

MCAS Parent Guide MyChildAtSchool [MCAS]



Introduction

MyChildAtSchool [MCAS] is a portal enabling parents to view their child's academic performance in real-time via a web browser. This facility allows exclusive access to the child's **Attendance**, **Assessment** and **Behaviour** whenever the parent/carer wishes. As well as student performance data, the portal also provides general useful information about school such as the **Academic Calendar** and **Announcements**.

In summary, MyChildAtSchool provides:

- Access to real-time Attendance, Assessment and Behavioural data
- An insight to parents on their child's schoolwork (homework topics etc.)
- Communication facilities to improve contact between parents and schools
- Instant access to **Published Reports** and **Letters**
- Option to purchase Items, join Clubs or book Trips

Note: The information in this guide is based on all the modules being available to the school. Some options like **Behaviour** or **Assessment** may not be used by the school, therefore these will not be available on your **Home Page**.

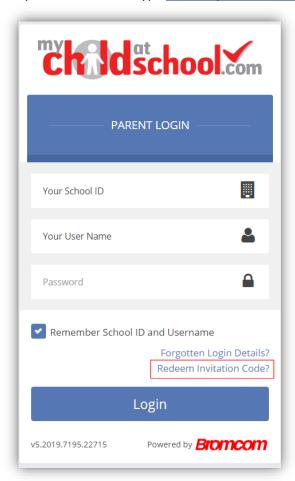
Note: This guide will explain all of the options available to a MyChildAtSchool User. Your school may not have the modules that enable all of these options so you may not see all of them when you view MyChildAtSchool. Also some of the options are configurable and the school may not give access to all of the options for example access to staff emails. The school also has configuration options of Colour, Menu Titles and Sub Menu Titles so these may also differ from the images in this guide

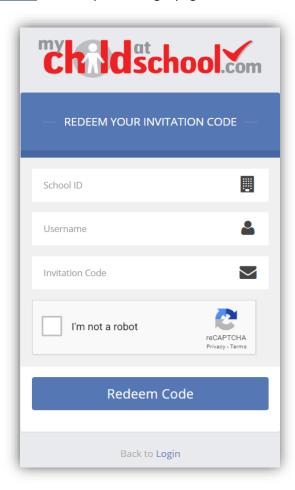
Note: If you have any issues logging into your account, please contact the school directly and not Bromcom. Bromcom only supply the software, the school maintain User login details.

How to Access MCAS

To login to the MCAS Parent Portal you will need to have a valid e-mail address registered with the school and an **Invitation Code** which the school would have sent to you. If you do not have an **Invitation Code** please contact the school for one, as you will **NOT** be able to access the **Parent Portal** without one.

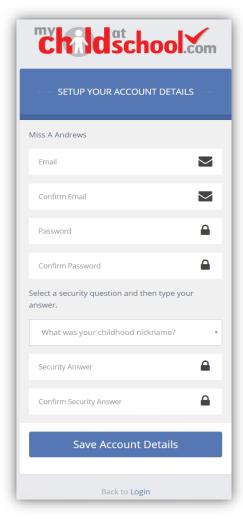
From within your web browser type <u>www.mychildatschool.com</u> this will open the login page.





Click on the **Redeem Invitation Code?** link and enter your **School ID**, **Username** and the **Invitation Code**, which will be a unique 10 character alphanumeric code, [which can only be used once to setup the **Account**], tick the **I'm not a robot** box and click on the **Redeem Code** button.

You will then be asked to **Setup** your **Details**, enter the required information to setup the **Login Details** and click on the **Save Account Details** button. A message will be displayed that the new **Login** setup has been successful and you will be returned to the **Login** page.

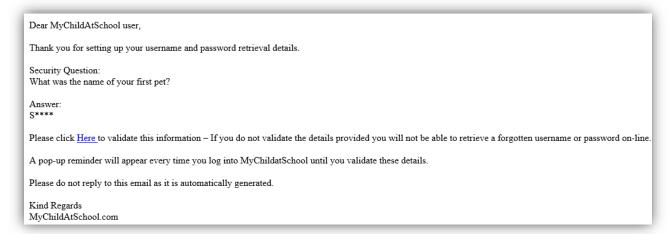


Note: When creating a Password, it must meet the following criteria;

- -8 or more characters
- -1 uppercase character
- -1 numeric character

- -1 special character (!\$+_)
- -1 lowercase character

An e-mail will also be sent to the e-mail address entered asking for the **Login** information to be verified, if this is not verified then you will not be able to **Recover Account Details** or change the **Password** in the future.



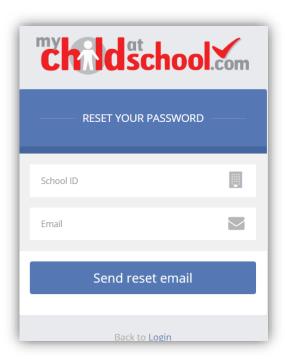
You will now be able to **Login** using your new **Login Details**.

If you should forget your **Login Information**, clicking on the **Forgotten Login Details**? link will allow you to reset your **Password** or **Recover Account Details**.

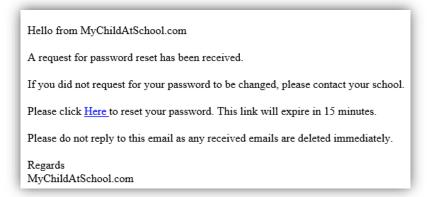


Reset Password

Selecting the I need to reset my password option will open the Reset Password window, where you will be asked to enter the School ID and Email address then click the Send Reset email button.



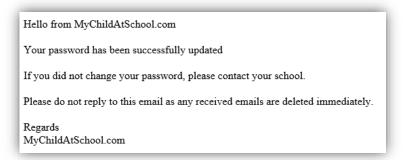
An e-mail will be sent to the verified e-mail address entered, click on the Here link.





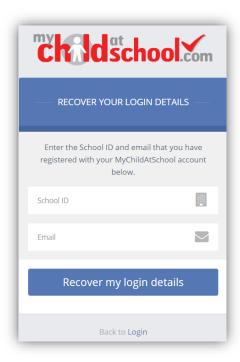


The **Security Question** set previously will be asked and the **Code** from the image will need to be entered, then click the **Verify Answer** button, a new page will show that the requested changes have been made and a confirmation email will be sent.

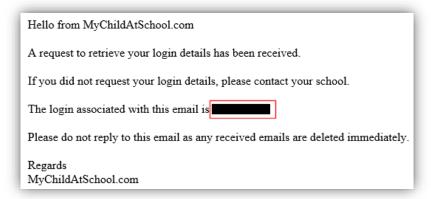


Recover Login Details

Selecting the **Recover my login details** option will open the **Recover login Details** window, where you will be asked to enter the **School ID** and **Email** address then click the **Recover my login details** button.



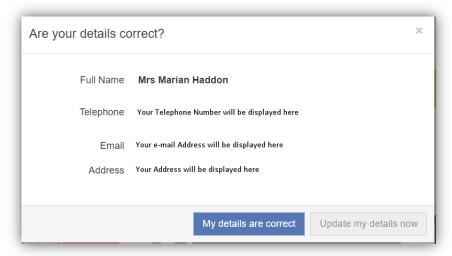
An e-mail will be sent to the verified e-mail address entered with the login name [this will be displayed on the e-mail and not blanked out as in the image].



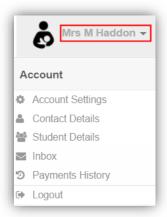
Account Options

On first login to MCAS your Contact Details will be displayed, if they are correct click on the My details are correct button, if they are not click on the Update my details now button and update your Details and Save when finished.

The school set the frequency this option appears, it maybe just once or every 30 or 60 days etc., allowing for new phone numbers or changes to e-mails to be updated.

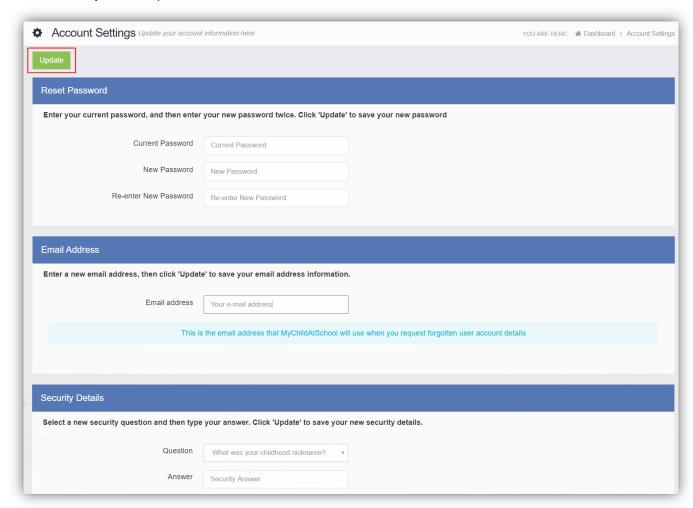


These details can be updated at any time from the **Account** option, by clicking on the down arrow right of your name and selecting the option from the dropdown menu.



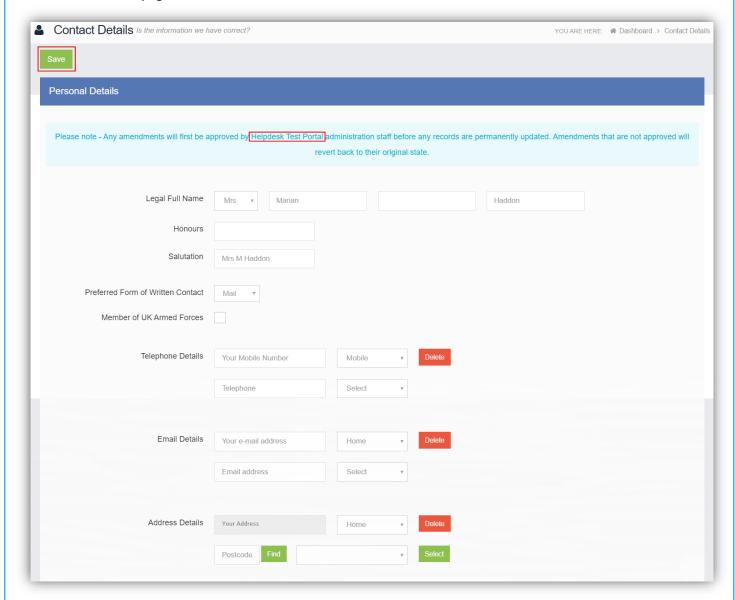
Note: What will be displayed in these options is dependent on the school. Therefore not all of these options may be visible to you.

The **Account Settings** page contains the **Reset Password**, **e-mail Address** (that will be used with **MyChildAtSchool**) and the **Security Details** options.



Update the information and click on the **Update** button to save.

The **Contact Details** page contains the **Personal Details** of the **User**.

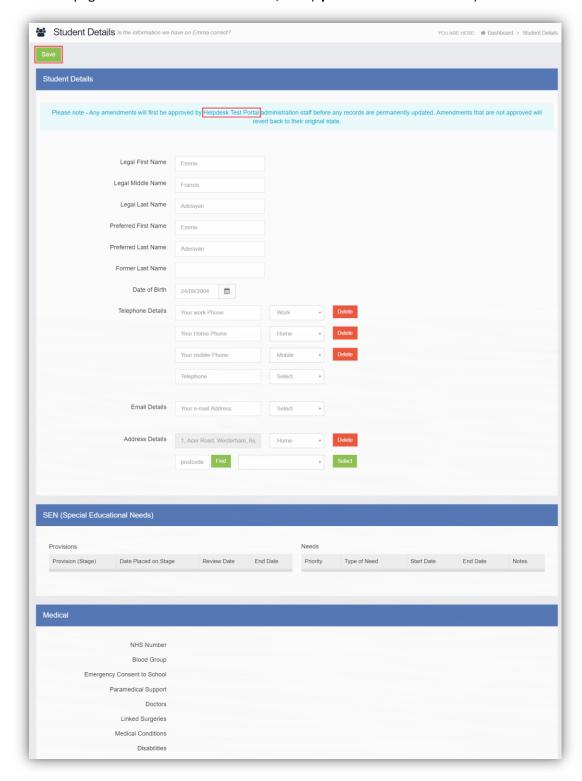


Update the information by using the dropdown menus and the **Delete** buttons to remove out of date information and click on the **Save** button to save.

Note: Information edited here is linked to the information held within the school MIS, but will not be updated within the MIS until the school have accepted the changes. If not approved the updated information will revert to its original state.

Note: The **Helpdesk Test Portal** highlighted at the top of the page is the name of the **Database** being used for this Guide, the name of the school would be here.

The **Student Details** page contains the **Student Details**, SEN (**Special Educational Needs**) and **Medical Information**.



Only the **Student Details** can be updated, once done click on the **Save** button to save.

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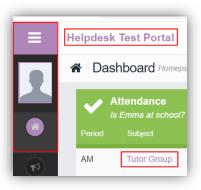
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Customising the Pages

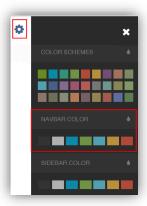
The **Colour Scheme** option allows the **Homepage** to be customised.

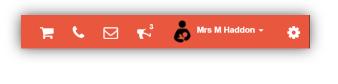
Selecting a colour from the **Colour Schemes** section will change the colour of the header bars and the text.



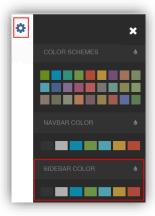


The Navbar Colour option will change the background colour of the Navbar.





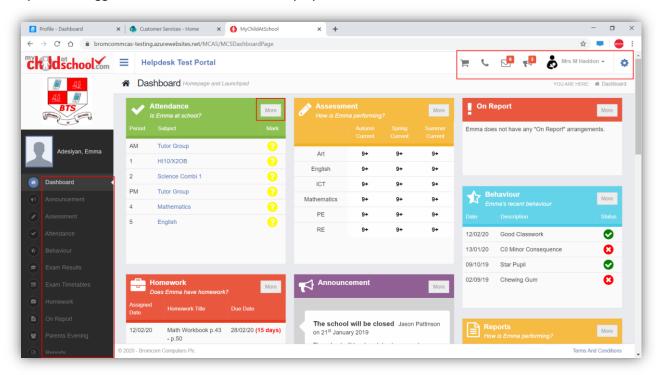
The **Sidebar Colour** option will change the colour of the **Menu Bar**.





Selecting the MCAS Dashboard

Once you have logged in the **Dashboard** will be displayed.

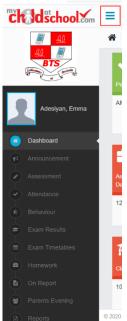


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Each **Widget** will display a quick view, clicking on the **More** button will open that option, giving more detailed information. The **Widget** options can also be opened from the **Menu Bar** on the left by clicking on the option.

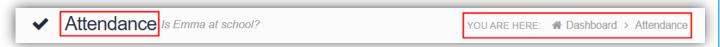
The **Menu Bar** also has a scrollbar to the left and can be minimised or maximised by clicking on the **Three Bar** icon.





Note: Some of the options are only accessible via the Menu Bar and are not displayed as Widgets.

You will always know where you are within the MCAS Module.



The following options are available and will only be displayed if enabled by the school:

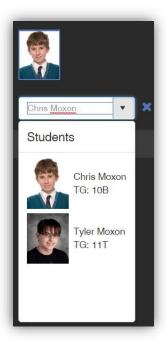
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- Announcement
- Assessment
- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Classes
- Clubs & Trips
- Dinner Money
- Dinners
- Dinner Detail
- Exam Results
- Exam Timetables
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- Parent Evenings
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- Reports
- School Shop
- Timetable
- Outstanding Payments

Multiple Students

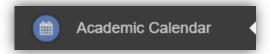
Clicking on the name of the student, next to the photograph, will open a list of other students associated with the **User**.

Click on the photograph or the text to change views. Allowing information for more than one associated **Student** to be viewed without having multiple logins.

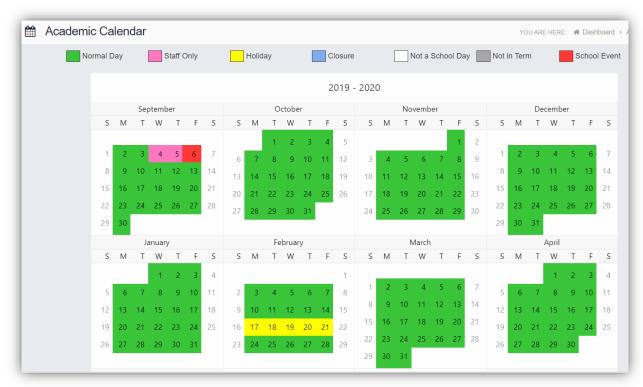


Academic Calendar

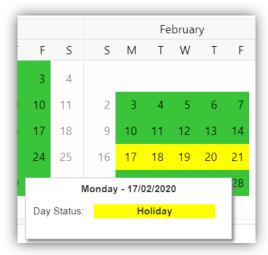
The Academic Calendar is accessible from the Menu Bar only.



It displays the school year showing school days and holidays, there is a legend which explains the colour coding. The colours are configurable by the school so may differ from the image.

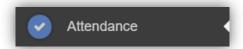


Clicking on a day will display the details for that day.

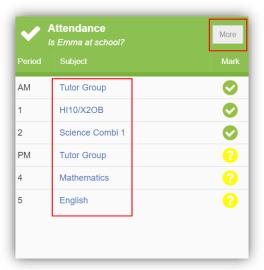


Attendance

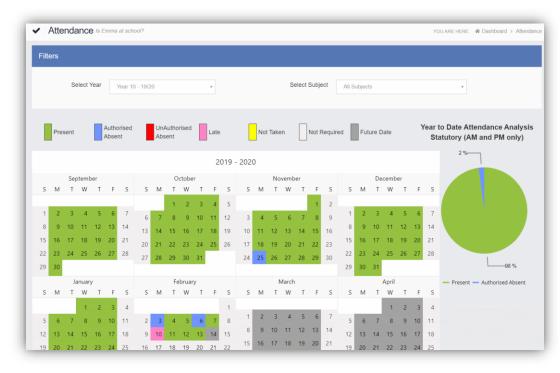
The Attendance option is accessible from both the Menu Bar and a Widget.



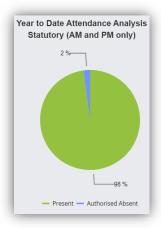
The **Widget** displays the **Attendance** for the current day. Clicking on a subject will open the **Attendance** page with a **Summary Pie Chart** for the year to date for that subject. Click on the **More** button to open the **Attendance** page.

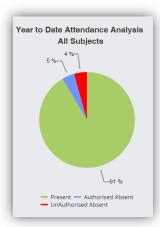


This displays the school year showing school days with the student marks, there is a legend which explains the colour coding. The colours are configurable by the school so may differ from the image. The displayed colour for each day is taken from the highest priority recorded for that day with **Unauthorised Absence** being the highest i.e. any recorded **Unauthorised Absence** will result in that day being highlighted in red or the schools chosen colour, even if it is only for 1 period.

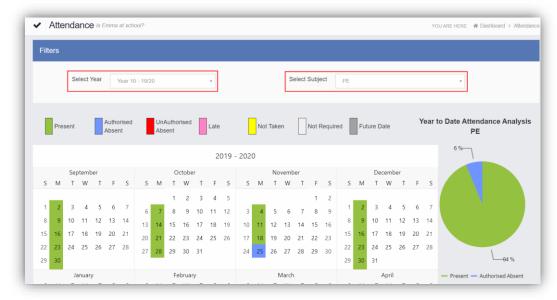


The school also configures the data to be displayed and it may be set to display the **Year to date AM/PM** statutory marks or the **Year to date AM/PM and All Subject** marks.

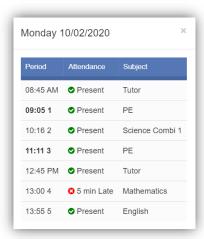




The **Attendance** for a single **Subject** can also be displayed by selecting the **Subject** from the dropdown menu, as can the year.

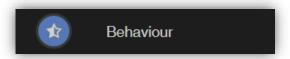


Clicking on any day in the **Calendar** will display the timetabled periods for the student for that day and the registered marks.

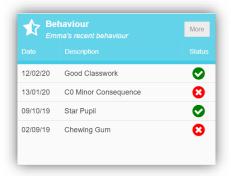


Behaviour

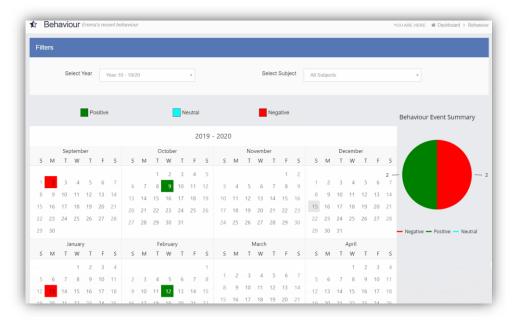
The Behaviour option is accessible from both the Menu Bar and a Widget.



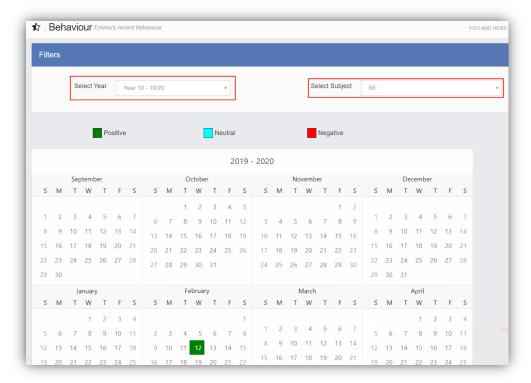
The Widget displays the Behaviour for the last 5 Events. Click on the More button to open the Behaviour page.



It displays the school year showing school days with the student **Behaviour Events**, there is a legend which explains the colour coding. The colours are configurable by the school so may differ from the image. The displayed colour for each day is taken from the highest priority recorded for that day with a **Negative Event** being the highest i.e. any recorded **Negative Event** will result in that day being highlighted in red or the schools chosen colour, even if there are other **Events** that day. The **Pie Chart Summary** displays all **Events**.



The **Behaviour** for a single **Subject** can also be displayed by selecting the **Subject** from the dropdown menu, as can the year.



Clicking on any day in the Calendar will display the Behaviour Events for that day.



Classes

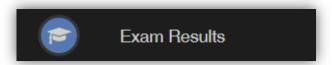
The Classes option is accessible only as a Widget.



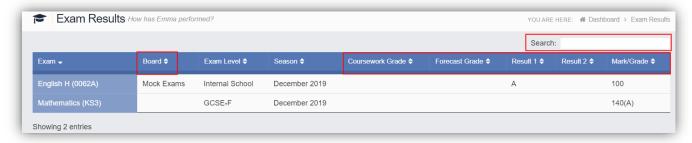
The **Widget** displays the all the **Classes** the student attends with a percentage for the **Attendance** within each. The school can set colours to show **Attendance** between certain percentages, in this example red denotes **Attendance** between 0 to 74% and green 90 to 100%.

Exam Results

The Exam Results option is accessible only from the Menu Bar.



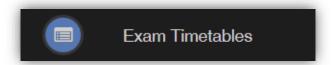
It displays the **Exam Results** for the student, the **Search** option can be used to search for specific **Exams** and the columns can be ordered ascending and descending.



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Exam Timetables

The Exam Timetables option is accessible only from the Menu Bar.



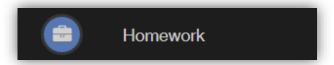
It displays the **Exam Timetables** for the **Student**, the **Search** option can be used to search for specific **Exams** and the columns can be ordered ascending and descending.



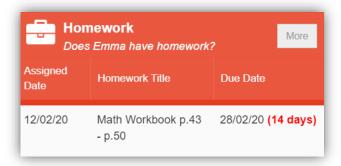
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Homework

The Homework option is accessible from both the Menu Bar and a Widget.



Homework information is displayed on the Homework Widget.

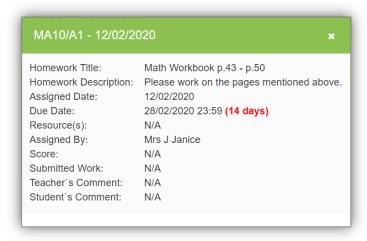


Click on the More button to open the Homework page.



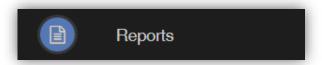
The status of the **Homework** for the current week will be displayed, to look at previous or future weeks use the forward and backward arrows.

Click on the **Homework** bar to see more details.

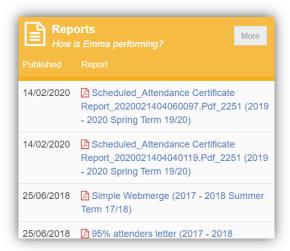


Reports

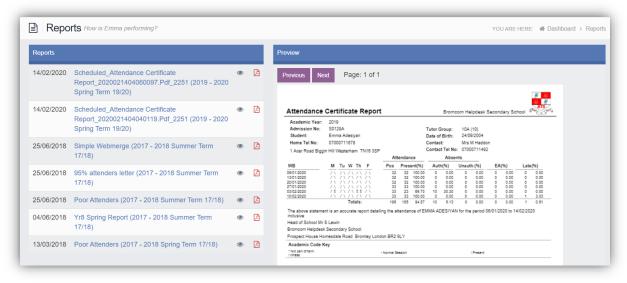
The **Reports** option is accessible from both the **Menu Bar** and a **Widget**.



The Widget will display the last 5 reports or letters that have been published by the school.



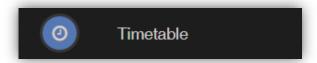
Click on the More button to open the Report page, which will list all Reports available.



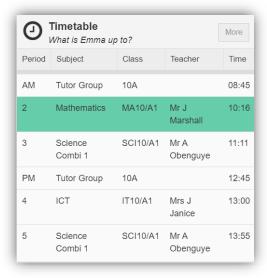
Click on the **Report** name to download it, the format of the **Report** will be displayed to the right. Click on the **Eye** icon to see a **Preview** of the **Report** on the right side of the page.

Timetable

The Timetable option is accessible from both the Menu Bar and a Widget.



The **Widget** will display the timetabled sessions for the day highlighting the current session.



Click on the **More** button to open the **Timetable** page, which will display the **Student Timetable** for the current week, the previous and future weeks can be viewed as well.

