



12th May 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

Behaviour/Achievement update for parents

As you are aware, our SIMS Parent App is no longer providing you with daily updates. We are moving to Class Charts from September and the cost of renewing the SIMS app for the duration of the summer term would have been thousands of pounds, so wasn't a viable option.

In the meantime we want to keep you informed of your child's achievement and behaviour in school. In doing this we have to consider the balance between keeping you informed and information overload. The only practical way we can share this information with you is through email and we don't want to bombard you with emails for every positive or negative incident that is recorded. From September you will be able to access all information simply using the Class Charts Parent App.

Achievement

As a school we reward students with ambition points to primarily recognise outstanding pieces of work, class contribution, effort and 100% attendance. Ambition points outnumber negative incidents that are recorded in the ratio 3:1.

In tutor groups our team of tutors go through ambition points, attendance and behaviour points on a weekly basis with students. We ask students to record the number of points in their planners and so this is one area that you, as parents and carers, can look to monitor achievements or behaviour concerns on a weekly basis.

In addition to monitoring the number of ambition points through your child's planner, we are going to update you with a summary at the end of the next two half terms via email so that you can see the number of ambition points they have achieved.

Behaviour

As with ambition points, tutors share information with their students regarding negative behaviour. We believe that it is important to address behaviour that falls short of our expectations quickly and I am sure that as parents you too will want to be informed of poor behaviour so that you can address it quickly too.





If your child incurs two or more behaviour points, we will email home to notify you of that incident that day. This means that you will be notified of the following incidents:

- A rude / defiant act
- An independent homework escalation (a student has failed to complete homework and failed to attend a detention set as a result)
- A step 2 in class (a student has continued to display unacceptable behaviour after a warning and step 1)
- A step 3 in class (a student is moved to another classroom due to ongoing behaviour concerns in a lesson)
- A step 4 in class (a serious behaviour incident occurs and a student is removed from lessons to be isolated from their peers)

The vast majority of our students never incur these behaviour points. However, as mentioned above, we feel it is important you are notified of any of these incidents so that you can address them promptly at home.

If you have any concerns about your child's behaviour or engagement, please don't hesitate to contact their tutor in the first instance.

We will write to you about the exciting launch of Class Charts in due course.

Yours faithfully

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