



9 September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Arrangements to commemorate the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, GL testing next week, Go4Schools app, Instagram and Twitter, Caterpods, Homework, Extra-curricular activities, 7 year trips plan

Welcome to my first weekly update letter of the academic year which comes at a time of great sadness for our nation and the Commonwealth. Our first few days back at school have been purposeful and the atmosphere has been really pleasant but it was understandably overshadowed by the incredibly sad news we all received yesterday. More below:

Arrangements to commemorate the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

We will do our level best to ensure that Her Majesty and her reign are commemorated in the coming days as we enter a period of national mourning. At this time, DfE instructions are that schools will remain open. This morning at R2L time, we shared some historical detail about Her Majesty and her reign and will be adding to this next week with some published resources in R2L/PD lessons.

This afternoon, we held a remembrance ceremony which was attended by all uniformed cadets, members of the Academy Council, House Captains, Sixth Form Student Senior Leaders and our Head Boy and Girls. I addressed the students and flowers were laid under the tree planted by The Princess Royal when we became a Specialist Language College in 2001 (please see our social media for photographs).

Next week and for the period of national mourning, our union flag will adorn the Great Hall and main reception as we await delivery of our flagpole.

GL testing next week

Our internal testing schedule begins next week with Year 7. There is nothing to worry about and nothing to prepare. We will be testing reading age, spelling age and progress in core subjects as well as conducting cognitive ability tests to allow us to target set and identify any learning talents or areas for investigation. Students will need headphones for their tests. We can provide them but, since the pandemic, have recommended that students bring some from home if possible to plug in so that sharing is avoided. Alternatively, they are available for purchase on Parent Pay for £2.

Go4Schools app

We are now ready to launch the GO 4 Schools app, where you will be able to view your child's progress online and access the following information at any time.

- **Real-time attainment information** – marks and target grades for all subjects throughout the year
- **Timetable** – Your child's daily and weekly timetable
- **Attendance** – Shown from the start of the academic year
- **Progress Reports** – including full written reports at the end of the year
- **Behaviour information** – A summary of positive and negative events, plus any managed detentions your child has been issued

Your child's page is constantly updated, providing you with all of the the latest information. We also intend to launch the **homework module** in September along with student launch, so we strongly recommend that you are fully set up.

Additional help documents for the Mobile App are attached to the letter and more information through the Go4Schools website: <http://www.go4schools.com/parents> with your usual log in details.



<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/go-4-schools/id1438216501?platform=ipad>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.hyperspheric.go4schools>

For our new Year 7 parents or parents of new students to the Academy, you will need to use the following link to set yourself up as a first time user before downloading the app <https://srpa.co.uk/parents/parents-guide-to-go-4-schools/>

We have been experiencing some issues with the platform this afternoon with regards to homework which we are resolving. Teachers will give some latitude at the beginning of next week if students have been unable to complete set tasks due to this.

Instagram and Twitter

The Academy has profiles on both of these social media platforms. All of our departments have accounts on Instagram for sharing regular activities, examples of work, achievements and announcements about clubs and the curriculum and I encourage all tech savvy folks to give them a look. The main academy accounts are **sirrobertpattinson** on Instagram and **@LincolnSRPA** on Twitter.



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Caterpods

Our two new pods for outside food will be delivered on 24 October which is a little later than I thought due to supply chain issues beyond our control. Both will serve hot and cold food and drinks from the beginning of term 2 and will be cashless, using the existing ParentPay system at the Academy. One will be situated in the Year 11 zone near the Performing Arts block and one will be situated at the bottom of the three storey block. I will post pictures of them in due course and announce the winners of the prizes for designing them.

Homework

Homework timetables will be formally published next week to students and on our website.

Extra-curricular activities

Please see the link below to the latest extra-curricular offer. I do hope that students will take advantage of the many opportunities available to them.

<https://srpa.co.uk/extra-curricular-clubs-activities/>

7 year trips plan

Please also see the link below to the 7 year trips plan. It is also available on our website under **Our Curriculum, Our Visits Programme**. The plan is designed to allow parents a chance to see what trips are running and when in order to prepare for any associated costs. I will publish more specific information about some of these trips in due course.

<https://srpa.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/The-7-Year-Plan-Education-Trips-and-Visits-July-22.pdf>

You may have heard much talk and several headlines in the national media about school budget pressures, energy prices and their impact on schools and talk of what headteachers intend to cull on affordability grounds. I will not lie and say that we haven't been affected by the DfE's financial announcements, especially in the last week of term in July when staffing models and budgets have already been set and recruitment has been completed. However, I have no intention of cancelling anything, removing any services or changing our approaches to budgeting. Our energy contracts are locked in until 2024 and we are doing just fine. These headlines are scaremongering at the moment and just causing unnecessary fear. In short, panic ye not, I have got this all under control and woe is not me just yet.



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

I sign off today with a quote from Her Majesty which sums up her quiet fortitude and moral compass: “When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future.”

We will continue our journey on Monday. In the meantime, I wish you a restful weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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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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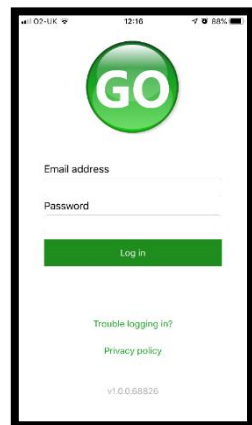
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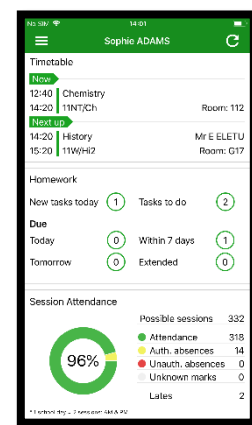
What the App can show you:

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.

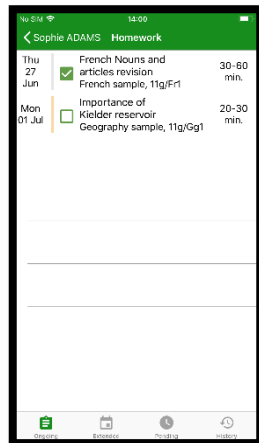


Homework overview:

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'.

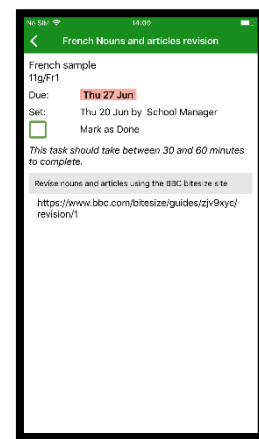
Tap on the specific homework you wish to view.



Homework detail:

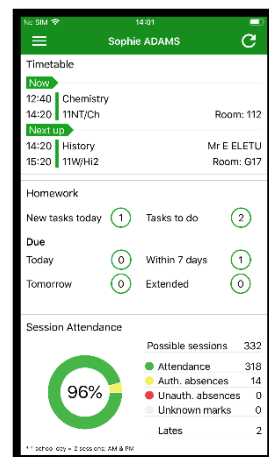
Detailed homework information is visible with attachments and weblinks.

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'.

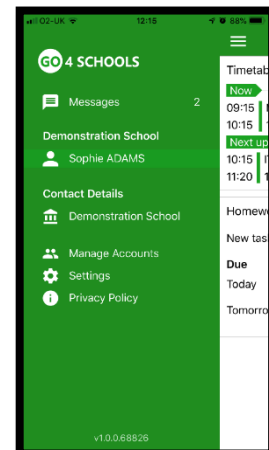


Messages

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

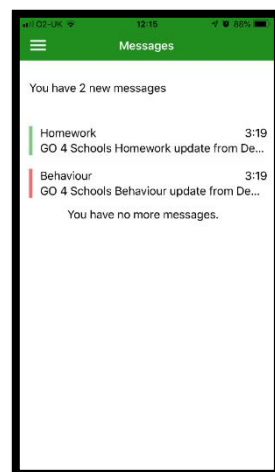


Messages from your school and your settings can be accessed from this menu.



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

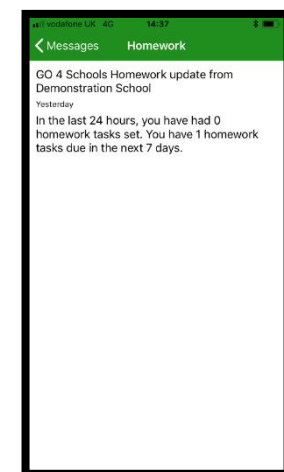
Your messages will be organised by date order and titled by areas such as Homework, Behaviour and Detention notifications.



Sample message:

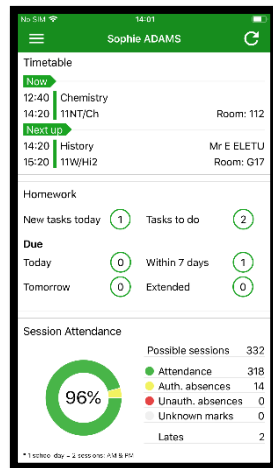
Here is an example of how a message might look.

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



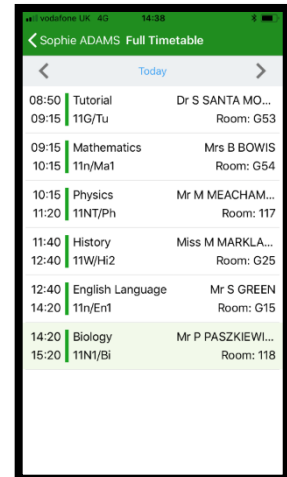
Timetable:

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



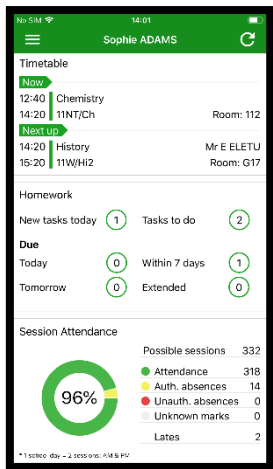
Timetable detail:

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

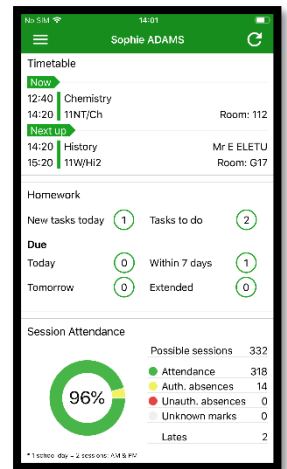


Attendance:

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

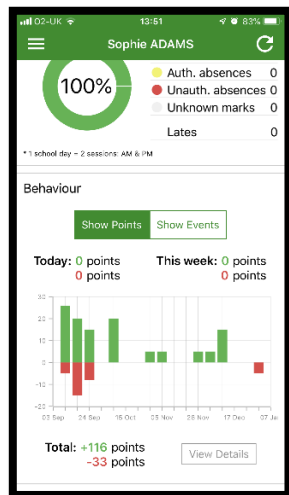


The App will also display detail about specific attendance marks including authorised and unauthorised attendance marks. Late marks are incorporated into the overall attendance marks and unknown marks are waiting for confirmation of the reason for the absence. NOTE: There are two possible sessions in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

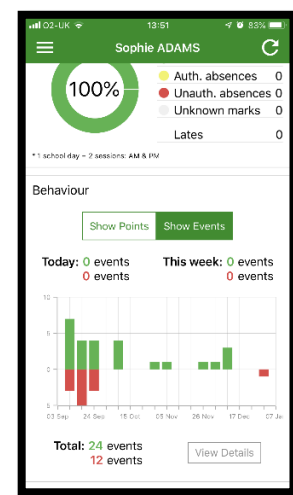


Behaviour:

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.

Behaviour events

Yesterday	Out of Class Incident	-5
Thu 13 Dec	Star Student Physics, 11N1/Ph, 118	5
Wed 12 Dec	Star Student Biology, 118	5
Tue 11 Dec	Star Student French, 11Z/Fr1, 103	5
Fri 07 Dec	Star Student Biology, 118	5
Fri 30 Nov	Star Student French, 11Z/Fr1, 103	5
Fri 09 Nov	Star Student French, 11Z/Fr1, 103	5
Fri 02 Nov	Star Student French, 11Z/Fr1, 103	5
Fri 12 Oct	Star Student French, 11Z/Fr1	5
Wed 10 Oct	Star Student Physics, 117	5

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.

Sophie ADAMS

Attainment

Combined Science sample

Current Grade : 6/5

End of KS4 Target : 6/6

Destinations

Current Grade : Return to Sixth form A levels

English Language sample

Current Grade : 6

End of KS4 Target : 5

English Literature sample

Current Grade : 6

End of KS4 Target : 5

French sample

Current Grade : 4

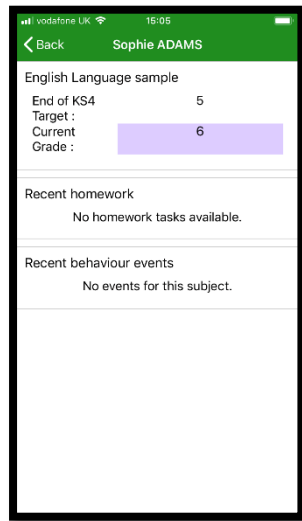
End of KS4 Target : 4

Geography sample

Current Grade : 5

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.