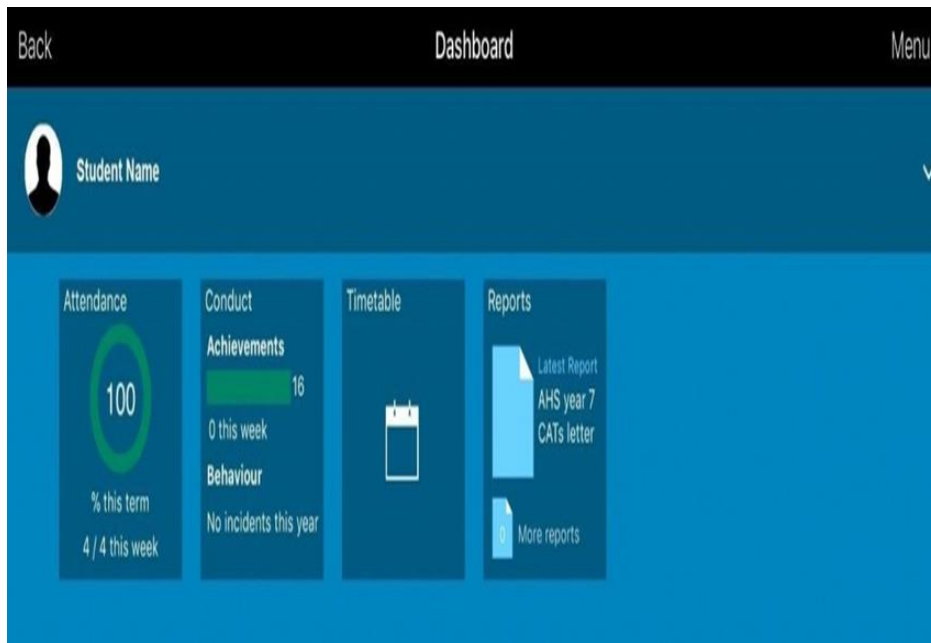
All Information available in SIMS Parent is held within the schools MIS system via a secure internet channel.

We will be asking parents/carers to check and update the contact and personal information we hold on file as part of our Data Collection process.

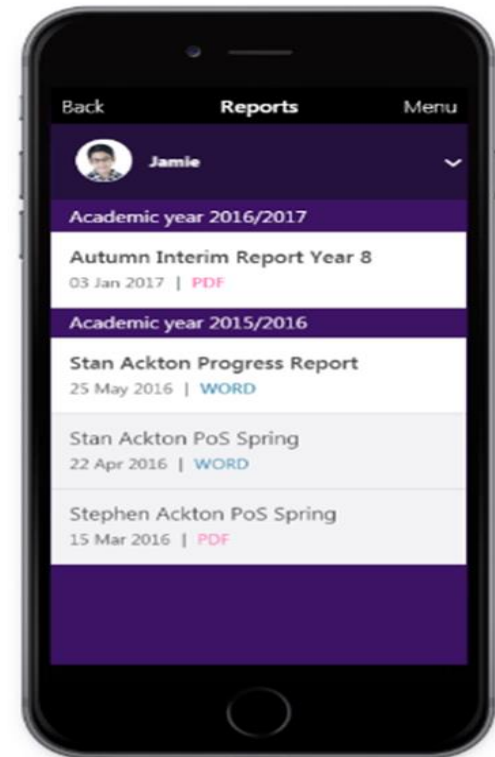
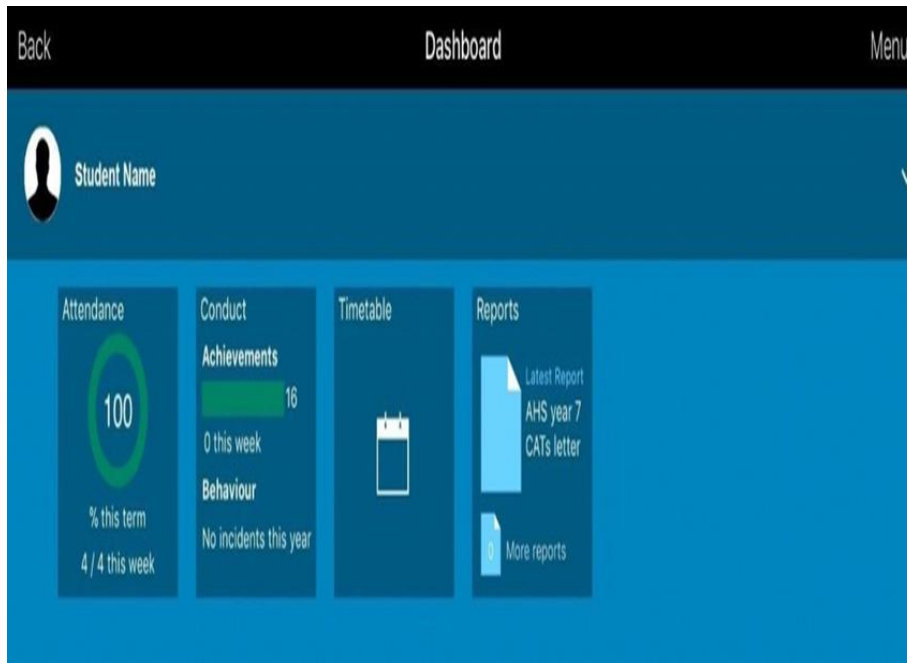
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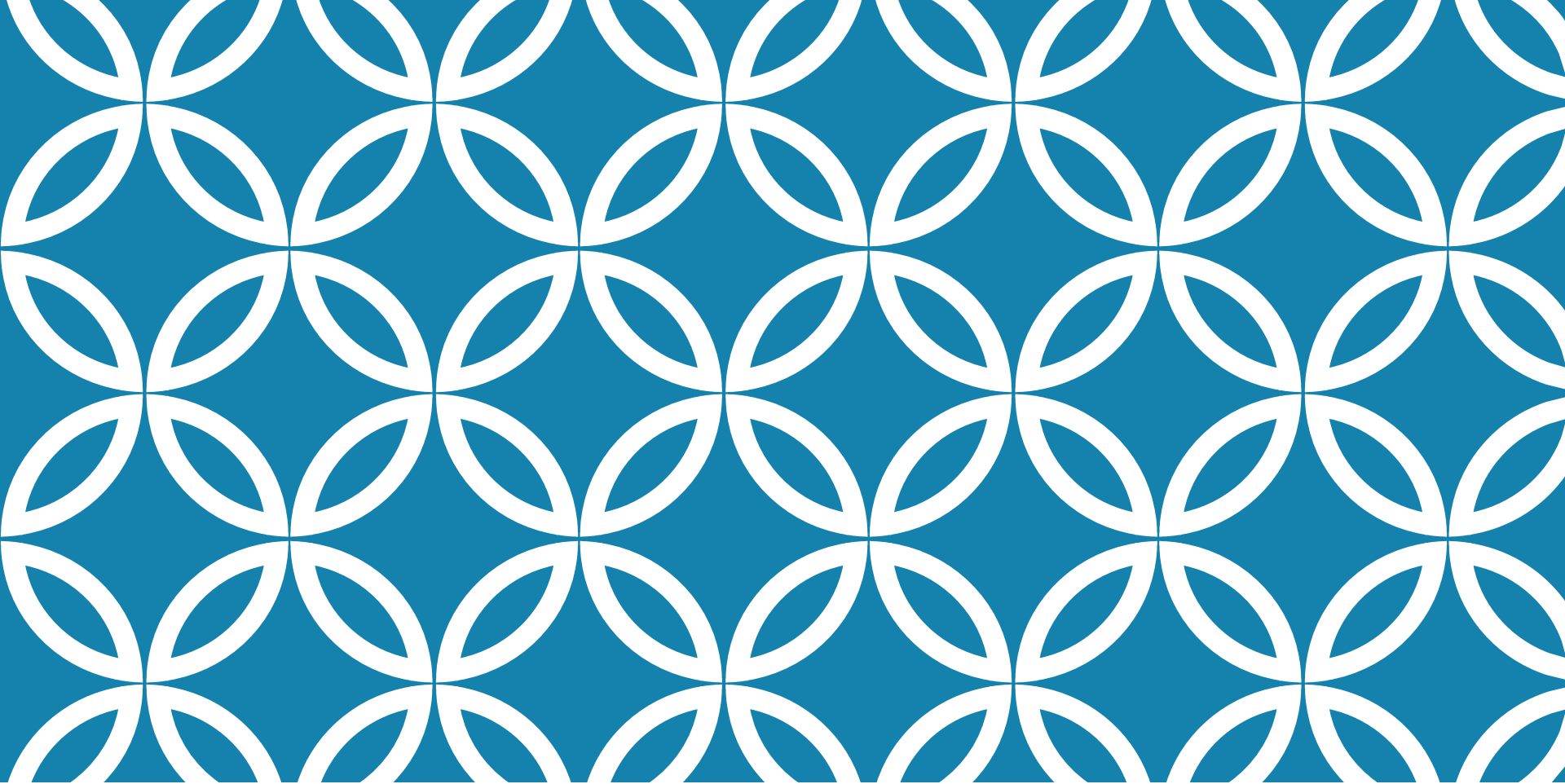


CONDUCT



REPORTS — TO NOW INCLUDE TRACKING ASSESSMENTS





HEAD OF KEY STAGE

Mr Rodgers

FOCUS – TIME MANAGEMENT

Important that each subject receives adequate attention for each of its aspects;

Plan in advance for deadlines;

Be prepared;

Have a healthy balance.

BEHAVIOUR

It is used as a deciding factor as to whether we invite you back for A levels;

We ask pupils to work together with staff in what is a vital year for them and to accept that we will make tough decisions for their own and everybody's benefit;

We ask parents to support us in the use of sanctions in the knowledge that we all share the same aim which is helping your son to mature and be successful in his GCSEs.

HOME – SCHOOL LINKS

Layout of the homework diary;

No homework means study to make up the time;

Notes to explain absence;

The SIMS app is the most convenient way of communication from school to home and we would ask that all parents download the app; this will give an up to date clear insight to your son's performance.

ATTENDANCE

Your son's attendance record for the year was on his report;

Remember if it is around 90% he missed on average one day per fortnight;

If it is around 80% it is on average one day per week;

Poor attendance has a direct link to poor performance.

PRACTICAL SUBJECTS

Art, Music, Drama, Technology and Construction, Moving Images;

If your son studies one of these subjects, he will have to spend considerable time in school after 3:20 and also considerable hours at home;

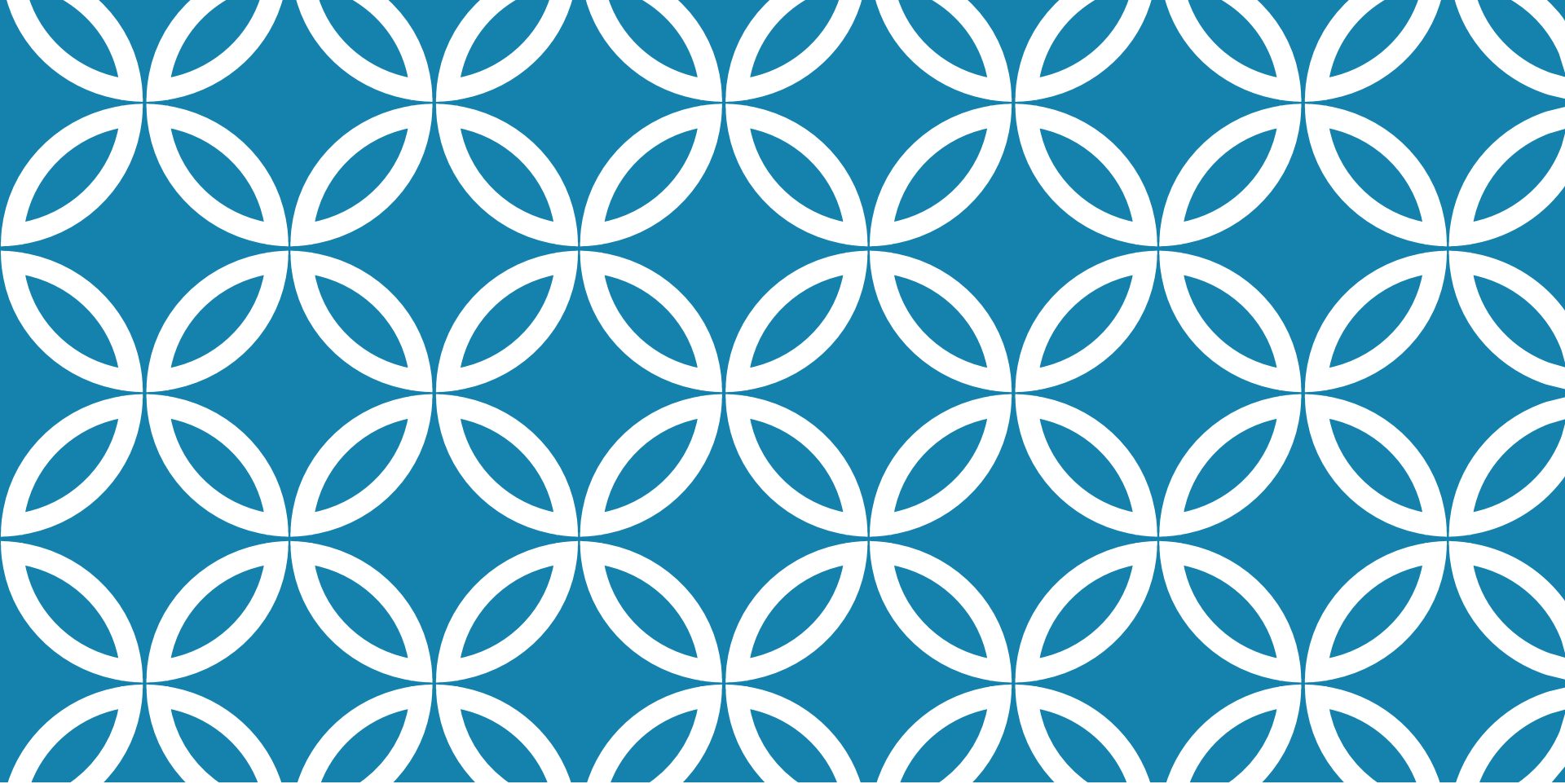
After school study available Monday to Thursday 3.30-4.50.



BALANCE AND SUPPORT

The importance of ensuring a balance between schoolwork, interests and part time jobs;

Be assured of my full support during this difficult year;



HEAD OF YEAR

Mr Grogan



ACADEMIC INDISCIPLINE

Homework / Study;

Modules and GCSEs;

Coursework;

Controlled Assessment.



EFFECTS

We appreciate that there has been disruption to your son's education to date, but it is important to ensure all work is completed to the best of your ability and done on time;

The single most important factor in students not achieving their GCSE grades and being able to move in to 6th Form is:

Academic indiscipline

HOMework / STUDY

An essential part of school life and the link between school work and home study;

You and your son need to sit down and ensure that he has the space and time set aside each evening to do this;

This has a direct impact on GCSE grades.

MODULES AND GCSES

Most of the assessment for this cohort will be in *May/June 2023*;

This brings its own issues and it is important to be organised and have a plan to get work completed when it is set by teachers;

We will be providing each pupil with information about each subject's requirements and when work is due throughout the year;

COURSEWORK DEADLINES

Exam Boards set these and they are non negotiable;

Teachers set internal deadlines so that they can advise students regarding how the work can be improved;

Failure by students to meet internal deadlines will have a significant impact on their grades;

Coursework should not be left to the last minute and time should not be taken off school to complete work because of failure by the student to manage his time throughout the year.


CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT

Controlled assessment is a formal recognised part of your son's GCSE course;

He will sit between two and four of these per subject;

They normally account for 15 – 20% each towards a GCSE grade;

They should not be missed and cannot be repeated.



They are the culmination of 2 / 3 weeks work in class and are often examined in the Hall under exam conditions;

Missing a Controlled Assessment means having to complete an examination at a time when the preparation work is not fresh in your son's mind or it has to be done independently.



A LEVELS IN THE ABBEY

7 GCSE passes of which at least 3 must be grade B;

An excellent disciplinary record;

A suitable academic profile for A level.

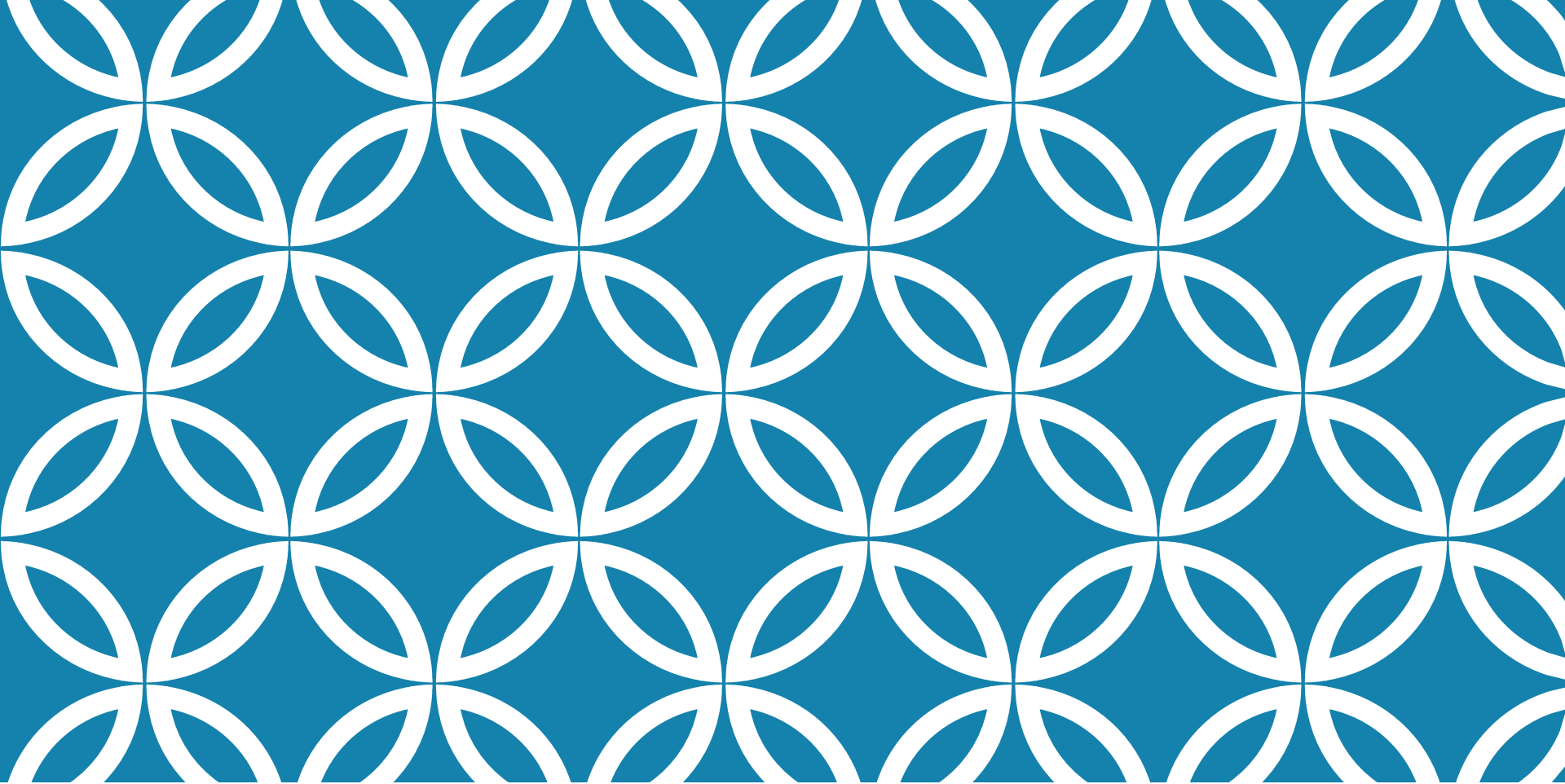
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

Careers advice throughout the year-all students will have an interview;

Make him keep aware of courses available in other institutions e.g. SRC;

Is he aware of how to get accepted for a training programme or apprenticeship?;

Is he aware of how depressed the job market is?



HEAD OF KEY STAGE

Mr Rodgers

WHAT NOW??

Don't panic and don't over-react;

Begin switch from summer mode to school mode immediately;

Success will only be achieved by working with your son;

Evaluate where he is in each subject, why he has underperformed;

Ensure he has notes from 4th yr up to date;

Keep a record of what you discuss.