

Langley Park School for Girls

Enabling everyone to thrive – acting with kindness, determination and respect.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

My Child At School (MCAS) App – A Guide for New and Existing Families

As part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening the partnership between school and home, we would like to introduce — or for many of you, reintroduce — the My Child At School (MCAS) app.

MCAS is a secure and user-friendly platform that allows parents and carers to stay informed and engaged with their child's education. Whether you are new to Langley Park School for Girls or have been with us for some time, MCAS is an essential tool for keeping connected.

What MCAS Offers

- Attendance Tracking: Monitor your child's attendance and punctuality in real time.
- Academic Progress: View reports, grades, and assessment data to support your child's learning.
- Timetable and Calendar: Access your child's daily schedule and stay up to date with school events.
- School Communication: Receive timely messages and updates directly from the school.
- Payments: Make secure payments for trips, meals, and other school-related items.
- Behaviour and Achievements: Stay informed about rewards and behaviour updates.

Understanding Detentions in MCAS

While MCAS is a valuable tool for keeping up to date with your child's school life, it does have some limitations — particularly in how detentions are displayed. Detentions appear in the app as soon as they are awarded, which means you may see multiple entries throughout the day. However, this is part of an automated process, and we apply human oversight at the end of each day to rationalise these sanctions.

For example, in the unlikely event that a student receives a C1 detention in each of their five lessons, MCAS would show five separate detentions scheduled over five days. In practice, we would review this and replace the multiple entries with a single, more appropriate sanction. This ensures that consequences are timely, proportionate, and allow students to reflect and move forward positively.

Another limitation is how MCAS schedules detention times. The app automatically places all detentions into Period 6, displaying them as running from 3.10pm to 4.10pm, regardless of the actual length of the sanction. Please note that the email notification you receive will contain the correct timings:

- C1 detentions: 3.10pm – 3.25pm
- C2 detentions: 3.10pm – 3.55pm
- C3 detentions: 3.10pm – 4.25pm

We encourage parents and carers to refer to the email for accurate information regarding detention duration.

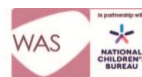
For New Families

If you are joining us this term, you can register and log in to MCAS using the email address held by the school. You will receive a welcome message with instructions on how to activate your account and begin using the app. MCAS is available on both iOS and Android devices, and can also be accessed via a web browser.

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For Existing Families

If you are already using MCAS, we encourage you to continue checking the app regularly to stay informed. If you need help accessing your account or updating your details, please contact the school office.

We hope MCAS continues to be a valuable resource for all families. Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement.

Warm regards,

Mr P Seward
Deputy Headteacher