Dear Parent/Carer,

**SAM** Learning | Online study with proven results.

I'd like to take this opportunity to help all parents have full access to two relatively new initiatives at Rawmarsh Community School. To support student homework and revision, we are using **SAM Learning**. Furthermore, to enhance communication between yourself and school, you can now use **MyEd**. Information regarding both is found below and overleaf.

## Introducing SAM Learning

At school we are always looking for ways to extend our students' learning. Part of our improvement programme involves the use of SAM Learning, a unique online service that offers multiple subjects. **Studies show that students achieve 2 GCSE grades on average better than expected with as little as 10 hours or more use of SAM Learning.**

## Access Details

Students can access the service at anytime and anywhere, whether at school or at home – and it works on any device, from smartphone to home PC. All they need to do is visit the website and enter their unique login details:

## Website address: [www.samlearning.com](http://www.samlearning.com)

| Centre ID: | **S62RC2** |
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| User ID: | **Date of birth followed by two initials: first name then last name.** |
| Password: | **Initially this same as the User ID. Students are encouraged to change this to something difficult to guess.** |

## Getting Started

When they first log in, they will be able to set up their own Avatar – which they can customise, as they complete challenges – as well as link with their friends to compete in challenges. We will be offering incentives and rewards for the top users in each year group.

As a parent, you can use the login above to access your child's account, to see how they are getting on and the work that has been set. In the near future, SAM learning will be releasing Smartphone apps so you can login to a parent account. I will inform you when this happens.

We hope that parents and students are able to take full advantage of SAM Learning.

MY Ed

## Introducing MyEd

We are also pleased to announce that we are introducing a fantastic way to communicate and share information with you. With the increased use of smart phone technology, we want to make the best use of it in order to make you feel as much a part of your child's education as possible. MyEd is a free parent app that gives you a multitude of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at school.

## Functionality

The app gives you direct access to your child's absence (including direct messaging to the Attendance Office regarding absence), timetable, achievements, behaviour, ParentPay, School Box Office, SAM Learning and much more.

We are able to send you messages directly to the MyEd app relating to important information about your child's education and to remind you of the events that are taking place at school. **You will receive a notification if we send you a message and there is no charge for the messages you send to us via the app**. Over the coming months, all letters to parents will be sent through the MyEd app and we will be phasing out SMS text communication in favour of MyEd.

## Getting started

The MyEd app is available now for both Apple iOS and Android devices and can be found on either the Apple App Store or on Google Play by searching for MyEd.

**Once you have downloaded the app, you simply need to select Rawmarsh Community School, put in your name and your mobile number and it will automatically link you to your children.**

It is very important that you let the Data Office know if you change your address or phone number. If you experience any problems accessing the app, please contact the Data Office ([data@rawmarsh.org](mailto:data@rawmarsh.org)) and we will check that we have your correct details on record.

We look forward to updating and expanding MyEd functionality as we go through the year and we hope you find it a useful tool to communicate with school and keep up to date with your child's education and school events.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Conlin

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