

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a restful summer break. As we return to the new school year, I am delighted to introduce a new application (app) called Classcharts. This app is our new home-school communication platform, which will help strengthen the partnership between school and home and provide you with greater insight into your child's daily experiences at school.

At Weston Secondary School, we believe that effective communication between parents and school is vital in supporting every student's success. Classcharts will allow you to view important information about your child's school day in a clear and visual way, helping you to celebrate achievements, monitor progress and stay informed about key aspects of school life.

Through the Class Charts app, parents and carers will be able to access information quickly and conveniently from a smartphone, tablet or computer. The platform is designed to provide a more engaging and transparent view of your child's school experience, allowing you to work alongside us in supporting their learning and development.

Over the coming weeks, we will move to using Classcharts as a key communication tool and encourage all parents and carers to download the app and activate their account as soon as possible. You will receive communication from the school to assist you with this process. You will be sent a unique code to activate your account. Your child will also be given a student account, so they are able to review their profile outside of school on a smart device.

We appreciate that using two apps may require a short adjustment period; however, this approach will enable us to provide clearer communication, better visibility of student achievements and behaviour, and easier access to important school information. Our aim is to ensure that parents have the right information, through the right platform, at the right time.

MCAS will continue to play an important role by providing access to key school information and administrative functions. Many parents are already familiar with MCAS, and it remains an effective platform for accessing important records and services such as paying for school trips.

Class Charts will be our primary platform for sharing day-to-day information, celebrating achievements and providing a more visual insight into your child's school experience. It has been designed to help parents see what is happening throughout the school day and strengthen the connection between home and school.

As we continue to develop our communication with families, we recognise that no single platform meets every need. By using both Class Charts and MCAS, we can ensure that parents receive the best possible access to information about their child's education.

What will each app be used for?

Class Charts	MCAS (My Child at School)
Visual overview of child's school day	Attendance records
Timetable information	School reports
Achievements and Behaviour points	Payments and permissions
Homework	School records
Parental communications – direct messaging to specific teachers.	
Announcements – whole school and class specific	

We recognise that change can be daunting, but we strongly believe this new app will improve our communication and your awareness of your child's day at school. To support parents and carers Classcharts offers an extensive range of support online:

Class Charts Parent Guide and Support: <https://classcharts.com/parentguide/>

Additional Help Centre: <https://class-charts.help.tes.com/>

In addition, if you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact me
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To encourage parents, carers and students to download and set up the application we will be holding a student prize raffle on Monday 21st September. All students who have parents and carers who have successfully downloaded the app and logged in will be entered into the draw. There are a wide range of prizes available.

We are excited about the opportunities Class Charts will provide to enhance communication and help parents gain a richer understanding of their child's school journey. We look forward to working together to support every student's success.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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