SIMS has been upgraded

Welcome to the SIMS 2021 Summer Release

SIMS 7.200 - Independent

This information is also available from the Documentation Centre, which is accessed by clicking the Documentation button on the SIMS Home Page.
How to Use this Section

Click the Book icon to activate a link that takes you directly to the relevant handbook.

Click the Video Camera icon to preview the associated functionality.

Please note that not all features have links.

Changes applicable to all schools

AMPARK
The Assessment Manager and Performance Analysis Resource Kit (AMPARK) provides a set of resources for use with SIMS Assessment. This kit has been updated for the SIMS 2021 Summer Release.

Assessment

- Selecting the Show Forename, Surname in Marksheets check box in the Options dialog via Tools | Performance | Options changes the default display order in all Assessment marksheets to pupil/student forename and then surname. With this option selected, clicking the Student column heading in a marksheet toggles between ascending and descending forename and then surname order.

- The Hide Graph items with no Results check box has been added to the Basic panel of the Individual Report Details page. To prevent empty result options from being displayed where no corresponding results are recorded, select this check box.

CTF

- Before 1 August 2021, this release supports CTF version 19.0 or 20.0 for the import of CTF. From 1 August 2021 onwards, CTF version 20.0 or 21.0 can be used for the import of CTF.

- Before 1 August 2021, this release supports CTF version 20.0 for the export of CTF. From 1 August 2021 onwards, CTF version 21.0 will be used for the export of CTF.

Changes applicable to schools in Wales only

Assessment

- When running the SIMS School Report, following valuable customer feedback, it is no longer possible to report on a specific assessment term. Therefore, the Assessment Term drop-down list has been removed from the School Report dialog. Additionally, the following sections have been removed from the SIMS School Report. Therefore, these options are no longer available in the Report sections to be included section of the dialog:
  - Key Stage 2 Attainment
  - Key Stage 2 Attainment vs Target
  - Average Point Score for Key Stage 2
  - Progress from Key Stage 1
  - Progress from Last Summer in Key Stage 2.

Examinations Organiser

- The Performance Measures file has been updated and can be imported once you have upgraded to the SIMS 2021 Summer Release. After consultation with the QiW, the Welsh Government and schools, four data items have been added: Discount Code, (English) Title, Awarding Body and QWAD (Codes). After import, the Activity Log displays QWAD numbers instead of QAN numbers.
When clicking the **Add Result** and **View/Edit** buttons in the **Performance Results** panel in Edit PI Data, the **Add Result** and **Edit Result** dialogs now display the four new data items added to the Performance Measures file: Discount Code, (English) Title, Awarding Body and QWAD (Codes). The PI collation and calculation processes (via the **CRD** and **CKD** buttons) have been updated to recognise this information. These items are now reflected in the following reports:

- KS4 Performance Measures Full, Detailed and Summary reports
- 16-18 Performance Measures Full, Detailed and Summary reports
- Entry Report
- Both versions of the Candidate Statement of Results Report (via **Tools | Examinations | Candidate Statement of Results Report** in SIMS 7 and **Reports | Results | Candidate Statement of Results in Examinations Organiser**).

### Reporting

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- Key Stage 2 Attainment
- Key Stage 2 Attainment vs Target
- Average Point Score for Key Stage 2
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### SIMS Core

- The description for the **SEN Co-ordinator** role in the **SWAC Role** lookup has changed to **SEN/ALN Co-ordinator** (Special Educational Needs/Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator):
  - SC – SEN/ALN Co-ordinator (additional role)
  - SP – SEN/ALN Co-ordinator (primary role).
Where to find more information

More information regarding the content of this release can be found here.

The SIMS Newsfeed – SIMS 7 Release Hub provides important links to resources for this release.

The SIMS Documentation Centre provides access to all the documentation, e.g. handbooks, quick reference sheets, reporting catalogue, yearbooks, etc. It can be accessed by clicking the Documentation button on the SIMS Home Page.

Online help can be accessed by pressing F1 or by clicking the applicable Help button in SIMS.

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