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Dear parents and carers,

I hope everyone has had a great week. We've had lots of events at school this week and it's been lovely to welcome so many families onto the school site. With just a couple of weeks until the half-term break, it feels like term 3 has flown by, but we've still got plenty to update you on over the next couple of weeks.

Well Done

Congratulations to the following students who have received Headteacher Commendations this week:

Lily B (Y8) - English - Always punctual, very diligent and very polite.

Chloe M (Y10) - Philosophy - Creating outstanding revision resources.

Savanah K (Y7) - Philosophy - Excellent engagement, helping to further the discussion and provide useful insights into the topic of Judaism

Maiya N (Y8) - English - Consistently demonstrates a passionate and enthusiastic attitude to learning and shown great progress in her written analysis.

Micah J-E (Y7) - English - Brilliant confidence when hot-seating the character of Sally Lockhart in Oracy.

Fred S (Y9) - English - Excellent mid-term assessment answer, analysing the character of Jack in Lord of the Flies at an exceptionally high level.

Lily-Rose C (Y11) - English - Fantastic grade 9 level answer on her *A Christmas Carol* assessment last week.

Sia P (Y8) - Science - Fantastic effort in practicals and demonstrating real tenacity.

Tomisola G G (Y9) - Geography - Focused and continually produces great work during each Geography lesson. Well done!

Lucy H (Y9) - Geography - Always focused, attentive to detail and continually produces great work during each Geography lesson. Thank you Lucy.

Scarlett M (Y8) - Science - Demonstrated all four TRUE values during her double Science lesson, when we were experimenting with a method to separate sand and salt.

Lenny B (Y7) - Music - Excellent progress with his finger exercises on the keyboard.

Madison G (Y9) - Music - Excellent ukulele playing. Supporting/coaching other students in class.

Safeguarding Survey - a message from Assistant Headteacher, Miss Hodd

A polite reminder for parents and carers to complete the Wellbeing Survey sent out at the start of the week from Miss Hodd.

The survey is completely anonymous and should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

If you have more than one child at our school, we encourage you to complete the survey for each child separately, as their experiences may differ.

To access this survey, please click the following link:

<https://app.bouncetogether.co.uk/shrt/5KG63DADZI>

Punctuality Strategy - a message from Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Romney

As you know, good attendance and punctuality to lessons is vital to a student's success, as it is so important that we maximise the amount of learning time they have in school.

With this mind, a reminder that our punctuality strategy begins on **Monday 3rd February**.

Next week, while we are launching the systems, there will be no sanctions in place - this will give students the opportunity to understand how the system works. **From 10th February**, the system will be fully functional, with sanctions in effect.

Students who are late to school will receive a range of sanctions, depending on what time they arrive.

- Arrival between 8.40am and 8.50am will lead to a C3 (15 minute) lunchtime detention.
- Arrival between 8.51am and 9.09am will lead to a C4 (30 minute) after school detention.
- Arrival after 9.10am will lead to an SLT (60 minute) after school detention.

We know that in some situations where there are traffic issues for example, this can lead to students being late through no fault of their own. In this situation they will not receive a sanction.

Students should also ensure they are on time to their lessons. They have 5 minutes to move from one lesson to the next, which is more than enough time. If they arrive to lesson more than five minutes after the start of a lesson, these minutes will be logged. They will then have to make this time up on a weekly basis via a detention.

If they have been late for less than 30 minutes over the course of the week, they will complete a C4 (30 minute) after school detention. If they have been late for 30 minutes or more over the course of a week they will complete an SLT (60 minute) after school detention. For persistent offenders this will lead to time in SSP.

Year 9 Options - a message from Deputy Headteacher, Mr McQuillan

We were really pleased to meet virtually with so many Year 9 parents and carers last night as we launched our Options process for this year. A recording of the meeting will soon be available on our website, along with a digital copy of the presentation.

The Options booklet will also be added to our website, but the link can also be found here:

https://read.bookcreator.com/library/-NOK_3qnE4X85-KCYPuJ/book/wQyvl_mfT9ic6bpeuXj2Kw/q7S9KLoeTh2-o3F7QjowdQ

More information will be provided to Year 9 students and their families in due course.

Parent/Carer

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Year 11 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening on Wednesday. With the countdown to GCSE and other Level 2 exams now on, this was a brilliant

opportunity for parents/carers and students to sit down with their teachers and get all the support and advice they need to prepare for our next round of mocks after half-term, and ultimately for the exams coming up in the summer.

If you attended the Year 11 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening, we would love to gather some feedback from you on how you felt the evening went and any suggestion you have on how we could improve things further.

Please scan this code on your phone's camera to provide feedback:



A reminder that the **Sixth Form** Parents and Carers Information Evening is next week, **Wed 5th February, 4.30pm-7.00pm.**

Parking Outside School

A polite second reminder that there is ample space for all cars in our parent/carer car park, located on the left as you enter the school site. **Please avoid parking cars along the main road.** This causes disruption to a public road and causes more congestion, which makes it unsafe when we are trying to help students cross the road at the front of school.

Furthermore, **please avoid parking directly in front of the school building.** This is not a designated parking space and could potentially cause an issue during any evacuation procedures.

The safety of our students is always our priority so please do help us in ensuring the departure from school is as safe as possible.

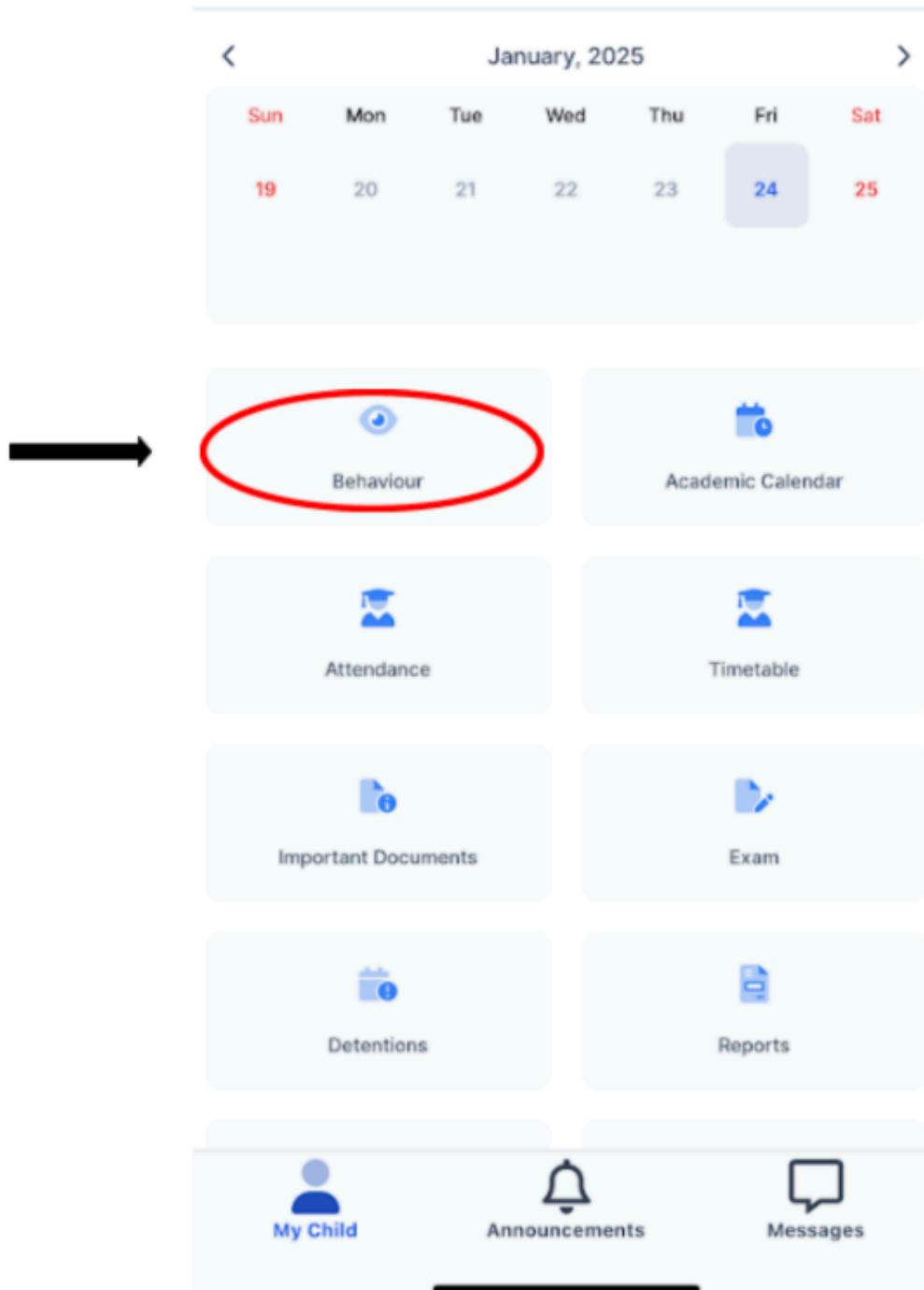
My Child At School App - a message from Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Davies-Lane

My Child At School is the app the school uses to communicate with parents/carers. It is vital

that all parents/carers download the app so they receive key communication. We are aware that some parents/carers are not sure how to find information regarding detentions. Below is a step by step guide of how to access this.

Open MCAS App

Click Behaviour (circled in red below)



You will then be able to see all behaviour updates here, positives and negatives will be shown.

Click the arrows (circled in red) to open the event for full details.

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for tracking behavior. At the top, there is a header with a back arrow and the title 'Behaviour'. Below the header are two tabs: 'Events' (highlighted in blue) and 'Points'. A list of behavior events follows, each with an icon, a title, a date and time, and a right-pointing arrow. The first event, '3 - Lunch Detention' (1/20/2025 9:50:00 AM), has a red circle around its arrow, and a black arrow points to it from the right. Other events include 'HP1 Great effort and resilience', 'HP1 Well presented work', and '2nd Warning'.

Icon	Event Title	Date & Time	Action
Red frowny face	3 - Lunch Detention	1/20/2025 9:50:00 AM	View Details (Arrow circled in red)
Green happy face	HP1 Great effort and resilience	1/20/2025 9:20:00 AM	View Details
Green happy face	HP1 Great effort and resilience	1/16/2025 9:00:00 AM	View Details
Green happy face	HP1 Well presented work	1/14/2025 11:19:00 AM	View Details
Red frowny face	2nd Warning	1/14/2025 11:13:00 AM	View Details
Green happy face	HP1 Great effort and resilience	1/10/2025 4:04:00 PM	View Details
Green happy face	HP1 Great effort and resilience	1/10/2025 12:46:00 PM	View Details
Red frowny face	2nd Warning	1/7/2025 12:52:00 PM	View Details
Green happy face	HP2 Excellent Work	12/20/2024 11:42:00 AM	View Details
Red frowny face	3 - Lunch Detention	12/17/2024 12:58:00 PM	View Details
Yellow neutral face	Negative_Behaviour	12/17/2024 8:28:00 AM	View Details

All details will be shown

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Main Teacher

Date 20 January 2025

Subject Science

Comment

Continuous talking across the classroom, after multiple warnings.

Event

3 - Lunch Detention

Outcome

BP

OutcomeDescription

Behaviour Point Issued

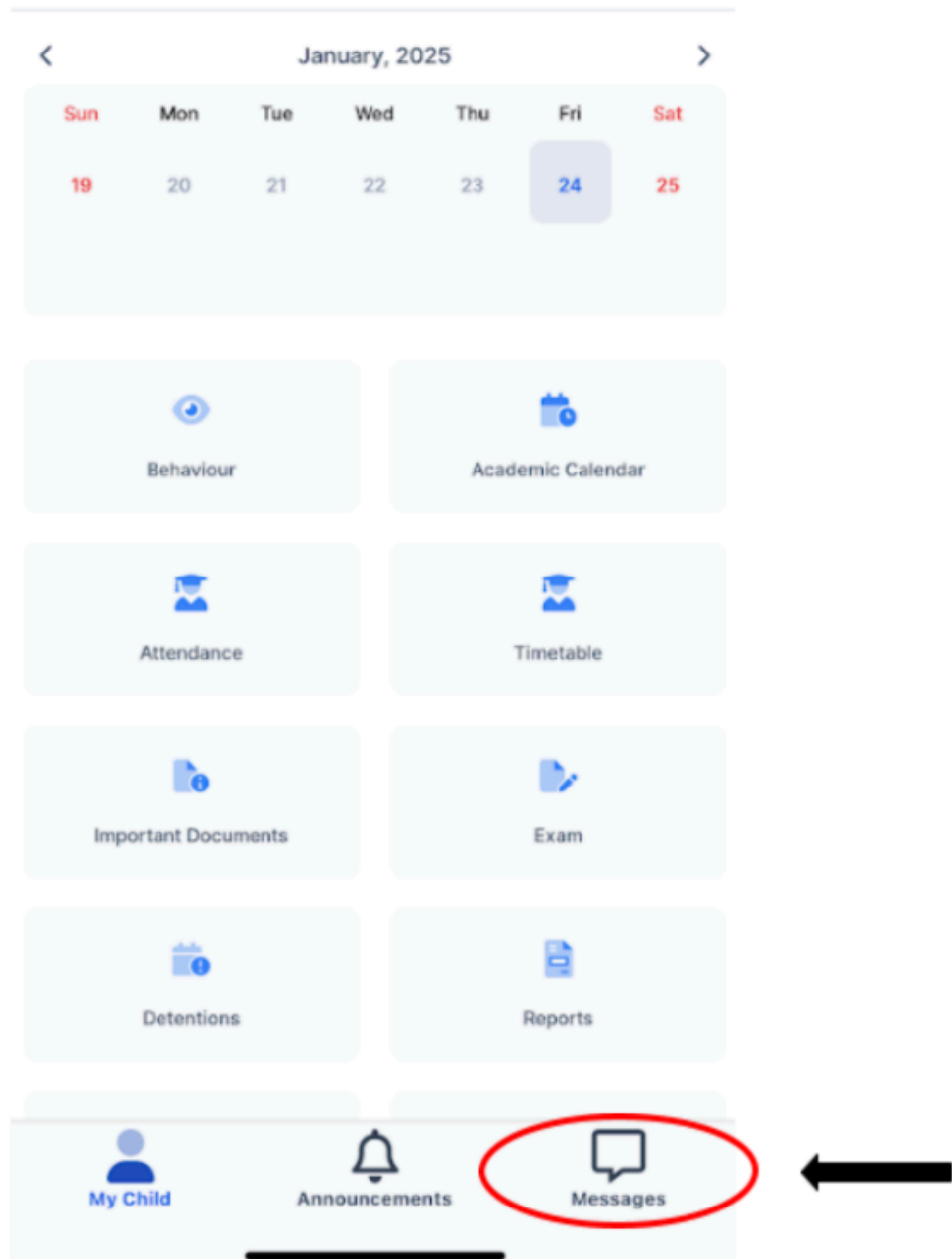
Detentions are due to be sat the day after they have been set. Failure to attend will result in an escalation to a higher sanction.

You will not be notified by the App when a new behaviour event has been added and will therefore need to check daily for updates.

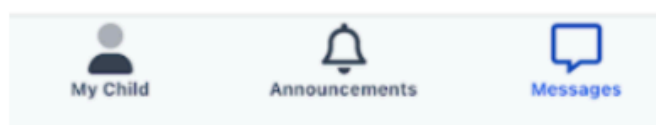
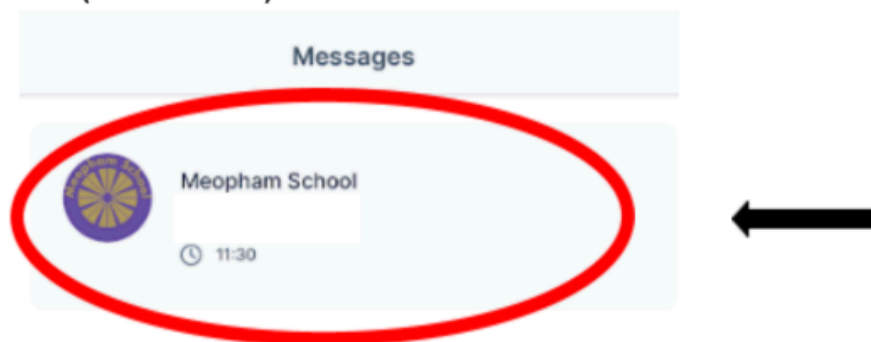
Alternatively you can also check the message section on the App for behaviour events. Again you will not be notified and will need to check for updates daily. See below for steps of how to access this.

Open MCAS App

Click the messages tab at the bottom (circled in red)



Click MeophamSchool (circled in red)



A message thread will then appear off ALL messages sent to you regarding your child's behaviour.

Furthermore, a reminder that if students are found cubicle sharing in school this will result in the sanction of 1 day in our SSP.

Moving Forward - School Improvement Plan

Over Terms 1 and 2, the Senior Leadership Team and I have been busy preparing our new School

Improvement Plan. This is a strategic document that outlines our objectives for moving the school forward over the next three years, along with clear, measurable milestones and targets. This document has been put together after consultation with all stakeholders - parents, carers, students, staff, the local community and governors - as well as an exhaustive self-evaluation of all aspects of school life.

In short, this document outlines the direction we intend to take the school over the next few years. The School Improvement Plan will be published on our school website on Monday.

We welcome you to take a look, and should you wish to provide feedback, please contact mss-reception@swale.at

Have a great weekend,

Ethan Roberts
Headteacher