



# 2021/2022 Product Updates Roundup 16

Logging in and communications improvements

# The Headline - MAT MIS

Last year, we introduced the ability to send emails in the MAT MIS in bulk using a Mail Merge. To help you take action with your data, we've added bulk actions to allow you to email specific students, guardians or staff right from your analysis pages.



The screenshot shows a web interface with three tabs: 'Chart', 'Data', and 'Students'. The 'Students' tab is active, displaying a table titled 'By Cluster'. The table has columns for Student, Institution, Year Group, Gender, Pupil Premium, SEN, EAL, Year to Date, and Previous Academic. There are three rows of data. The first two rows are highlighted in light blue and have checkboxes for 'Send Email to Primary Guardians' and 'Send Email to Students'. The third row is not highlighted and has a checkbox for 'Adam Allen'.

Student	Institution	Year Group	Gender	Pupil Premium	SEN	EAL	Year to Date	Previous Academic...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Year 5	Female				94.28%	89.81%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Year 5	Female	✓	✓		90.19%	81.15%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adam Allen	Year 4	Male				93.73%	91.35%

You can also now use Single Sign-on (SSO) and/or Two-factor authentication on the MAT MIS, just like on the School MIS! To set this up, you'll need to have the **User Details: Manage All Users** permission, then go to **Group Staff > Users & Security > Authentication Setup**.

## What else is new?

- Add hyperlinks, bullet points, bold, italic and underline to school notices, to easily show staff important links e.g. to your website.
- We now show a placeholder image in My Classroom when a student has no saved profile picture.
- Previously if gender was set as not known or not specified in Arbor, this would flag errors in the Census. We've updated this in line with DfE guidance: [Gender in Arbor and statutory returns](#)

## Coming soon...

### Timetabling

We want to make it easier for schools to make changes to their timetable. In future, you'll be able to import from Arbor into TimeTabler, rather than needing to keep both systems up to date with tweaks to rooms or staffing.

We're also working on better functionality for excluding students from certain timetable slots, and the ability to import Options!

### Assessments

We're doing some work on the DfE assessments area to get it ready for statutory assessments this year.

Plus, summative assessments that automatically calculate a SUM total, and simplifying the process of adding assessments to next year.

### Census

To help you support your schools in getting their School Censuses done, we're adding an overview of census completion to the MAT MIS.

**We publish a roundup of our releases every other Friday [here](#). You can also see what else we're working on and make suggestions using [our Roadmap](#). Why not also join the conversation in the [Arbor Community](#).**