



# ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY

## Testimonial

As an Academy, we were looking for a fresh and modern user-friendly format for our rewards, behaviour management and homework systems.

We were not happy with the school based data management programme we were using and wanted a more interactive format for students, parents and teachers. Connect provides all of these features for us.

For us at Ormiston Six Villages Academy, I can state that Connect has changed the way in which we work. It is an open, transparent and easily accessible system, and the intuitive help sections accompanying it are a real asset when we need reminding or training on Connect.

The software engineers at School Apps have worked extremely closely with us and the approach has been individual to our needs. Connect continues to bring about on-going improvements as a result of the work they have undertaken across all of the customers that they support by sharing best practice from colleagues in other schools.

I would thoroughly recommend developing a relationship with this company as it has proven popular and is bringing a change in the culture of our Academy.



Parent

*"Having now logged into Connect for the first time my initial impressions are that the system is excellent and will be a real help with keeping in touch with what my child should be doing"*

*"Connect is a great asset to the Academy"*



Parent



Teacher

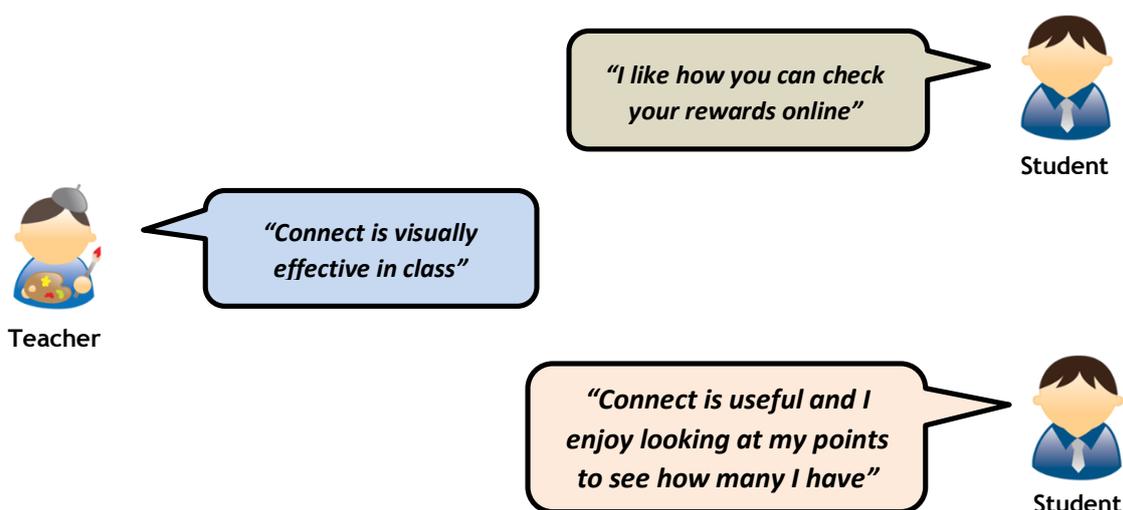
*"I love Connect – it is so quick and easy to use"*

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## Rewards

Students can easily and quickly check rewards that they have received during the day. Teachers can easily set rewards at any time during the lesson or out of the lesson using the web-based interface. As a school, this has enabled us to have healthy competition between students, tutor groups and communities (houses). Student achievements are now more easily identified and celebrated.

Connect points given in lessons are automatically cumulatively added to a student's overall score and this can enable each student to hold gold, silver or bronze trophies (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>) in a class, subject, year group, tutor group or community. These have proven extremely popular with the students.



## Behaviour Management

Teachers can easily communicate concerns about behaviour during lessons by simply one click on the relevant badge to ensure support can be given and/or appropriate further actions can be taken. The nature of some behaviour choices and detentions required are emailed to parents.



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## Homework

All homework in the Academy is now set on the Connect VLE system. It is easy to set and students are notified by message. It also appears in their weekly calendars. Teachers' marksheets are instantly created for each of these homeworks.



Teacher

*"It is great for students to have a fully detailed account of their homework to access from home. I love the way you can attach the worksheets for the students to look at from home"*

*"Connect is a user friendly system"*



Parent

## Virtual Learning Environment

Connect is an easy repository for staff to store lesson materials, place revision videos, podcasts and recommend websites for students to view at any time on any device. This is an area we are just beginning to develop.

*"We can see Connect on our phones or any device connected to the internet and it is hassle free"*



Student



Student

*"I think Connect is a well-designed learning environment"*

## Weekly Summary Emails

Every parent receives a weekly email summary of the rewards and homework that students receive. All have their own accounts to Connect and can check the completion of particular assignments. If any detentions are put in place, the parents are emailed instantly and these also appear in the weekly summary. Parents have commented that they love this facility as it enables them to reward accomplishments, support their children if performance is not meeting expectations, and to check on day to day progress.

## Online 'My Documents' and Shared Drives

Students and staff are now able to access the documents and files stored on the school network through Connect. This has been a convenient feature for many at the school.

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