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**Product Updates**

**Roundup 22**

Improvements to Exams, Parent Portal Settings and Assessments

## The Headlines

### Exams

We're rolling out so many improvements to exams it's hard to keep up! Here are our favourites this fortnight:

- Unseat individual candidates, an exam paper, or everyone in an exam room using our **Unseat Candidates** buttons
- See if any of your students have clashes in **Timetabling > Exam Clashes**. Easily resolve the clash by clicking the clash and assigning the student to a new Invigilation room
- Choose whether to display **profile pictures** on seating plans
- Improvements to the **Auto-assign Seats** functionality:
  - Snake **Vertical** or **Horizontal**
  - Specify an arrangement pattern starting from **top left** (moving inwards to the right), **bottom left** (moving inwards to the right), **top right** (moving inwards to the left) or **bottom right** (moving inwards to the left)
- New “**don't seat**” options to not seat candidates in particular rows or columns
- Search by **Award Code** on the **Candidate Entries** pages
- We've improved the look of the seating plans so more seats fit on each page, and seats and text are now coloured black

### Parent Portal Settings

We've updated the Candidate entry processes:

- Choose whether to display each **Customer Account Type** set up on the Parent Portal. To choose your settings go to **Students > Parents and guardians > Parent portal Settings**, scroll down to the Payments section and click the **Customer Account Type**. You can also complete this action from **School > Payments > Setup > Customer Account Types**.
- Toggle whether positive or negative **Incidents** are displayed to parents - great if you want to share your positive incidents automatically but not your negative ones! Note: both types of incidents will automatically be set as **Off**.

For more information on customising the Parent Portal, [click here](#).

### Assessments

- See **Grade Distributions** for **Ad Hoc** and **Standardised** Assessments. We've also added some **group by** options to the chart so you can view, for example, boys vs girls.
- We've improved how assessments are added to your **Assessment Policy**. Now just select your Assessment Type and Assessments from the drop-down menus!



## What else is new?

- View staff Contracted Hours alongside other allocations on the *School > Timetable > Staff > Teacher Hours* page. This is calculated from a staff member's Contract Post Salaries.
- See guardians who are not linked to any students in *School > Data > Data Quality Dashboard > Guardians > Guardians with no linked students*. To delete the guardians, just tick the boxes next to their names, then click the blue pencil icon. You can also click their name to go to their profile and link them to a student instead.
- Escalate a **Behaviour Incident** that happens in a lesson to the Second in Department, Head of Faculty or Second in Faculty.

## Coming soon...

### More exams improvements

More updates to Exams are on the way! This includes a new method for **entering candidates by group or course**, being able to **copy seating plans** and more easily manage **Access Arrangements**.

### Assessments

We're adding more ways to customise assessments including showing when a mark was not required for the student or that they were absent at the time of assessment, and the ability to create **Data Collection Policies**, allowing you to set when certain assessment marks should be collected and by who.

### Observations

We'll be introducing the ability to record, save and submit observations, e.g. lesson observations, using a template created by you. This includes creating your own gradeset, themes and strands to be observed.

### Download Student List

We're updating our **Download Student List** functionality. You'll be able to easily choose which data to download and in which order - similar to the way you choose columns in the Custom Report Writer.

### Hodder integration

[Our integration](#) will allow you to send student demographic data to **MARK**. You'll then be able to analyse your test results for **PUMA** and **PiRA** on our new **School and MAT MIS dashboards**.

### Group MIS Permissions

We'll be making our Group MIS permissions more granular, allowing your staff to complete as many actions as possible while maintaining the correct levels of safety and data protection.

Take a look at [our article](#) for what this means for your MAT.

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