



2020/2021 Product Updates Roundup 21

Reduce login issues, manage cover and keep your Trust updated

The Headlines

Resolve duplicate email addresses

One of the biggest reasons parents and staff have trouble logging on is because their email address is being used on multiple profiles, so the system won't know which to log into.

Reduce those logging in queries using [our new Duplicate emails page](#) - perfect to check before rolling out the Parent Portal!

The screenshot shows a 'Duplicate Emails' interface. On the left, a table lists email addresses, with 'adam.richards@arbor-mail.com' highlighted. On the right, a pop-up titled 'Users With This Email Address' explains how it works and lists users associated with the selected email: Adam Richards (Guardian) and Adam Richards (1MI) (Student).

My Classroom

We've added live attainment data to My Classroom, giving you a snapshot of student progress lesson-to-lesson. Choose the grades and targets to track directly on your seating plan so you can identify and support both your high and low achievers. See how to get started here: [Attainment in My Classroom](#)

Plus, we've fixed the issue where fonts in My Classroom were displaying as Times New Roman on Windows devices.

The screenshot shows a student profile for Riley Ward with a current grade of 3+ and a year target of 5, with a status of 'Slightly below'. Next to it is Sienna Phillips with a current grade of 3+ and a year target of 5. To the right is a 'Summative assessment' dropdown menu showing 'P8: English Language GCSE (Le...)' and options for 'Current' and 'Year target' grades.

Cover and timetabling

You can now import Non-Teaching Activities (NTAs) from TimeTabler, allowing you to import any events, PPA, break duty etc. Map to an event type already existing in Arbor, or import a new event type.

Choose which events need cover when importing, and toggle this setting for events from the **School > TimeTable > All Events (List)** page. Just click a future event from this page to choose if cover would be required, or edit the participants.

See how to import from TimeTabler [here](#), or how to mark events as requiring cover or not if a staff member is absent [here](#).

The screenshot shows the 'Edit School Event' form. On the left, a 'School Event Overview' table lists details like event type (Lunch), name (Lunch duty), date/time (Tue, 29 Jun 2021, 12:00 - 13:00), location (HALL), and requires cover (No). On the right, the 'Edit Recurring Events' section has a 'Requires cover' checkbox checked, and fields for start time (12:00), end time (13:00), and recurring until (31st Aug 2021). Buttons for 'Cancel', 'Edit current event', and 'Edit recurring events' are at the bottom.

Group MIS HR

If you have the **Contract Management: All Group Staff** permission, you can now record loads more HR details for Group MIS staff:

- Report on any absences (taking working periods into account) and payroll numbers for your Group MIS staff members from our new **Group Staff > Absences > All Staff Absences** and **Statistics** pages.
- Set up pay scales and spinal points for your Group MIS staff from the **Group Staff > HR Admin** page, and add them to your Group staff member's contracts from the **Contracts > Salary** section of their Group MIS staff profile.
- For contractors, you can log hourly or daily rates in the **Contracts > Daily/Hourly rate** section of their Group MIS staff profile.

What else is new?

- If your school uses the Parent Portal, there's an easy way to respond to in-app messages! Select the message right from the **Communication Log** and click the **Action** button to create the message. Much quicker than having to go create a new mail merge, plus the guardian's original message will automatically be included! See more on how this works in the **Replying to an in-app message sent by a guardian** section [here](#).
- Clashing events now display side-by-side (rather than on top of each other) on the 5-day calendar view.
- On student profiles, you can see their last, current and next events - this now includes interventions.

- Trust leaders can now easily email staff, students and guardians across their schools, or their Group MIS staff, right from within the Group MIS - take a look [here](#).
- We've made managing nursery enrolment into registers easier. You can see how to complete step 6 of the New School Year Setup process for your nursery students [here](#). If you've already completed this step before the changes, you can continue with the New School Year Setup.
- Previously, planned absence pre-fill marks would show on the **Bulk Edit Marks Advanced** page, even if the mark in the register had been changed. Now we show the mark that's in the register.
- The grid on the **School > Timetable > Staff Timetable** page now stays the same height as the page, so you don't need to scroll down to be able to move the bar to the left or right.

Coming soon...

Examinations

We're putting the final touches on sharing exam results with students or their guardians via email, and students via the Student Portal.

Payments

To help with managing your school shop or other Customer Account Types, we'll make it possible to raise invoices in bulk.

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 in the conversation in the [Arbor Community](#)?