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Launch of SIMS Parent App

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to be able to inform you of an exciting development in our parental engagement system which is intended to support closer partnership work with staff at the Academy.

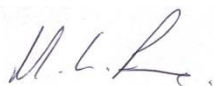
Attached you will find instructions on how to download the **SIMS Parent App** which draws student data pertaining to your child(ren) directly from our School Information Management System (SIMS). The SIMS Parent App can be installed on any smartphone, tablet or PC. Once installed, the app will allow you to view information relating to:

- Attendance – morning and afternoon registrations and attendance to lessons (please note the attendance process for Sixth Form does not always follow the procedures for students in Years 7-11; for example, Sixth Form students sign in for study periods and a number have earned home study privileges, which means these students do not need to register for any afternoon and some morning registrations).
- Achievement points awarded for a positive attitude to learning, academic excellence or a number of other positive contributions.
- Student timetable.
- Latest progress reports.
- Data collection – where you can update personal information.

Data will be reported 'live' and parents/carers will receive a notification at 4pm if achievement points have been awarded during that day as well as new messages such as diary alerts. Please be aware that the provider of our SIMS data system (Capita) are currently working on an improvement so that details of the subject and teacher awarding achievement points are provided. They plan to have this in place by the end of April; in the meantime, these details can be found on the students' VLE homepage where details of home learning tasks can also be found.

I hope that you find the information provided by this app helpful in supporting your son/daughter to achieve the best possible experience, learning and outcomes during their time with us at Longsands Academy. Should you experience any issues downloading the app, then please contact our Data Manager, Nicola Jarvis, at the Academy (njarvis@longsands.cambs.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely



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