Welcome Handbook

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Key Information

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This booklet is designed to provide you and your child with key information relating to school life. We encourage you to read this booklet carefully and discuss this information together. Please contact us if you have any queries.

Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to St Aloysius' College.

The College has a long tradition, over 140 years, of providing outstanding Catholic education. I was appointed Headteacher in September 2020 and it is a privilege to lead this wonderful community.

Your child joins a Good Catholic school with outstanding features (Ofsted report June 2022) where he will be valued as an individual. He will be nurtured, challenged and supported to develop his talents and aptitudes in an environment where he will be safe and happy. The school is very well resourced and staff are hard -working and committed.

The St. Aloysius' College mission is to educate our students in an environment where Gospel values are defined and the St. John Baptiste de la Salle traditions of learning, justice, respect and community cohesion are promoted. In pursuing our mission we seek to:

- Promote a Christian community whilst respecting other world faiths. Students are encouraged to grow in love and understanding of their Catholic faith and to discern what it is they are being called to do into the future.
- Create a culture of high expectations and achievement which will enable students of all abilities to prosper, develop and take responsibility for their own learning.
- Encourage students to respect and support others; their peers, their teachers, those in the wider community and particularly those in society who are marginalised.
- Value all students as individuals of equal worth in an atmosphere of respect, tolerance and understanding so that they will grow into responsible adults with an appropriate respect for the environment in which we all live.

I look forward to meeting both you and your child and to working in partnership as he makes the transition from primary school to secondary school so that together we can support him on his journey to adulthood.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Whyte
Headteacher

Message from the Head Student

Emmanuel Kimbulu
Head Student

Pastoral Team

Our School

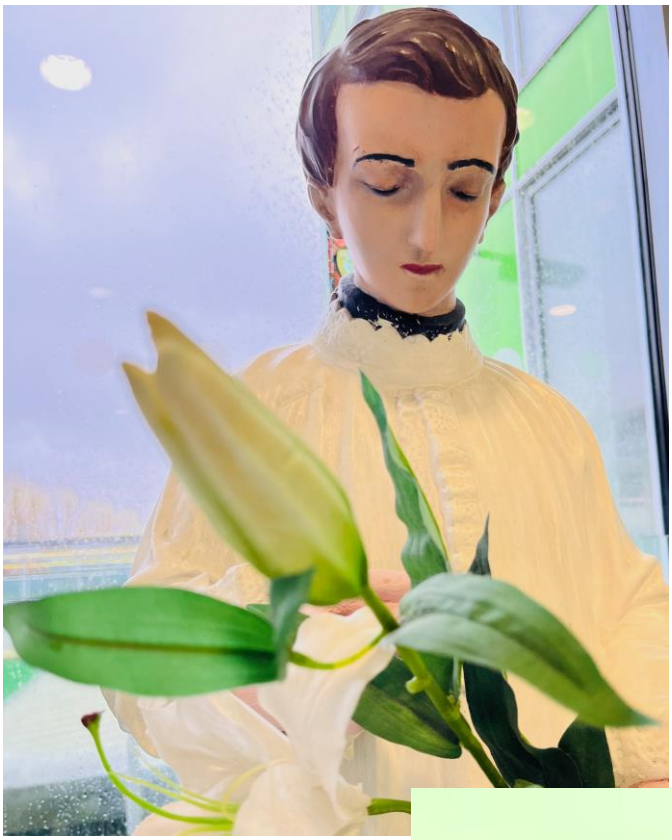
Catholic Ethos

The celebration of our faith is central to the life and character of our college community. Every student in the school is invited to share in these celebrations:

- Every school day begins with a collective act of worship. This may take place in the form group, Year group or in assembly.
- Mass is celebrated every Thursday at 8:00 am in the school chapel for all pupils and staff
- We are very fortunate to have a priest chaplain at the school.
- Year group Masses take place on Friday mornings in the school chapel on a rota
- Confessions are heard regularly by our school chaplain
- In Years 7 - 10 opportunities are provided for a deeper reflection on our faith in the form of day and retreats.

It is the task of our school to help every pupil grow in his spiritual life in the context of the Catholic faith which is a fundamental part of our tradition. Experience of perchildal prayer, reflection and communal liturgy are essential elements to spiritual growth, and every pupil is expected to take a full part in the spiritual life of the school.

Our Patron Saint



Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, the patron saint of our college, is a shining example of youthful integrity, compassion, and spiritual dedication.

Born into Italian nobility in 1568, he chose a life of humility and service, joining the Jesuits and devoting himself to helping others. Despite his own frailty, he cared tirelessly for victims of the plague in Rome, ultimately sacrificing his life at just 23.

Saint Aloysius inspires our community to live with purpose, courage, and a deep commitment to others.

Term Dates & Timetable

Term Dates	
Registration & Induction	Tuesday 2nd September 2025 11;30 – 12:30
First Full day of learning	Wednesday 3rd September 2025 8:30
Half Term	Monday 20th - Friday 31st October 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 19th December 2025
First Day of Spring Term	Monday 5th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 27th March 2026
First Day of Summer Term	Momday 13th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 17th July 2026

Timetable	Leschild
8:30	School Starts / Form Time
9:00	Period 1
9:50	Period 2
10:40	Break Time
10:55	Period 3
11:45	Period 4
12:35	Lunch Time
1:20	Period 5
2:10	Period 6
2:55	Afternoon Registration
3:05	Dismissal / Extra-Curricular / Detention

Key Upcoming Dates

Thursday 12th & Tuesday 17th June 2025

One-to-One Meeting with the Senior Leadership Team

We will email you with your individual meeting time. This meeting will provide you and your child the opportunity to discuss what you are looking forward to, how you feel about joining secondary school and to ask any questions that you might have about the transition process.

Thursday 3rd July 2025

Transition Day, 9:00 am

This day will provide an opportunity for students to get to know each other and their teachers. Students will meet their form groups and teachers, participate in welcome activities and leschilds, and have an afternoon of sporting activities at our School Playing Fields. Important information will be distributed to parents upon collection.

Tuesday 3rd September 2025

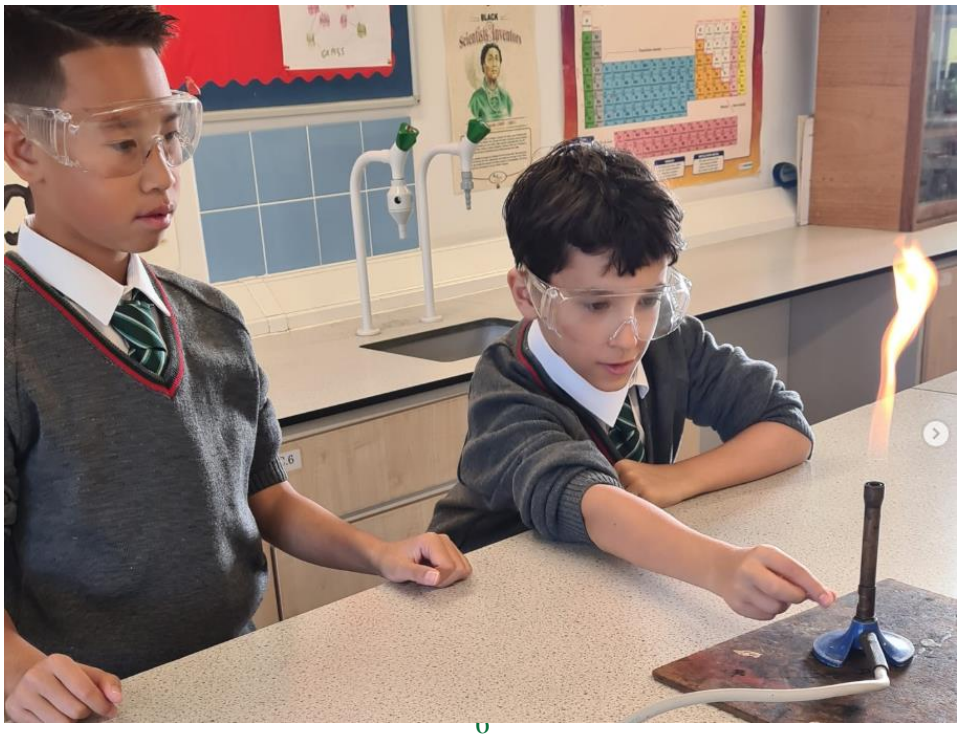
Registration & Induction, 11:30 am

Details to be confirmed.

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

First Day of Year 7, 8:30 am

All students should arrive before 8:30am in full school uniform for their first day in Year 7 at St Aloysius' College.



Uniform

School Blazer	This is green and must have the school badge.
School Tie	Only the official school ties may be worn. This is green with a **gold** stripe.
Shirt	Plain white shirt or blouse for girls.
Pullover	Must be V-necked grey with red and green stripe. Sweatshirts and hooded tops are NOT permitted. Girls can wear a grey cardigan with a red and green stripe.
Trousers	Plain dark grey or black. No denim. Girls can wear trousers or a skirt.
Socks	Black or grey.
Shoes	Plain black leather shoes, not ankle boots. No suede, canvas, trainers, sports shoes or boots. Laces and stitching must be black.
Hats	Students are not permitted to wear a hat or cap other than during the winter months (November to March) when a woolly black hat is allowed. Please note caps are NOT allowed at any time.
School Coat	St Aloysius Outdoor Jacket featuring the school logo is available from our uniform suppliers. Any other plain black coat without logos is acceptable.
Bag	This must be plain black, no logo. They must be large enough for text books (approx. 40 x 40 cm). Small sports/ string bags are acceptable for PE only.
P.E.	Red official school P.E. top; polo top for girls White shorts White sports socks Trainers (practical sports trainers, no 'fashion' trainers) Football boots Gum Shield

All students are expected to wear full school uniform at all times. Full school uniform includes:

All school uniform excluding P.E Kit can be purchased
from Rough Cut Casuals www.roughcutcasuals.co.uk
P.E kit can be purchased from Price & Buckland www.price-buckland.co.uk/

Code of Dress:
Hair must be cut in a conventional style; it should not be excessively short or long. Natural hair colour only, no extreme hairstyles (including shaved heads). No markings or patterns to be cut into hair. No hair accessories (including bandanas, headscarves, beads or jewellery).
Boys should be clean shaven, no cuts to the eyebrows.
Shirts must be tucked in, top buttons must be fastened.
School tie must be worn correctly (i.e. at full length, to the waist).
Blazers must be worn at all times.
Earrings are not permitted.
Plain wrist watches are the only jewellery allowed. Smart watches are not permitted.
No tattoos or facial piercings.

Please note: The school uniform rules apply both in school *and* outside school whilst in uniform.

If a student is unable to wear full school uniform he should be given a note from home. This will need to be seen and authorised by his Head of Year before the start of the school day. If appropriate the student will be able to attend leschilds, if not he will be educated in the Learning Support Centre until the issue is rectified.

Uniform

Phones and Valuables

Students are advised not to bring valuable items into school. The school cannot accept responsibility for items that are lost or stolen during the school day.

We accept that a number of parents require their child to carry a mobile phone and we will support this. Phones are collected by form tutors during morning registration and returned at the end of the day. Should your child be found using a mobile phone while in school it will be confiscated and stored securely. Parents may collect the confiscated phone the following Friday only, from the school's Main Reception.

Equipment

It is the responsibility of all students to provide the necessary pens, pencils, ruler (which should all be kept in a pencil case) and any other equipment needed for each leschild.

Every student should have the following equipment everyday:

- Pencil case
- Pens – Black and Green
- Pencil
- Coloured pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- A reading book
- St Aloysius' College School Planner (distributed to all students in September)
- Text books for all subjects daily (distributed to all students in September)

In addition to this, each student will require the following subject specific equipment;

For Mathematics:

- Protractor
- H or H2 pencil
- Scientific calculator

For English:

- A copy of 'The Oxford Mini Dictionary'

For Technology:

- A workshop apron or workshop coat

Please ensure where possible that all items have your child's name in them in case they are misplaced.

Expectations

Attendance and Punctuality

All students are expected to attend school daily, in full school uniform and equipped to learn. Ensuring a child's regular attendance at school is their parent/carer's legal responsibility. Non-attendance is monitored and followed up y the school's attendance officer.

Your child should be in school by 8.25 am for a prompt start at 8:30 am, so please ensure that he leaves home early enough. Do not allow him to rely on the latest possible bus - living in London, we all know how unreliable traffic and transport can be. Lateness is a poor start to the day. Your child should travel directly to school and not congregate in Archway or at fast food outlets. The same is true for the end of the school day. Students who late to school or leschilds 2 or more times in one week receive a two hour detention with the Headteacher on a Friday.

All students are expected to have 100% attendance. If your child is going to be absent, please telephone the school by 8:30am to inform us of this. If we do not hear from you, expect to receive a text or call from us. On his return, a letter confirming your child's absence must be given to his Form Tutor.

We strongly discourage parents from taking their child out of school for holidays, medical or dental appointments during term time. In exceptional circumstances, parents may apply for leave to take their child out of school for these reachilds: please do not assume that we will give agreement to such absences. Please note that due to a change in government policy, term time holidays will no longer be authorised.

For more details and the full attendance and punctuality policy please visit the 'Uniform and Rules' section of our school website.

School Lunch

All Year 7-11 students take lunch in school. We operate a cafeteria lunch system with a choice of food available including a set meal. Payment is by means of biometric data (finger print) system connected to our online payment system, ParentPay. **Parents must use ParentPay to top up lunch accounts and check balance,** there are no facilities to top up accounts once students are on site. Some students prefer to bring packed lunches which they eat in the dining room. No students, other than those in Sixth Form, are allowed to go home for lunch or leave the school premises at lunch time.

Your child may be entitled to receive a free school meal. Please note, a child will not automatically receive a free meal, even if he received one at primary school. An application will have to be made at secondary school through Islington Council. For details of eligibility and instructions of how to apply please see our school website. If we are notified that you qualify for free meals, his account will be loaded with £2.95 per day and can be supplemented by you in the normal way.

Expectations

Monitoring of Achievement

The pupils' academic target is set using their KS2 attainment and will be informed by the St Aloysius Progress Pathway. Your child will follow a five year curriculum and his curriculum targets will be set in line with his KS2 SATs achievements. You will be provided with your child's target and current attainment at each assessment point. These targets are sufficiently challenging to motivate our pupils to work hard and aspire to achieve.

We track the progress of our pupils throughout the year in all year groups. This consistency builds a routine of revision and test preparation into our pupils. Throughout an academic year pupils in each year group will complete assessments at two points, one in the autumn term and one in the summer. Exam timetables will be provided prior to each assessment. These assessments are written tests. Your child's knowledge is regularly being tested with this assessment model, whilst also allowing him to gain much needed exam practice.

The data obtained from the assessments tests is then used to measure the progress the pupil is making against the Academic Target he has been set at the beginning of the year. Pupils that are underachieving significantly will engage in teacher/parent meetings to address this and pupils making more than the expected progress are rewarded with certificates/letters sent home.

In September your child will be tested in Maths and English. This will determine his set for Maths and English, as well as providing all teachers with more information on the type of learner your child is.

Rewards and Sanctions

We place great emphasis on the need to recognise and reward achievement in all forms. Teachers use our electronic system, Go4Schools, to record all positive and negative behaviour. This provides us with specific details on the type of behaviour and the reward or sanction given. This system makes all positive and negative behaviour transparent to everybody including parents and also makes the pupils accountable for their behaviour. Homework is also set on Go4Schools.

We expect your child to uphold our excellent standards and will look to support both you and your child in this. We actively promote a positive reward based culture at the school that allows pupils to benefit from their good behaviour and work through a system of recognition and rewards. These include verbal praise, phone calls and postcards home, certificates and lottery draws. There is also a Prize Giving ceremony at the end of the year to which parents are invited. It is essential that pupils are recognised for their positive actions.

Where your child does not meet our expectations we will support him to change his behaviour. All forms of poor behaviour are logged on our system to help give us a clear indication of your child's progress. Staff can issue a half an hour detention without prior notice for various infractions of the school rules. If your child does not alter his behaviour then further sanctions can be put in place. These can include Headteacher or Saturday detections, monitoring forms, parental meetings and inclusion in the Learning Support Centre if necessary.

ParentPay & Communication

At St Aloysius' we operate a cashless system via the use of ParentPay for all transactions. This means that you **never** need to send your child to school with cash.

Parent Pay allows Parents to facilitate:

- **School Dinners** – View menus and check dietary and nutritional information. All students will be given identity cards which will allow them to spend their allowance in the dining hall without the need for cash. Parents can top up on the website or via the app and view what their child has spent.
- **Trips** – Pay for school trips through ParentPay. We will send out invitations to the relevant parents; who can respond with parental consent and provide medical information.
- **Clubs** – Receive advanced notification of clubs, so you can secure a place, book and pay early.
- **Online Shop** – Whether it's student photographs, uniform or equipment, you can purchase items online.

Payment Options – Parents can top up their child's accounts using debit and credit cards, American Express and PayPoint from over 28,000 shops across the country.

Getting Started:
You will receive your ParentPay login details at the Year 7 Induction Day. Registering for the first time will require a working email. Parents can request ParentPay login details at any time by contacting the school reception.

Email – Our main form of written communication with parents is via email. It is important that the school holds a working email for all parents/carers to ensure they are kept up to date with news and developments. We use the ParentMail system to communicate with parents. It is important you download the ParentMail app and activate your account in September so you receive up to date information and important alerts.

Phone – Parents may be contacted by the school in case of emergency or to inform you of an incident or accident at school. It is vital that contact details are kept up-to-date to ensure your child's/ward's safety and well-being. Please notify the school if you change your number.

Social Media – Our social media pages are regularly updated so follow @StAloysiusC on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook to keep up to date with day to day school life!

Go4Schools

Using GO 4 Schools, you will be able to view your child's progress online and access the following information at any time:

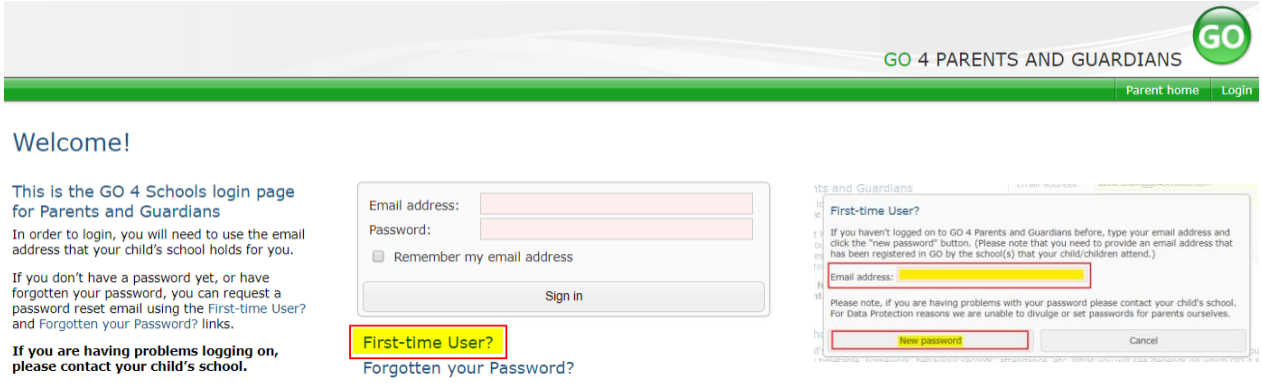
- **Timetable** – Your child's daily and weekly timetable
- **Homework** – Teachers upload your child's homework tasks daily
- **Attendance** – Shown from the start of the academic year
- **Progress Reports** – Assessment point reports which are published 2 times a year
- **Behaviour information** – 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 the latest information.

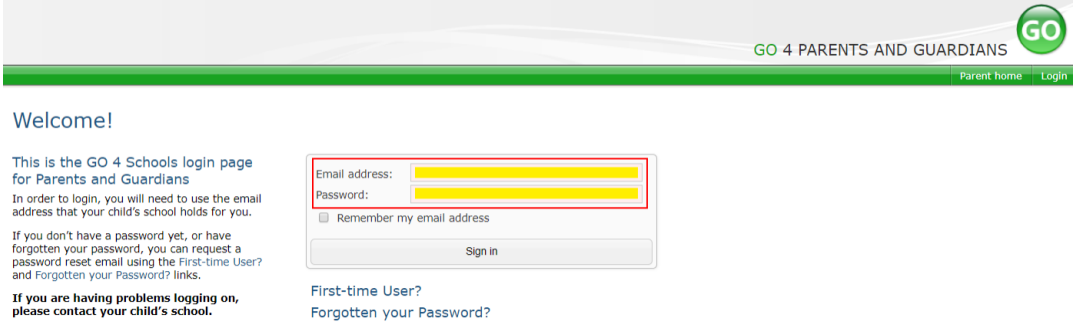
Accessing your Go 4 Schools Account

To access the site, please go to www.go4schools.com and click on the Parents icon at the top of the main page to arrive at the log-in screen. The email address you use to enter the site must be the one we have registered for you on our school system.

To request a password for GO 4 Schools, please click on the 'First-time User' link shown below.



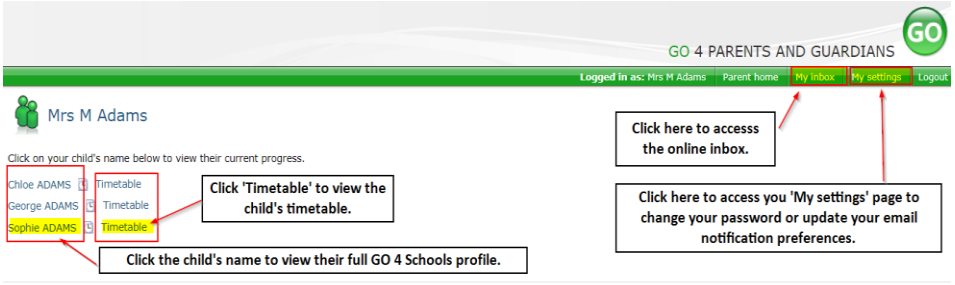
Then enter your email address into the First-time User 'Email address' field and click 'New password'. A randomised password will then be generated and sent to your email address.



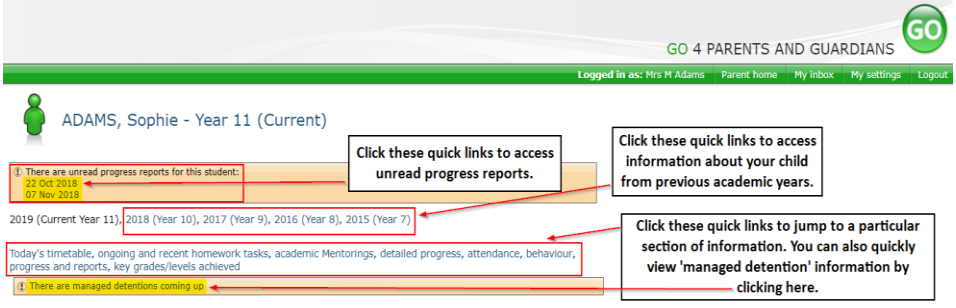
You will then be able to log into the site using your email and generated password then view your child's page using the parent and guardian login page, shown below.

Go4Schools

Once logged in, what will you see?



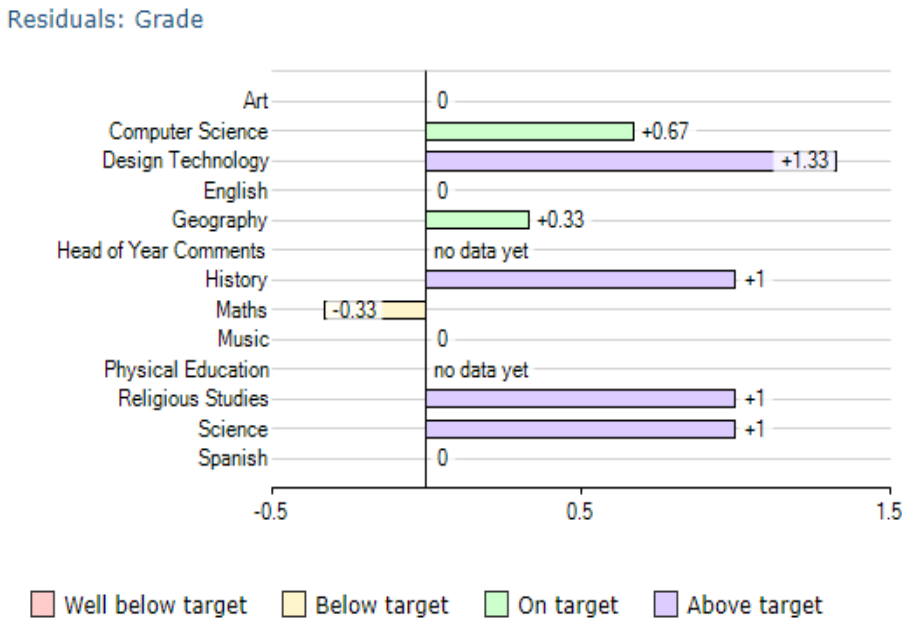
Parent home view
When you log in you will see names of your children that attend the school.



Clicking a child's name will display the information held in GO 4 Schools about them. The top of the page give you these quick links.

At a glance

This is a quick overview of your child's current progress against their target grades for each subject. A value of zero indicates that your child is on target, a negative value indicates below target and a positive value indicates above target



Go4Schools

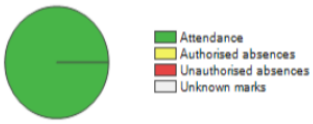
Attendance Data

This information is always shown up to the previous day. Full attendance information, including weekly attendance figures, can be viewed by clicking the 'view detailed attendance link' shown in the yellow box.

Attendance

View detailed attendance record

Attendance	100.00%
Authorised absences	0
Unauthorised absences	0
Unknown marks	0
Possible sessions	74



Detailed Progress

This table shows the current levels in each subject. Also included is the target grade and colour coding to inform of progress.

Detailed progress

Subject	Year 7 Baseline	Eoy 9 TARGET	Current Grade	Mark sheet summary	
English Language Ms S Chambers	102	3H	2H (36%)	Assessment Point	2H
English Literature Ms S Chambers	-	3H	2M (33%)	Assessment Point	2M
Geography G Briody	-	3H	3M (42%)	Assessment Point	3M
Graphic Products Mr L Northey	-	3H	2H (36%)	Assessment Point	2H
Head of Year Comments Ms A Gamb	-	-	-		
Maths Ms K Royston	98	3L	1M (24%)	Assessment Point	1M
PE BTEC Mr C Simpson View subject description	-	-	-	Unit 1 (external assessment) Fitness for Sport and Exercise Unit 2 Practical Sports Performance Unit 3 Applying the Principles of Personal Training Unit 6 Leading Sports Activities	- - - -

Behaviour Data

Behaviour

View full behaviour record

Today's and upcoming managed detentions

Detention session	When event occurred	Event and managed detention
No session allocated.	Mon, 08 Oct GO4Schools	Out of Class Incident **SLT Detention**

Daily Timetable

You can click the 'View full timetable' link to view the full week timetable for your child.

Today's timetable

Tu	08:50	09:15 10:15	10:15 11:20		11:40 12:40	12:40 14:20	14:20 15:20
	Tutorial 11G/Tu Dr A ARMSBY CONNEL	Mathematics 11n/Ma1 Mrs T TWEEDIE	Biology 11NT/Bi Mr A AL-ADELI		French 11Z/Fr1 Miss A AKANOVA	Geography 11Y/Gg1 Mrs L LALONDE	French 11Z/Fr1 Miss A AKANOVA

View full timetable

Go4Schools

Progress Reports

This shows grades for your child as they were captured by reports and compares them against current grades. At the bottom of each report column you can access a report by clicking the 'View report' link. You can then also download and print copies of the reports which will be available for the whole of the year.

Progress and reports

Subject	07 Nov 2018	14 Dec 2018	19 Jun 2019	Current Grade
English Language	-	-	2H	2H
English Literature	-	2H	-	2M
Geography	-	2L	3M	3M
Graphic Products	-	2L	2H	2H
Maths	-	1L	1M	1M
PE BTEC	-	-	-	-
Physical Education	-	-	-	2H
Religious Studies	-	2H	3M	3M
Science	-	3L	4H	4H
Attendance	100.00%	98.46%	99.08%	99.10%
	View report	View report	View report	

Communication Settings

By clicking on "My settings" it will allow you to set whether you receive email or mobile app notifications from GO 4 Schools, as well as show you the default setting the school has set. With the behaviour update emails you can set a frequency that differs from the schools default.

My settings

Your login email address is:

Homework

The below table defines the global school settings and if any, the year group settings.

Scope	Email	Notification
School	Enabled	Enabled

Automatic daily summaries of homework are sent every evening after 16:00.

Scope	Email	Notification
Default	Enable ▾	Enable ▾

Behaviour

The below table defines the global school settings and if any, the year group settings.

Scope	Email	Notification
School	Enabled	Enabled

Automatic daily/weekly summaries of behaviour are sent every evening after 18:00, as configured.

Scope	Email	Notification
Default	Enable ▾	Enable ▾

Behaviour update emails

How often should we send you email updates about behaviour events?

By default (emails will be sent Weekly) ▾

If you do not wish to receive updates about your child's behaviour please contact your child's school.

We will send updates only if new events have been recorded by Demonstration School.

Save

Learning Apps

Many departments in the school have invested in access to online learning apps to take advantage of the excellent range of resources available to our students. These are extremely useful to build student's knowledge which can allow them to get ahead, catch up or revise. Some apps enable students to access the course textbook at home (e.g. Kerboodle) providing a useful resource when completing homework or revising. Others enable students to test themselves on knowledge to build their retention and prepare for assessments.

All apps and platforms can be accessed through the Student Hub on the school website. Subject teachers will provide students with any necessary log in details and give in class tutorials to ensure all students are able to use the platforms effectively to support their learning.

SENECA Learn 2x Faster

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BOOK CLUB

kerboodle

Lexia a cambium company

numerise

Sparx Maths

The EverLearner

Facilities & Clubs

Playing Fields

We are incredibly fortunate to have our very own school playing fields, a spacious area where our students enjoy PE leschilds and extra-curricular activities. The fields have excellent facilities where students can play a wide variety of sports including football, rugby, and athletics.

Library

Our expansive library is a dedicated space where students can explore the literary world! The well maintained library provides a supportive learning environment and features a rich variety of books for all ages, as well as a constant flow of new books. Students have some leschild time designated to the library, and are encouraged to use the library in their free time before and after school, as well as during break times. The library provides a flexible place for learning where project work, individual study and group work can take place. It also regularly hosts themed events to celebrate literary works and inspire our young readers and writers. Our librarian is always on hand to help students discover their next read, and students can also explore the library's range of resources and themed competitions through our online Book Club Hub.

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Our wide range of extra-curricular clubs are available to students throughout all year groups, providing homework and academic support, sport and music practices, skills and talent development opportunities and a variety of other activities to enjoy. We have a variety of dedicated spaces for clubs, including our; library, learning support centre, basketball courts, play ground, playing fields, table tennis areas, music rooms and studios, year group bases and SEN areas. We regularly update our extra-curricular timetable with new clubs and activities and actively encourage students to put forward their ideas and interests.

Notes

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