

JP/RNM/PARENTAPPLET

20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you in my new role as Assistant Principal responsible for targets, data and assessment.

### **SIMS PARENT APP**

Our partnership with parents is very important to us and we are pleased, following the successful change of our management information system from Facility to SIMS, to launch our new parent app.

The app will allow you to access your daughter or son's progress and behaviour data on a variety of devices, including your tablet or mobile phone. Not only does the new app replace eportal, but it will supersede the original school app from Jigsaw. This will no longer be updated and should be deleted from your phone.

The new app includes:

- The Academy calendar with key dates
- The student timetable.
- Whole school notifications.
- Assessment and progress data updated three times a year. This will eventually replace the paper summaries.
- Weekly notification of the credits accrued for good behaviour and academic progress within Positive Discipline.
- Daily notification if there is an incident of poor behaviour placed in SIMS, although this should always be cross referenced with the written comments in the planner.
- Weekly notification of attendance data. The app is currently only recording from 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017, although SIMS will be resolving this shortly.

When you download the app families with Year 11 students will find the assessment section already populated, for other students this will be completed as each year group completes its first formal assessment point. This will happen over the next few weeks.

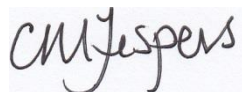
### ACCESSING THE APP

All parents for whom we have a verified e-mail address will have been sent an e-mail inviting them to download the parent app. Please look out for it and follow the instructions to be able to access your daughter/sons information. If you have any difficulties in accessing the app then please contact our Senior ICT technician Mr Hemstock. [hemstockj@bostonspa.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:hemstockj@bostonspa.leeds.sch.uk)

If you have not received an e-mail or we do not have your e-mail address and you would like to be able to access the parent app then please contact [Mr Hemstock](#).

SIMS, the provider of the app have useful guidance on their [web site](#), which includes frequently asked questions. The SIMS app is a new product, and unlike eportal will be regularly updated and developed; we are excited to be launching it and are pleased to commend it to you.

Yours sincerely



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