



# Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

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## SIMS Parent App - Reminder

Dear Parents,

I'm writing to remind all our parents about the fantastic new SIMS Parent App. It really is a very good system: it is simple to install and register, it is quick and intuitive to use, and it gives you all the information you need to support your child, at your fingertips. If you have not already installed and logged in to this system, then I urge you to do it now.

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](mailto:parentapp@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk) Below are a few reminders about how the system works.

### Student Report Cards

We have begun the process of ceasing all printing of academic report cards and the primary delivery process for all such reports will now be through the SIMS Parent App. If you want to read your child's report cards you need to get logged into Parent App as soon as possible.

### Homework

From September we will be making full use of the SIMS Homework system and you should be able to track all homework set for your child. Students will still be told their homework in class, and for this academic year, we will still be asking them to write their homework in their planners.

We have also launched the SIMS Student App so that the students can access their homework online. 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.

### Merits and Behaviour Points

The merits count is actually a count of the number of occurrences that merits were awarded, rather than the total number of merit points, so you might see slightly different totals to that which you expected.

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.

### Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

Finally, we need to let you know that the old VLE will be closing soon. There is a new one in place and access has already been provided for all students, but because the Parent App now provides all the information for parents in one easily accessible place, we will not be issuing login details for parents in the new VLE.

If you have any queries, please feel free to email me on [r.bowen@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk](mailto:r.bowen@bishopveseys.bham.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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