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Dear Parents

You will have seen in Mr Quinn's recent correspondence that we are introducing a new system into school called **ClassCharts**. This piece of software is used by thousands of schools across the country. ClassCharts will enable you to keep track of your child's behaviour, access their weekly timetable, view assigned homework tasks and track scheduled detentions. We will also post announcements through Class Charts with important reminders and information.

I now want to provide you provide with more information on this service. Detailed information regarding the functionality can be found on the school website

<https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/parents/class-charts/>

Your unique logon

All parents will have a unique login for their child. If you have more than one child, you can access Class Charts information about your children from a single, centralised parent account. Class Charts for parents can be accessed via our website, or through our iOS and Android apps.

Your unique Parent Code details will be given to your child by the end of this week, so please check with them on Friday. This code is used to set up your Class Charts parent account.

To register and sign in please follow the steps outlined on the attached document. This information is also available on the school website [Logging into your account \(oaklandscatholicschool.org\)](https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/parents/class-charts/)

Monitoring Positive and Negative Behaviour

Class Charts enables us to share behaviour information with parents/carers. Within the software there are a number of functions that will provide you with an overview of your child's achievement and behaviour data within a customisable timeframe. You will be able to interrogate the system to find the detail behind each behaviour event.

One of the advantages of this system is that it will provide the granular detail, including every log that is recorded. If your child's behaviour is causing concern please contact your child's form tutor via email in the first instance. Please be aware that many staff will see over 250 students a week so a subject-by-subject conversation over everything that is logged will not be possible.

I want to reassure you that if there is an emerging concern about negative behaviour, your child's tutor, Head of Year or a member of the schools Behaviour Team will contact you.

Our policy regarding detentions has not changed, however rather than being written to notification about detentions will be received through this system and we would ask you to then sign your child's planner on the date to give your consent.

Homework

All homework will be set on Class Charts, this may reference to other platforms including Teams particularly for Key Stag 4 and 5 as many files have already been allocated for students to use. A guide to the homework function will also be made available on the school website.

Announcements

You will see the Announcements tab when viewing your child on ClassCharts. Selecting this tab will display a list of announcements that have been shared with you regarding your child.

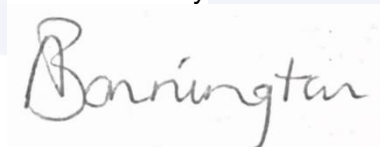
Praise and Awards

You will be familiar with ePraise as our means to reward students. This will no longer be the case, all staff will reward students for 'Positive Behaviour' through Class Charts. When you open the software, you will see the Badges tab to view the rewards for your child. Badges are a way for us to inform you when significant praise goals have been achieved. Your child will be issued with a badge when they meet the badge's criteria. Every child will also be given a badge to wear on their school blazer and they will be entered into our half termly raffle to win vouchers.

We hope that the introduction of this system will go smoothly, we will help parents with this process by publishing information on the school website. We hope that the use of ClassCharts helps to develop and improve home school communication. Evidence suggests that when school and home are working together, then students have a greater chance of success. We hope this gives you an insight into your child's day at school and how well they are progressing.

If you have any queries regarding this system or do not have your login code from your child by Friday, please email classcharts@oaklandscatholicschool.org.

Yours sincerely



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