



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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SIMS Parent App

Dear Parents

We are writing to you to let you know that, following the successful pilot of the new 'SIMS Parent App, we launched the system for all parents back in March. All parents should have received invitations to log in to the system over the past few months. If you have not received an invitation, or if you have lost your details, or if you have any technical queries about the system, then please email

parentapp@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk

Currently you will be able to access details about your son/daughter such as timetable and teacher information, attendance data, merits and behaviour points and recent reports. The merits count is actually a count of the number of occurrences that merits were awarded, rather than the total number of merit points.

We'd like to point out that the Conduct summary does not currently list the academic subject or the name of the teacher who awarded the merit or behaviour point. We are hopeful that this will change in the future, but for now you will have to rely on obtaining this information directly from your son/daughter! We would like to reassure you that no teacher will issue a behaviour point without speaking to the student and making sure that the reasons for the point are clear. If you discover that your son/daughter has received a behaviour point and you want to know more, please, in the first instance, contact the teacher who issued it. Please bear in mind the BVGS Parent Charter (see our website) which sets out clear expectations for response times to your queries.

Student Report Cards – Early Access

Over the next few weeks, as we release the latest grade cards and reports, these reports will be published through the Parent App several days before we issue printed copies. **If you want to get early access to your child's report then please make sure that you have logged on successfully to the system.** Now that the system is proven to be stable, we will begin the process of ceasing all printing of academic reports and grade cards and the primary delivery process for all such reports will be through the SIMS Parent App. From September, you will only be able to get reports and grade cards via the Parents App.

Homework

One new function is the Homework system: this allows teachers to record details of homework set on our central system (known as SIMS) and subsequently you will be able to see these details in the App. We have been trialling the homework module with specific teaching groups over the past few months, so please do not worry if you have seen little or no homework listed so far. From September we will be making full use of this system and you should be able to track all homework set for your child.

We will also be launching the SIMS Student App so that the students can also access their homework! Please note that we are not planning to change the rules on mobile phones in school: we are not expecting students to check the Student App when they are in school, but we are expecting them to use it at home.

If you have any queries, please feel free to email me on r.bowen@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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