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MEDEN
SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

As you will be aware, at Meden School, we focus on high standards of behaviour and expectations of all students. We know this supports a safe and calm school environment, creating learning environments that are more productive, purposeful and engaging for our students.

We have high expectations for Uniform, Punctuality, Attendance, Attitude to Learning (ATL), Homework and Disruption Free Learning, which every student has the right to.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge that we recognise the positive behaviour displayed by the vast majority of students, day in day out, but we also want to challenge and improve behaviours that do not support our school culture.

To improve the behaviour of students in school we must first teach and support students to demonstrate positive behaviour but then apply a consequence, should it be necessary.

To better support a working relationship between school and home, we want to improve communication around behaviour, both positive and negative. To facilitate this, we are further developing our text message communication via the My Child at School (MCAS) app. If you haven't yet logged on to the MCAS Parent Portal, instructions have been attached to this letter.

IMPORTANT: Please ensure that the telephone contact numbers we have on our records are up to date. You can check this on the MCAS app.

HOW WILL WE COMMUNICATE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS?

At Meden School, we want to promote a positive behaviour culture. Those students who demonstrate positive behaviours will be recognised with ATL Points and Golden Tickets, which contributes to their overall culture code score. In improving our communication, we will also text when your child receives positive praise for Golden Tickets, +4 ATL points and a Zero-Hero Award so you are aware that they are doing well at school. You can also see these logged on the MCAS App.

HOW WILL WE COMMUNICATE NEGATIVE BEHAVIOURS?

When a student's behaviour leads to an Afterschool Detention, we will communicate to Parents/carers via text. If your child receives an After-School Detention, you will receive a text message from school the day before the detention is due to take place. If there are any foreseeable difficulties with your child remaining at school for this detention, please contact school to rearrange the detention and/ or discuss the behaviour.

WHEN ARE DETENTIONS SET?

Afterschool detentions will be issued for the next detention session (usually the next day), in line with our After-School Detention Schedule shown below.

After School Detention Schedule Per Year Group						
Monday	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10		
Tuesday	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10		
Wednesday	NO DETENTIONS					
Thursday	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
Friday	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	HT Detention

For example, a behaviour event logged on a Tuesday, will lead to a detention on Thursday due to there being no detentions on a Wednesday.

HOW LONG DO DETENTIONS LAST?

Detentions run until 4:05pm. For those who fail to attend without prior agreement or fail their detention, they will be issued a **HT Detention on a Friday that will run until 4pm.**

Moving forward, we want the majority of our communication with parents to be positive and for students to receive as much positive recognition as they can in school.

Thank you for your continued support
Kind regards

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Mr S Morton
Deputy Headteacher

What is MCAS??

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) is an online portal for parents that enables you to view your child's performance at school in real-time via the internet.

The facility allows you to access the following information for any of your Meden School Children:

- homework,
- attendance,
- behaviour,
- achievement,
- key communications
- and reports.

You no longer need to wait for reports to be sent out, you can check whenever you want for the latest available information about your child.

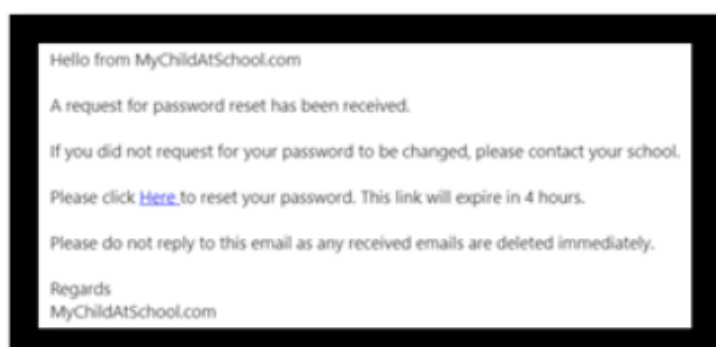
WE CANNOT STRESS HOW BENEFICIAL IT IS FOR PARENTS/CARERS TO UTILISE OUR PARENT PORTAL

MCAS is easier than ever before to access - here is how:

- Step 1: Go to www.mychildatschool.com to access the Parent Login screen.
- Step 2: Click on the 'RESET PASSWORD' link
- Step 3: Complete the EMAIL ADDRESS (one used by school) and tick/complete the 'I'M NOT A ROBOT' and then click on 'SEND RESET EMAIL'

Please note that your email address must match the one we hold on file, please contact school to change/update an email address.
(office@medenschool.co.uk)

- Step 4: You will receive an email like the one below to reset your password.



MCAS Student Portal - Accessing their Homework

We appreciate there have been some teething problems with the student MCAS portal, but going forward these should all now be rectified. Please let us know if you experience any issues.

Students have been shown in school how to access the student portal to view things such as homework etc.

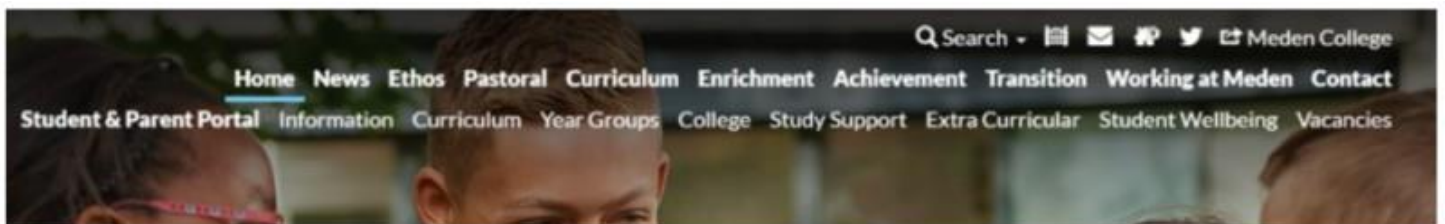
We have also placed an icon on the front page of our website.



ON A PC

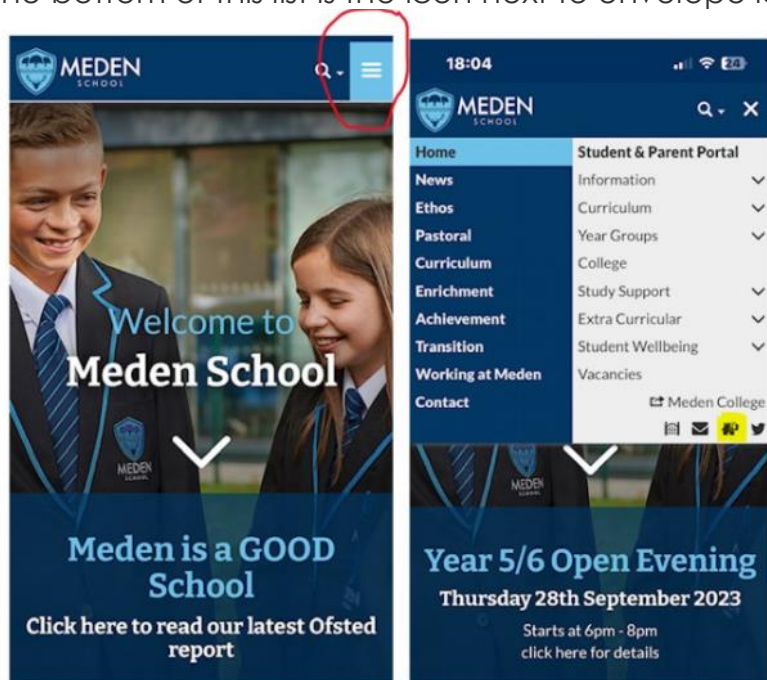
The icon is in the top right hand corner next to the icon of an envelope and when you hover over it you get student portal come up.

PLEASE NOTE YOU MAY NEED TO LOG ON TO SCHOOL EMAIL FIRST TO ENSURE THE ACCOUNT LINKS TO YOUR SCHOOL SIGN ON.



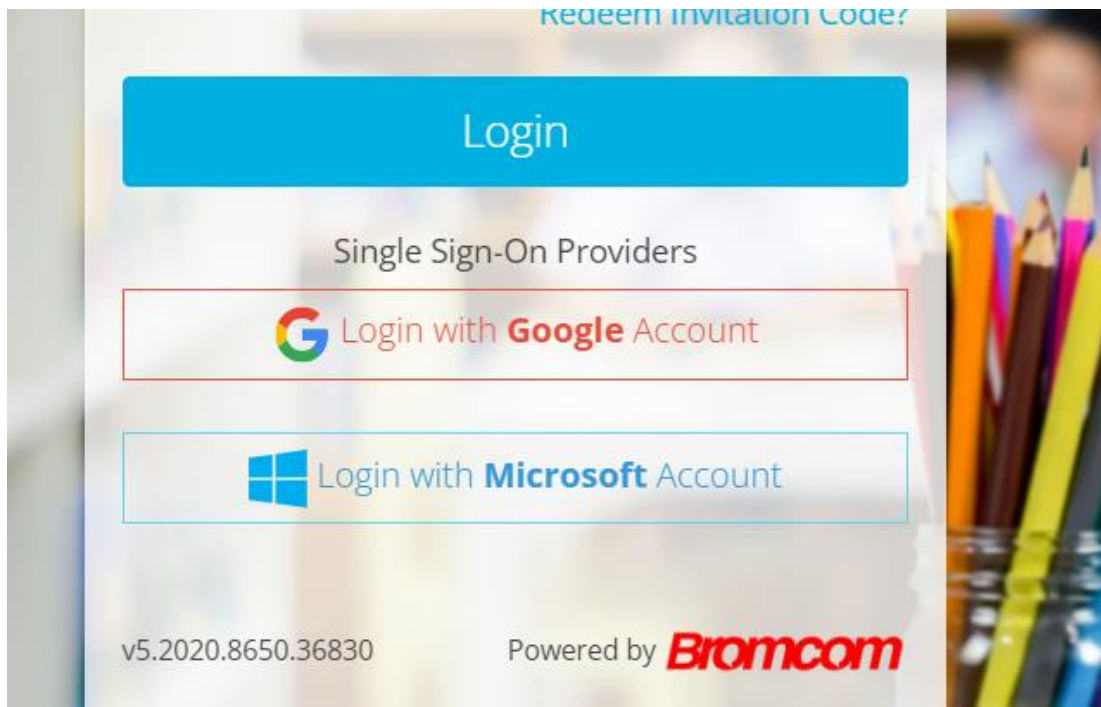
ON A MOBILE PHONE OR TABLET

click the 3 horizontal lines in the top right hand corner and a list appears. At the bottom of this list is the icon next to envelope icon.



Please then **login with Microsoft account** - this should automatically link to your school emails as it uses the same email address and password you do to access emails at school.

TIP: If it doesn't work initially - log on to your school email account in a different window.



If you have any questions please contact Mr Bonsall who is located in the Finance Office (hbonsall@medenschool.co.uk)