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Dear Parent/Carer

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Welcome to my end of the year final update letter which is a bit of a tome! At last, we are about to break up for a well-earned summer break – our students have worked hard this year and thoroughly deserve the rest. Never have I known a year so tough given the Covid struggles, impact on staffing throughout the year, the end to restrictions and then, just this week, the heat issues which have proved to be unprecedented. The holidays are going to be well-received and come at a good time as we feel we have given our all this year for your children. There are some final updates as we tidy up for the end of term. More below:

New House structure including tutor groups and 2022-2023 student timetable

I enclose the updated House structure for next academic year with updated staffing arrangements. I also enclose the updated tutor list so that your child will know their tutor in time for the beginning of term. I am pleased to inform you that student timetables for September have been issued today with an accompanying letter explaining the setting structure from Mr Ward.

Final decision regarding proposed changes to the Academy day

We took the time to gather significant feedback with regard to the proposed changes to the Academy day for September 2022. We believe that this is the most effective way to ensure that the site runs safely, students are able to eat and drink whilst relaxing and socialising and behaviour will be positively impacted by the change. As a result, the proposed changes to the Academy day will go ahead from the beginning of the new term and I enclose the new times for your consideration. The Academy website has also been updated.

Parents' evening decision

You will remember that I recently asked for feedback as to the format of parents' evenings moving forwards. The result of our parent survey was clear that parents would prefer to return to an 'in person' model which I am happy to provide. However, we also received well over a hundred respondents who preferred the online format. With this in mind, we will offer in person parents' evenings but with a hybrid model where teachers, where possible, save a one hour time slot for those parents who cannot make it into the Academy and want to meet online. Hopefully, you will agree that this is an attempt to please everyone with the best of both worlds.

Next year's show

The show has already been revealed to the student body and auditions are already underway but, for parents, we will be offering We Will Rock You as our show for next year, to be held earlier in the year in February in order to avoid key internal and external examination times. I am really quite excited about this and look forward to what Miss France can do with these great tracks.

Environmental health inspection – 5* rating achieved once again

We have not received an inspection in five years but I am pleased to tell you that we received another 5* health and hygiene rating again this week after an unannounced visit. Well done to our Catering Manager, Mrs Murphy!

Platinum CareerMark re-designation

I am delighted to inform you that the Academy has been re-designated as a Platinum CareerMark school. We are one of two secondary schools in the county with this accolade and are a lead school for careers education, advice and independent guidance.

PGL

Thank you to all parents who have written to us with feedback about the success of the Year 7 PGL trip. It would have been easy to cancel and simple to forget but I was determined that, on my watch, these wonderful children were going to get their trip if I could safely make it work. I think we managed to do that with some careful planning and some effective execution. I hope our Year 9 students have an equally positive time. I continue to deploy members of my senior team and Heads of House/pastoral staff to the trip and hope it is a little cooler for them than for Year 7!



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Academic Awards Evening

For any youngsters who did not collect their award at the recent evening event, there will be a chance to do so in September early on in the term.

Examination Results Day arrangements

Mr Ward and Mrs Keogh have already published detailed arrangements to Year 11 and 13 students and their families. However, results for Year 13 are received by the Academy on Wednesday 17 August for publication on Thursday 18 August. GCSE results for Year 11 will be received by the Academy on Wednesday 24 August for publication to students on 25 August.

Colours ties for the Les Mis cast

I had the wonderful opportunity to present some of these ties to students at the Academy on Wednesday this week. Miss France and Mrs Spoor will deliver the remainder to students before the end of term if they are in attendance at school.

Results of safeguarding audit

I am delighted to inform you that our latest safeguarding audit has found our practice to be exceptional. After three rounds of audit this year, we are 100% fully compliant with the LSCP audit document and the auditor was very impressed with our work. Below is an extract from the report:

“I went through the audit and all answers in the audit were more than satisfactory, I would say that the Academy can be reassured that safeguarding is outstanding in judgement. I also checked the Single Central Record that has been updated and revised to make it far more than what is required. The safeguarding team are a great team and very passionate about doing the best for our students. Safeguarding is embedded throughout the Academy in all its practices, I could not find fault at all.”

I am sure you will agree that this is incredibly pleasing.

LCC flyer for children cared for under an SGO, AO or CAO

If you're caring for a child under a **Special Guardianship Order (SGO), Adoption Order or Child Arrangement Order**, additional funding is available to ensure they are given extra support at the Academy. Please see the attached flyer.



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NSPCC Home or Out Alone Quiz

The NSPCC have a new quiz this year to help parents and carers decide if their children are ready to stay home or go out alone. As children get older, it is likely they will want a bit more independence to go out alone.

Also, between work, appointments and other family commitments, many parents may have to leave their child home alone at some point, especially during the summer holidays.

The NSPCC know it's not easy to decide if they are ready, so, they are running their "Home or Out Alone" campaign, promoting a new quiz and advice, designed to help parents and carers make the right decisions about leaving their children at home safely or letting them leave the house unsupervised.

[Please access here](#)

School led tutors – continuation

Our tutors have done an amazing job this academic year, so much so, that we will be extending the initiative into next academic year. Early in September, we will let you know if your child has been selected for extra tuition as catch up or extension work.

Request for uniform & PE kit donations

Should any parents have any old uniform items or PE kit they are happy to donate to the Academy because their child is leaving us or has outgrown the garment, we would be most grateful. We are now offering items as part of a second hand uniform shop given the current cost of living to help families in need of a bit of support. All items are suitable laundered and cleaned/dry cleaned prior to being made available for sale so there is a small charge. Prices are published on our website under **Students, Our Uniform**.

Staff leaving at the end of term

We have a number of staff leaving us at the end of term to take up new positions. Miss Papaioannou leaves for Cyprus to take up a teaching position with the Ministry of Defence, Mr Riley moves to Spilsby as an associate senior leader, Mr Harvey is returning to Rotherham, Miss Addlesee is returning to Priory Witham to take up a teaching role, Mrs Burr is off to Tuxford to become the new Second in Mathematics, Mr Sparshott is leaving teaching to see where the world takes him, Miss Wallis is moving to take up a PE position elsewhere, Miss Whelan leaves to take up a teaching position at Lincoln Christ's Hospital School and Miss Copeland-Booker is moving to Gainsborough Academy to teach art. We also see our science technician, Mrs McAllister, retire and wish her the very best for a long and fruitful retirement.



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We wish them all well for the future. However, we have also recruited extremely well and so our students can look forward to some exceptional learning experiences moving into next academic year.

Thank you to all parents who have shown us great support this year. We value the feedback and, when it comes, the praise for our hard work. We love serving our community and making a difference and hope that this message has landed well this year through our actions as well as our words. My final quote of the year would be considered by some to be a bit lowbrow but it serves me well in life in general. At the end of the film *The Equalizer 2*, Denzel Washington's character repairs a wall covered in graffiti. He leaves a mural on it adorned with the words "I leave you the best of myself."

Enjoy the holidays, stay safe, be you and leave the best of yourself wherever you go.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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"This is a calm, happy and caring school."

School Day Timings

- 08:38 First Bell (pupils make their way to line)
- 08:40 Second Bell (pupils must be in line)
- 08:45 Ready to Learn begins
- 09:00 Lesson changeover
- 09:05 Period 1
- 10:05 Lesson changeover
- 10:10 Period 2
- 11:10 Break Time 1
- 11:35 5 minute bell
- 11:40 Period 3
- 12:40 Break Time 2
- 13:05 5 minute bell
- 13:10 Period 4
- 14:10 Lesson changeover
- 14:15 Period 5
- 15.15 End of Academy Day

HOUSE					
HOUSE	TUDOR	STUART	YORK	WINDSOR	LANCASTER
Head of House	Mr Lloyd-Richards	Mr Skaley	Miss Taylor	Miss Howick	Mrs Palser
Deputy	Mr Reed	Miss Hett	Mr White	Mrs Lee	Mr Wallace
Lead PL	Mr Turner				
Pastoral Lead	Mrs Rowley	Mr Spence	Miss Stubbs	Miss Wheeler	Mr Lockett
SLT Link	Mr Parkinson	Miss Davis	Mr Adlington	Mr Griffiths	Mr Ward
7	Jones L31 Whitley C221	Burridge S12 Mortimer S13	Baldwin* C108 D Evans C107	A Smith C215 Collip C201	Ince R21 France M12
8	Webster L21 Saunders L23	Smith S14 Cooper S15	Manderfield C110 F Purdy C109	Barber C205 Whitmore C208	Chappell R12 Cox R11
9	Drake R33 Gelsthorpe R32	Hodson S24 Spowage S23	Cantrell C101 Murdoch C102	C Evans C202 Lunt C207	Earnshaw C214 Bennett ** R13
10	Dunlop* L34 Kerrigan L22	Pepper/Evans S11 Court S17	Chetwynd C104 S White C103	Sparks C210 Wells C209	Alston R22 Rodgers* R23
11	Fell L33 Roberts L32	Jayawardena S25 Palethorpe S22	Fragle* C106 Kissane C105	Selwood * C203 Gant C212	Dickens C216 Norman C217
12	Hughes * C204	Andersen Study Room 1			Barrett Study Room 2
13		Ali C213		Mather * C211	



Parent GO 4 Schools Mobile App Quick Start Guide

The GO 4 Schools Mobile App keeps you informed about any of your children who attend any school that subscribes to GO 4 Schools to ensure you can see how they are performing at school. The App is completely free of charge to both parents and students, where the school has a subscription to the GO 4 Schools App module and can be downloaded



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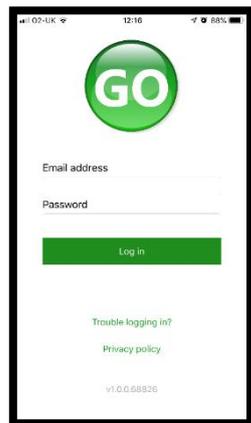
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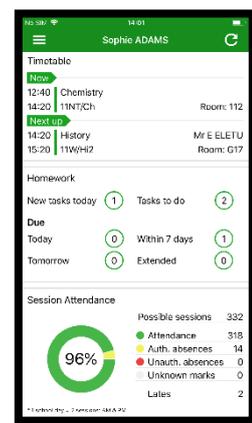
What the App can show you:

Currently you can view the timetable, homework, attendance, behaviour and attainment information for your children. This includes looking in depth at the homework set, including attached documents. You will also receive notifications containing a summary of homework tasks and behaviour events at the end of the school day, and detentions as they are set/changed/cancelled.

1. Tap on the App to open.
2. Type in your email address and password.
This is the same email address and password you use to log into the GO 4 Schools website.
3. Click on 'log in'.
If you are a first-time user, you will need to log into the website first to receive your password.



The homepage shows a student's current timetable and overview of the status of their homework. Scroll down to see attendance, behaviour and attainment information. Tap on the timetable or homework to view more information.



Homework overview:

The homework card allows you to filter by ongoing, extended, pending homework or history.

You will also see which homeworks your child has marked as 'Done'.

Tap on the specific homework you wish to view.



Homework detail:

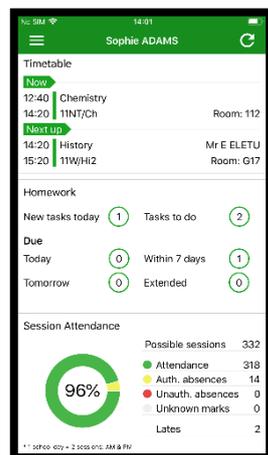
Detailed homework information is visible with attachments and weblinks.

If the school tracks homework you can see when a class teacher has ticked off the completion of homework tasks or marks if the work has been assessed. You will also see if your child has marked it as 'Done'.

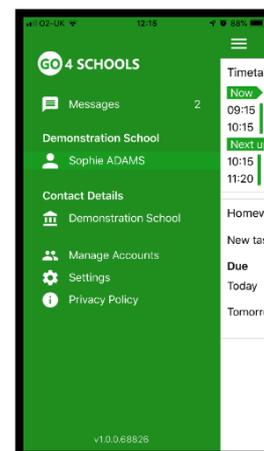


Messages

Tap on the menu in the top-left corner to access messages and settings.

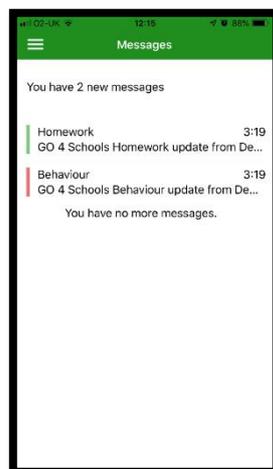


Messages from your school and your settings can be accessed from this menu.



In the message inbox tap on the message for more detail.

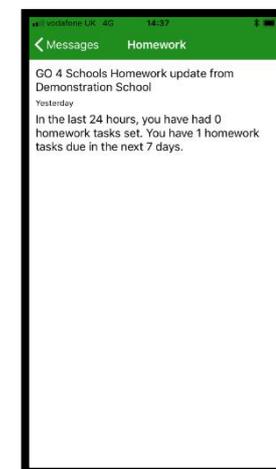
Your messages will be organised by date order and titled by areas such as Homework, Behaviour and Detention notifications.



Sample message:

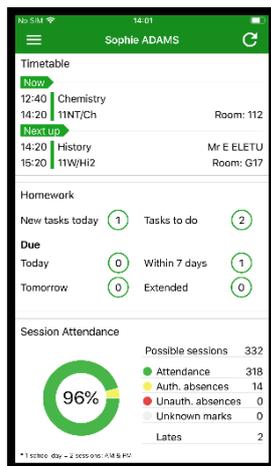
Here is an example of how a message might look.

Tap back on messages and then your child's name to return to the main screen.



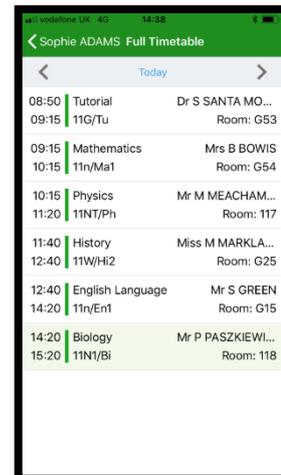
Timetable:

From the main screen you can also tap on the timetable for more information.



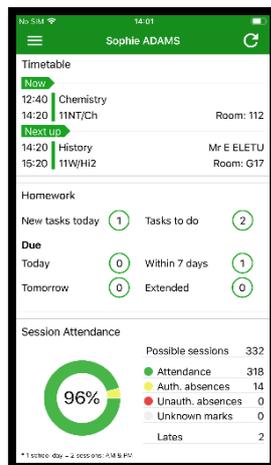
Timetable detail:

You are then presented with today's timetable. You can tap or swipe to previous and future days at the top.

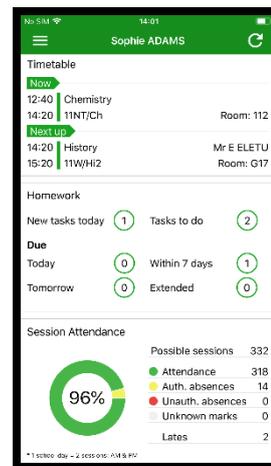


Attendance:

From the main screen scroll down to view attendance information. A chart displays the overall percentage attendance.

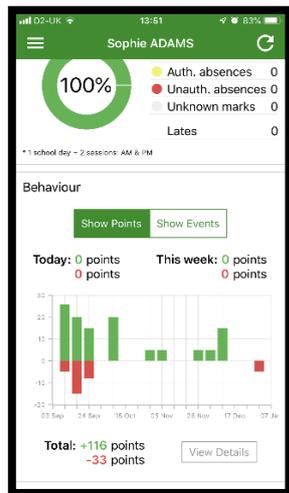


The App will also display detail about specific attendance marks including authorised and unauthorised attendance marks. Late marks are incorporated into the overall attendance marks and unknown marks are waiting for confirmation of the reason for the absence. NOTE: There are two possible sessions in a school day, AM and PM.

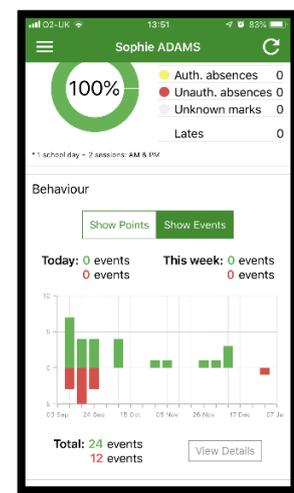


Behaviour:

Continue to scroll down the app to the Behaviour information. This will display a bar chart of both negative and positive behaviour points over time, the chart can be scrolled across throughout the year. Positive points are shown in green and negative points in red with a total points count.



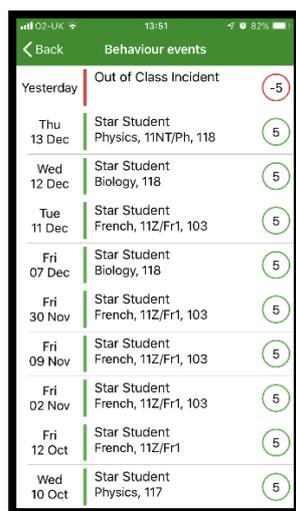
If you prefer you can toggle the graph to show the number of events rather than points. This will allow you to see the number of positive and negative events recorded over time. Again, you can scroll the chart across and positive events are in green and negative events in red.



Behaviour detail:

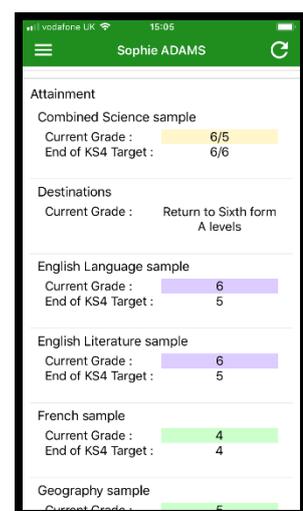
If you tap the 'details' button or tap in the white space around the behaviour chart you can then view the detailed event record for your child including the date, the subject, the event type and the associated points.

This is useful to see if positive or negative behaviour are occurring in certain lessons.

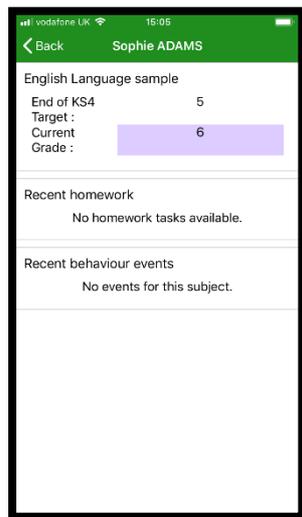


Attainment:

Scrolling down further, you can see the attainment card, showing how your child is doing in their subjects. The attainment card at the top level provides their grades, and their residual (how well they are doing when compared to their target), if shared by their school.



Subject detail:
 If you tap on a specific subject you can see an overview of attainment, behaviour and homework for that subject



You can easily return to the main screen by using the '< back' button.

Additional features may become available in the future depending on the different GO 4 Schools modules your school has selected.