



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

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Planners

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that this will be the last year that we will be using a student planner. From September 2023 we will be moving over to a different system to support students in their learning.

We feel that the physical student planner has now run its course and no longer fits with how our young people, parents and educators communicate, access information, and organise themselves.

All Home Learning will be communicated through SIMS. Teachers will record students' home learning on SIMS along with set and hand in dates and will indicate as to whether it has been completed. Students can access this information from the SIMS website and/or Student App. Through SIMS students will be directed to where the full details of their home learning tasks can be found and this is likely to continue to be on Microsoft Teams, Sparx (Maths), Educake (English) or in the student's exercise book.

Parents and Carers can access the same information from the website or the Parent App and so can better support their child. The information pages currently in the planner will be relocated in other places, for example our website, student subject books, student passport, information posters around the school and through registration.

Teachers have been working with students over the last few weeks and will continue to the end of term to ensure that they are able to log on to SIMS via the website. Accompanying this letter is a set of instructions as to how parents can access SIMS via the website and/or App. Please do read through the instructions carefully as you will need to follow each step exactly to successfully register. You will have already been sent an invitation to register for an account, but we will send it out again for those who may have missed it.

We are really excited about this new development and think it is a big step forward in helping students to grow as independent learners. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Henry
Assistant Headteacher