



SENIOR SCHOOL YEAR 13 INDUCTION

AUGUST 2022

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Headmaster

MR S 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 A level Grades

Purpose of Morning

- Set Context for A Level Studies
- Identify Issues which can hinder students from achieving their potential
- Experience has shown us that these issues do impact very negatively on student performance and in many cases prevent students achieving their chosen course of studies



Head of School

MS C O'HARE

Areas

- Key Stage 5 curriculum – Choices/ Examinations and progress
- Academic Indiscipline
- Moving from four to three subjects
- Attendance

Subject Choices /Ks5 Curriculum

- ▶ Focus after today's presentation
- ▶ Honest and professional conversation
- ▶ **Must see all HoD's of subjects you wish to pursue/Tech/Span visit early**
- ▶ Return of Options form to General office/ front desk – signed by parent
- ▶ Note : over subscribed classes/ criteria applies
- ▶ Note: changing subjects – deadlines set
- ▶ Concerns from Teachers– contact made and alternative offer made.
- ▶ Ms Reynolds presentation – Head of Careers

Examinations/ Progress monitoring

- ▶ **Focus: Student's will be challenged and stretched;**
- ▶ A more rigorous and robust **examination testing system – to build a culture of regular preparation for examinations**
- ▶ **Data Points – 4** in each academic year
- ▶ Data points – will offer key data/information to predict grades for Post-18 progression
- ▶ Each student will have a **target grade** for each of their subjects set by in consultation with **subject teacher** following October data point
- ▶ This is then used as a **bench mark** for reviewing progress – e.g. a student whose target is 3 A's could have a review meeting even though he has achieved 3 B's
- ▶ A predicted grade is set by your teacher based on your actual performance.
- ▶ Reviews take place in **October, December** and **March – information home via parents app**
- ▶ **Underperforming students** will be supported by subject teacher, form teacher, Year Head and Head of School

Christmas Exam

- This is the most important opportunity for your son (full past papers) and PTM will happen in early January so that you can discuss and understand his performance
- Formal written Report received before the January PTM.
- Under no circumstance should a student miss a Christmas Exam. These are important exams.

Reduction from Four to Three A levels

- ▶ Students can if they wish drop one of their four subjects
- ▶ Normally we would expect students to drop the subject with lowest mark- progress/ review – advice given.
- ▶ Important to get career advice before making this decision – you must speak with Ms Reynolds.
- ▶ People looking to do high demand courses should consider keeping four A level subjects
- ▶ **When decision is made bring letter from home (signed by careers department) to me and then inform relevant teacher that you are leaving that class, you will then be assigned study periods in place of dropped subject classes**

Academic Indiscipline – What is It?

- Ks5 – a step up
- Homework
- Class Tests/Exams
- Module Results
- Coursework
- Attendance
- Management of time in senior study

Effects

- The single most important factor in students not achieving their target grades and being able to move on to university to the course of their choice
- For this reason academic indiscipline can have a profound effect on your life
- Number one issue raised by teachers of A level

Be Aware

- ▶ Your son is being economical with the truth if he says any of the following at any time during the year
- ▶ ‘I have no work to do’
- ▶ ‘I did all the work I need to do in the Study Hall’
- ▶ Guideline is three hours study a night and a significant element of this needs to be REVISION

How can it be tackled

- The only cure for academic indiscipline is the **student**
- **The only person that can make an A level student work is the student**
- Parents and Teachers can **support** and **challenge** but they **cannot change the behaviour**
- Parents often experience a terrible **powerlessness** in this area

School Response

- We will **challenge** students in this area and **support** them where needed
- We will **contact** home (phone and parents app) and **discuss** the issue with parents (class teacher, form teacher, year tutor, Head of School)
- **It is the Student Response that is CRITICAL.**

This does not Affect All

- It is important to recognise that many of you will go through Senior school without any difficulty and leave here with the results you need
- Some of you are very self motivated and disciplined
- Excellent base completed at Key Stage 4 under much disruption in the 2 years prior to year 12.

Attendance

- ▶ This can be a problem area:
- ▶ Vital that students attend all their classes whether this be subject classes, careers, or PE
- ▶ Things that you are likely to hear are:
 - ▶ ‘I only have two classes today’ - **ALL Students must be in school for 9am sharp.**
 - ▶ ‘I have no class until 12.00 – **ALL Students must be in school for 9am.**
 - ▶ ‘I need to take time off to do coursework’
 - ▶ ‘Everyone else is taking time off’

Attendance

- ▶ We are asking you as parents not to support your son in taking time off school
- ▶ ‘Getting the Notes’ is not the same as being in the class
- ▶ There is a very definite correlation between attendance and performance
- ▶ **Registers will be taken at all A level classes on Sims and absences notified by the parents app weekly.**

Absence

- ▶ If your son is absent for a genuine reason then he needs to have a **note signed by you**
- ▶ If your son has medical or dental appointments **please do not arrange these for during the school day – medical practitioners do work after 3.20!!!!**
- ▶ **Driving Lessons-** can only be arranged within non- contact class time. (study time)

Failure to Attend Class

- Failure to attend class will result in a Friday Detention and the Year Tutor will phone parents
- Second offence will result in detention and meeting with Parents/Student and Head of School
- Third offence can result in a suspension

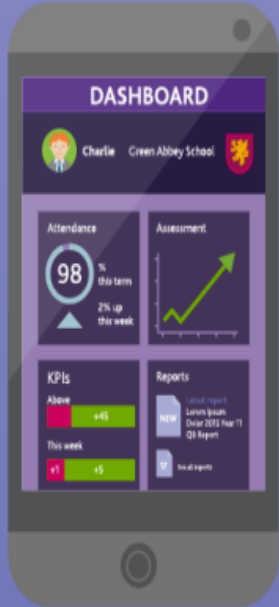
In School but Not Registered

- All students must register with form teacher (YT if FT not available) if they are late
- In the past some students have not registered when they come in late so that they can leave school early!
- This is full time education – not part-time or student's directing their own time.

SIMS Parent App



Download the App or go online....



www.sims-parent.co.uk

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.



Your school will send you
an email invitation....

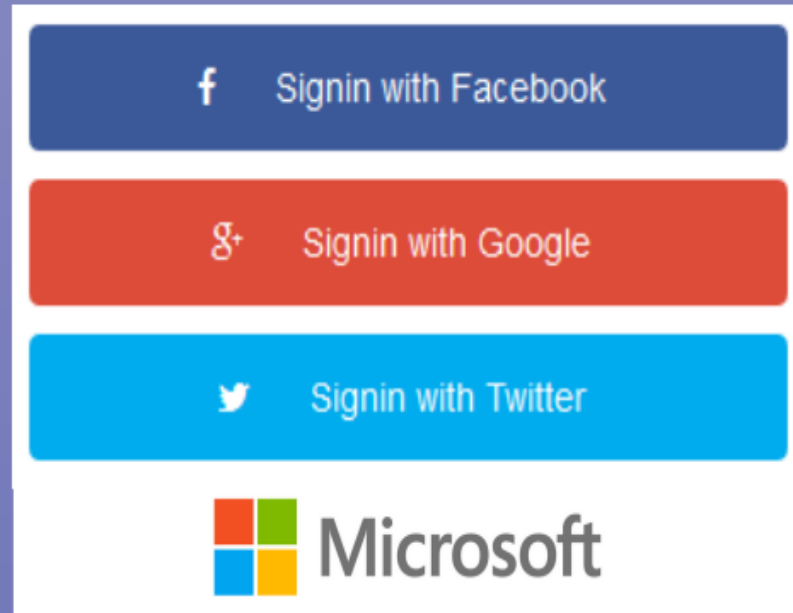


All parents, where we have an email recorded in our records, will have been issued with an invitation code to join SIMS Parent. The invitation will have been received from noreply@sims and will be valid for 14 days.

Please contact aelmore972@c2kni.net if you require a replacement after the 14 days. Please note that your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else.



Sign in with your existing account





see a snapshot
of school life



Important information such as attendance, behaviour and achievement.

School term, inset dates and contact details available at the click of a button

Access your child's achievement and progress reports.

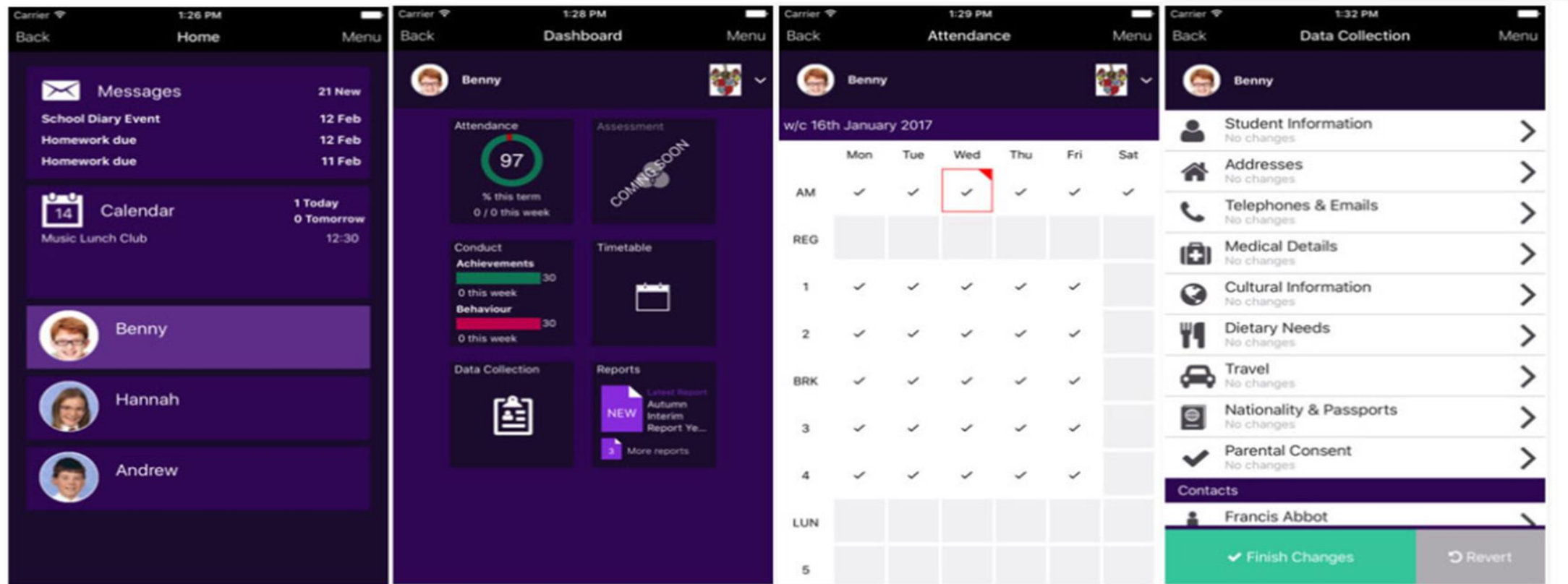
Access to update your contact details, so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency

If you have more than one child at Abbey CBS, you will have access to information for all your children, from the same app. Once set up SIMS Parent will allow you easy access to the above information.

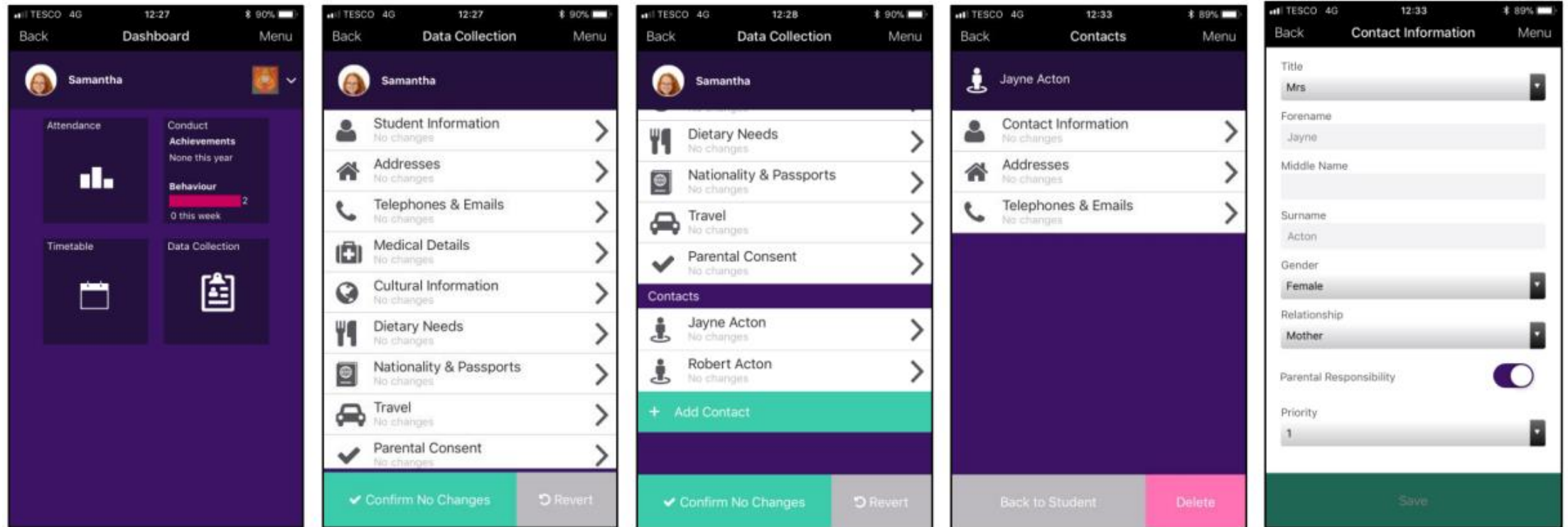


What you will see.....

SIMS Online Parent App

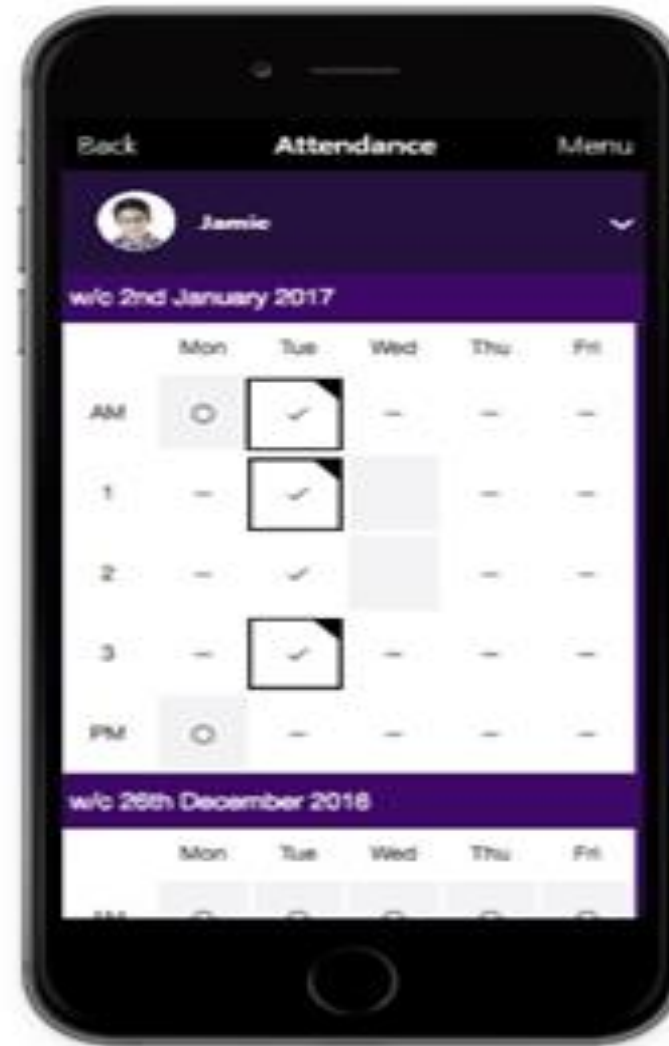
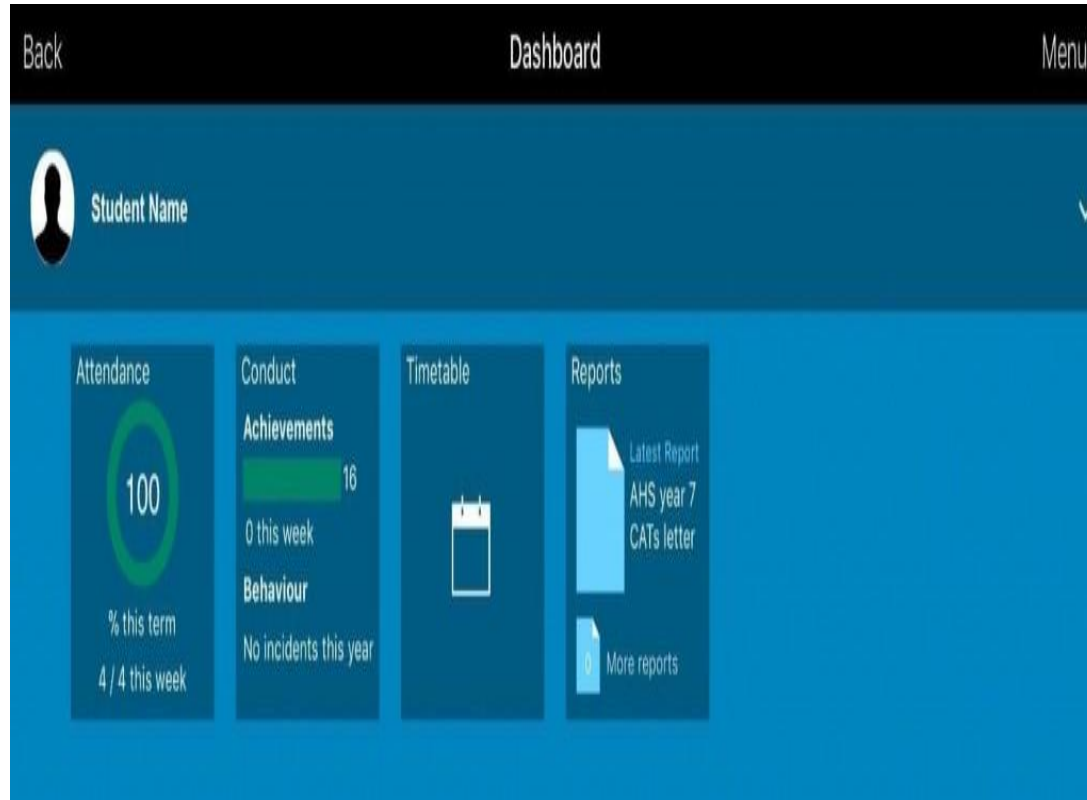


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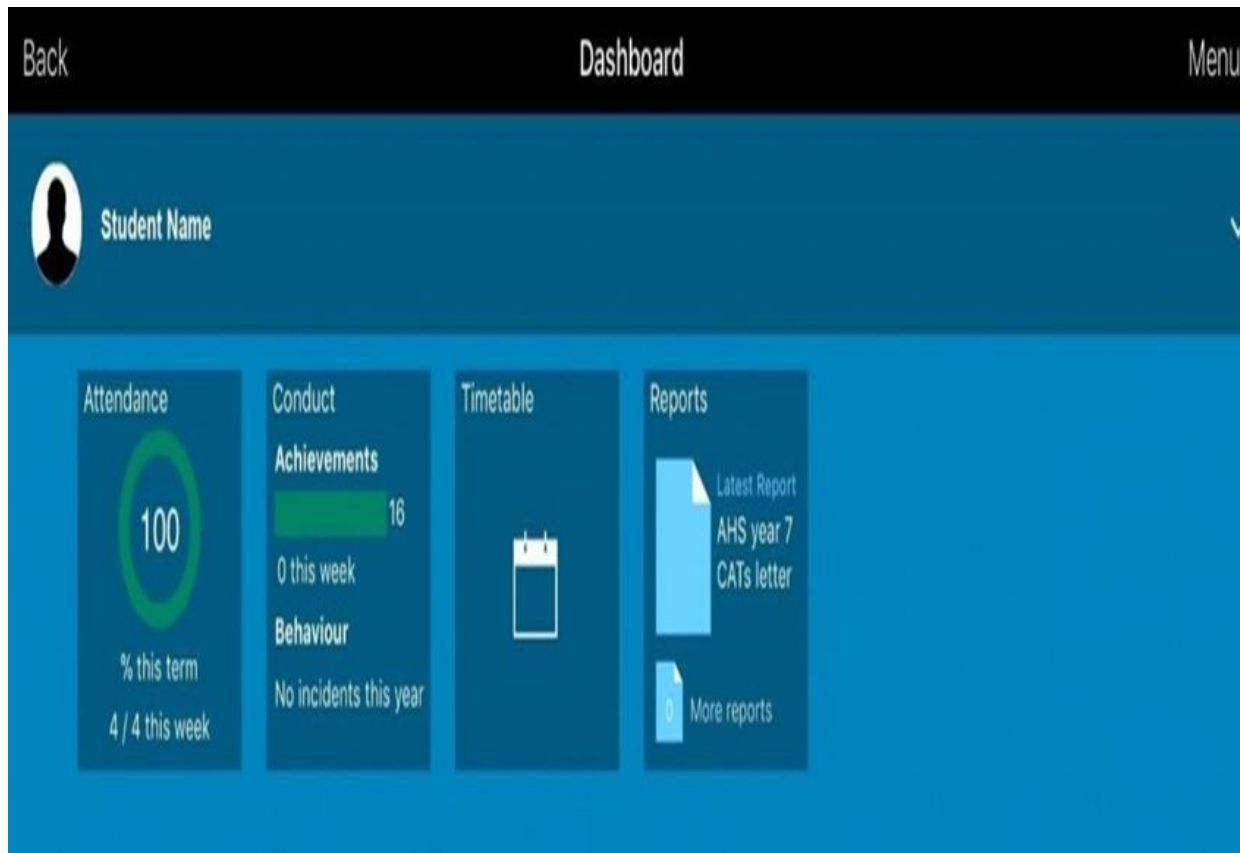


All Information available in SIMS Parent is held within the schools MIS system via a secure internet channel. We will be asking parents/carers to check and update the contact and personal information we hold on file as part of our Data Collection process.

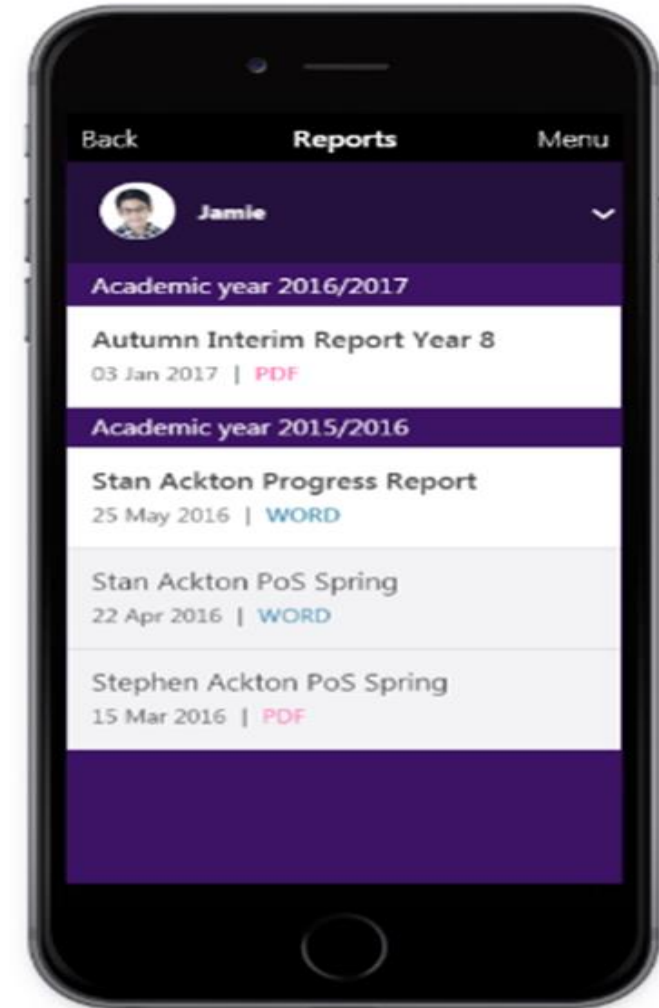
Attendance



Conduct



Reports – to now include tracking assessments



A Fresh Start....

- ▶ Adults – **expectations and behaviour**
- ▶ **A work ethic**
- ▶ **Self-Choice – not A la carte**
- ▶ Expectations – staff and students
- ▶ Relationships – mutually respectful/ adult to adult
- ▶ Student Leadership (assembly early next week)

Year Tutor

MRS B TOHILL

Part Time Work

- ▶ Need to maintain BALANCE
- ▶ Recommend that students should not work

Monday – Thursday evenings

- ▶ If doing part time work on weekends time must also be made for study
- ▶ Recommended study time is 20 hours a week outside of school

Study Hall – Now in Assembly Hall

- ▶ Bring your own Device
- ▶ Wifi Access/Chrome books available
- ▶ Wireless Printing
- ▶ Engine room of A level studies
- ▶ All students have study hall periods in the week
- ▶ Many students waste this time
- ▶ Do not use Study Hall to ‘catch up’ on homework
- ▶ ‘**No Phone**’ Policy - distraction

After School Study

- After school study available

Monday /Wednesday/ Friday 3.30-4.30

- ▶ **Important to cultivate good routines for independent study early in the term.**

Coursework Deadlines

- Exam Boards set these - 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
- **BTEC deadlines are imperative – contact home**

EMA

- ▶ If you are in receipt of EMA please remember to register online before the start of term. Packs available at general office.
- ▶ If you miss a day or any part of a day **you must bring in a free standing note indicating reason for absence on day of return.**
- ▶ You MUST ensure your note covers date/reason. You will be given one days grace - If this is not done you cannot be marked present with EMA and you will lose the payment – this is the Education Department's rule and one which we must comply with

Transport

- Respect speed limit in school grounds
- Park only in designated areas
- Give Year Head registration of Car - important
- Parents should be aware of the potential dangers of students travelling together in cars
- Students going to Sacred Heart for class must walk

YEAR 13 GOOGLE CLASSROOM – 2022-2023

- ▶ **YEAR 13**
- ▶ Log into c2klogin
- ▶ Log in under:
 - ▶ Initial surname 3 digits @c2ken.net
 - ▶ Use password as password (the whole year group has been reset as password)
 - ▶ E.g jblog123@c2ken.net
 - ▶ **Open Google Classroom app**
 - ▶ Join a new classroom by adding in the following code:
- ▶ **Google Classroom Code: mj2ksxa**



Ms A Reynolds

HEAD OF CAREERS