

# **Revision History**

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# **Overview**

This handbook has been created to provide you with all the information that you will need to process exam results and prepare and calculate PI Data in SIMS and Examinations Organiser.

It also details how you can produce a number of relevant reports in a variety of formats.

# What's New in this Release?

A number of additional features and enhancements have been provided for this release.

# Removal of the Import Performance Measures File Functionality

# Tools | Examinations | Import Qualification Data

Schools in England are no longer required to import a Performance Measures file provided by Capita SIMS.



### More Information:

Importing Qualification Data for Performance Indicators on page 10

# Cloning QNs from the Previous Academic Year

# Tools | Examinations | PI Setup

It is now possible to clone QN (formerly referred to as QAN) codes used in the previous academic year and carry them over to the next year. This removes the need to import a Performance Measures file containing a large number of QNs that are not relevant to your curriculum. It also ensures that out-of-date or surplus QNs are not carried over from one year to the next. When new QNs are required in school, they can now be added individually.



### More Information:

Cloning QNs from the Previous Year on page 15

# Managing Examinations Data in SIMS

# Tools | Examinations | Manage Performance Indicator

With the introduction of the cloning of QNs from the previous academic year functionality, schools can now manage their own examinations data.



### More Information:

Checking and Modifying the Managing Performance Indicator Details on page 24

# Where to Find More Information

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

A wide range of documentation is available from the SIMS **Documentation Centre**, including handbooks, quick reference sheets and tutorials. Click the **Documentation** button (located on the top right-hand side of the SIMS **Home Page**), select the required category and then select the document you require. Alternatively, use the **Search** facility to locate the required document.

Documentation is also available from the My Account website (<a href="https://myaccount.capita-cs.co.uk">https://myaccount.capita-cs.co.uk</a>).

- 1. Enter the required text in the **Search** field to display a list of documents that match the search criteria.
- To refine the search further, click **Documents** and then select the required **Document type**, **File type** and/or **Date** range (click **Show more** to view additional options, if required).

Alternatively, click **SIMS Publications** (located in the **Popular Searches** list) to display a list of all SIMS publications.

The search results are displayed automatically.

# Tips for using the My Account Search Facility

Here are some key tips for using the search facility in My Account. For additional explanations, please refer to the My Account website.

- The search results can be refined further by using the advanced filters,
   e.g. Sort by relevance or Sort by last modified.
- The following rules can be applied to your search terms:
  - Surround a word or phrase with "double quotes" to return results containing that exact phrase.
  - Prefix a words or phrases with + to make them essential.

For example: "end of year procedures" +primary +detailed

The following additional handbooks for Examinations Organiser are available from the **Documentation Centre**:

- Preparing Examinations Organiser for an Exams Season
- Guide to Importing and Structuring your Basedata
- Administering and Registering Candidates for Exams
- Setting Up Domestic Exams in Examinations Organiser
- Using the Unit Seating Wizard in Examinations Organiser.

# **02**/Processing Results

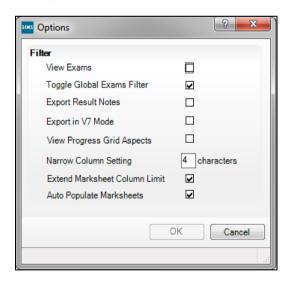
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# Important Note Regarding the Results Day 'Embargo'

Examinations Organiser can employ an embargo on Results Download Day, which prevents the viewing of examination results in SIMS. On these days, examination results can only be viewed by the Examinations Officer and staff members who have been assigned appropriate permissions or those who have been granted an exemption. However, it is still possible to view examination entries, forecasts and coursework marks in SIMS on these days.

On Results Download Days, Exams Officers should also restrict the viewing in SIMS of aspects, grade sets, etc. from Examinations Organiser.

In SIMS, select Tools | Performance | Options to display the Options dialog.



Deselect the Toggle Global Exams Filter check box and click the OK button.

If you deselect the Toggle Global Exams Filter check box, then all other users will find that the View Exams check box is greyed out and cannot be accessed. This means that the Exams Organiser elements remain hidden from them.

# Assessment Marksheet View Before Employing the Embargo

Exam results are visible in Assessment marksheets prior to employing the embargo.

Students	Target GCSE Eng KS4 Target	Attain GCSE Eng Au Year 10 Autumn Term	Target GCSE Eng Lit KS4 Target	Attain GCSE Engl Lit Au Year 10 Autumn Term	Attain GCSE EnglLit Sp Year 10 Spring Term	OCR J350 ResGF November Exams 2014
ABBOT, Hannah	D	D	D	D		A*
ADAMS, Melanie	В	В	В	В		Α
ADKINS, Richard	D	D	D	D		В
AINSWORTH, Alison	E	Е	E	Е		С
ANDREWS, Bethany	С	С	С	С		D
APEREN, Alex	В	С	В	С		E

# Assessment Marksheet After Employing the Embargo

Exam results are hidden from view in results columns in Exams marksheets and any columns in Assessment marksheets that use Exam Result aspects.

Students	Target GCSE Eng KS4 Target	Attain GCSE Eng Au Year 10 Autumn Term	Target GCSE Eng Lit KS4 Target	Attain GCSE Engl Lit Au Year 10 Autumn Term	Attain GCSE EnglLit Sp Year 10 Spring Term	OCR J350 ResGF November Exams 2014
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ADKINS, Richard	D	D	D	D		
AINSWORTH, Alison	E	Е	E	Е		
ANDREWS, Bethany	С	С	С	С		
APEREN, Alex	В	С	В	С		

# **Importing Results**

Once the examination boards have released the results files and you have downloaded these results files and placed them in the Examin folder, you must then import the results into Examinations Organiser.

Results files are posted on the Internet site of each individual examination board. Please contact the examination boards directly for instructions on downloading result files.

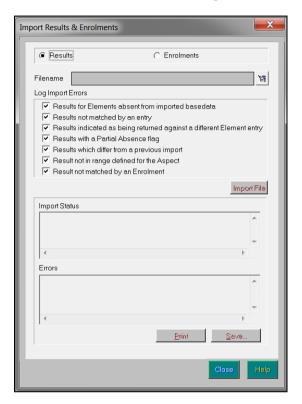


# **Additional Resources:**

Examination Board Contact Details in the Additional Information chapter of the Preparing Examinations Organiser for an Exams Season handbook

# Making the Selection

Select Tools | Import Results & Enrolments to display the Import Results & Enrolments dialog.



The Import Results & Enrolments dialog displays the Import Status for the selected file and also any Errors that occurred throughout the import process.

- Select whether you wish to import Results from any examination board or Enrolments from the Edexcel (Pearson) examination board by selecting the appropriate radio button.
- Click the Navigator button adjacent to the Filename field to display the Import Result Files dialog.



# Navigator button

- Select the results file you wish to import and click the **OK** button to confirm your selection and return to the Import Results & Enrolments dialog.
- Select the appropriate Log Import Errors check boxes to determine the types of error to be written to file should they occur. The options available vary depending on the type of import you wish to perform.
- Click the Import File button to import the selected file with the appropriate options.
  - The Import Status and Errors boxes update accordingly as the import proceeds.
- Once the import process is complete, the Print and Save buttons are made available for selection.

Click the **Print** button to print the details displayed in the **Errors** box or click the Save button to save these details to a filename and location of your choice.

- 8. Click the Close button to return to Examinations Organiser.
- To ensure that the results have been imported correctly, select **Reports** | Statement of Student Results.

# **Dealing with Errors when Importing Results**

When importing the results, you may discover a number of errors, either in the results file itself or in the data on your system. A summary of the import errors can be found below, together with an explanation of how to resolve such errors.

Error	Cause	Resolution
Results for elements absent from imported basedata	Results have been imported for elements that were not imported as basedata	Refresh basedata with the missing elements
Results not matched by an entry	Results imported from the results file do not have a corresponding entry in Examinations Organiser	No action necessary as the results may stand by themselves
Results indicated as being returned against a different element entry	Results imported for an element that is different to the element for which an entry was made	The system will check that the element for which the grade is issued has been imported and record the result against this
Results with a Partial Absence flag	The examination board has recognised that the grade issued is awarded against less than the complete list of components	This report is for information only
Results which differ from a previous import	The examination board has updated a result	This report is for information only as the system will overwrite the existing result
Result not in range defined for the aspect	Results imported are deemed to be invalid, according to the range of valid entries in its associated aspect	Contact the appropriate examination board
Results not matched by an enrolment	Results imported from the results file do not have a corresponding enrolment in Examinations Organiser	No action necessary as the results may stand by themselves

# **Viewing Examination Results in SIMS**

Once examination results have been imported, this information can be viewed in Examinations Organiser and SIMS, together with any outstanding examination entries and forecasts and coursework marks.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is not possible to view examination results via the Examinations Link in SIMS on Results Download Day, if the embargo has been specified. It will still be possible to view examination entries, forecasts and coursework marks in SIMS.

To view a student's examination details in SIMS:

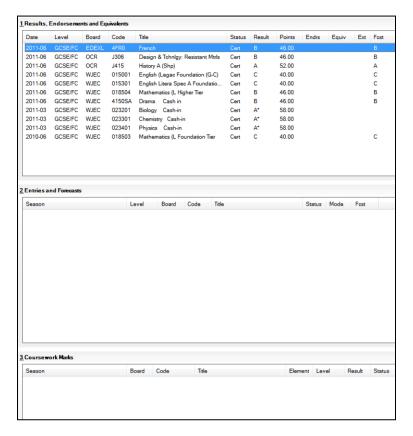
- Log into SIMS. 1.
- Select Focus | Student | Student Details to display the Find Student browser.
- Search for and highlight the student whose examination results you wish to view.
- 4. Click the Open button to display that student's details on the Student Details page.

The **Student Details** page displays all the information that has been entered relating to the specific student.

It is possible to view the student's **Examinations** information that is available within the system, which is drawn from Examinations Organiser.

NOTE: This information is read-only. To make any changes to this information, you must use Examinations Organiser.

Click the Examinations hyperlink in the Links panel on the right-hand side of the page to display the Student Examination Results Detail page.



Any examination Results, Endorsements and Equivalents are displayed, together with details of any outstanding Entries and Forecasts, as well as any Coursework Marks.

Click the **Back** button to return to the **Student Details** page, if required.

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# Introduction

The Performance Indicators functionality in SIMS is useful to the Examinations Officer on or immediately after exam results day in August, when you prepare the reports required by school management. You can enter PI or non-EDI values at any time once the PI Summer season has been defined.



### More Information:

Setting up a PI Season and Performance Indicator Parameters in SIMS on page

# **Creating the Performance Indicator Cohorts**

Once the examination results have been imported, the PI collation process is automatically initiated when you first access the Edit PI Data menu route in SIMS. This creates either one or two cohort groups, depending on your school phase.

The first group contains students on-roll on School Census day (the third Thursday in January - England only), and PLASC day in Wales, and who were recorded as being members of Curriculum Year 11 at this date. This group is called 201n KS4, where 201n is the year in which the results are considered.

The second group contains students who are on-roll on School Census or PLASC (Wales) day and who were 16, 17 or 18 years of age on 31st August preceding the year of the return and who can be identified as having completed two years of Post-16 study. This group is called 201n Age 16+, where 201n is the year in which the results are considered.

NOTE: For a student to be a member of the 201n Age 16+ cohort, they must have attained an EDI result equivalent to at least one AS/A2 grade. Attaining a single non-EDI result does not qualify the student for automatic inclusion in the 201n Age 16+ cohort and manual adjustment of the cohort is required.

# Permissions for Accessing Performance Indicators Menu **Routes in SIMS**

A menu permission called **PI Setup** is available from System Manager, enabling you to access the Examinations PI menu routes in SIMS.

Menu Route	Role	Note
Tools   Examinations   Import Qualification Data	Exams Officer Returns Officer Curricular Manager Returns Manager Senior Management Team	
Tools   Examinations   Edit PI Data	Exams Officer	
Tools   Examinations   PI Reports	Exams Officer Exams Operator	The Reports Permission is available to add to other groups in SIMS
Tools   Examinations   PI Setup	Exams Officer Exams Operator (view only)	The Exams Operator can only change the season, not the default directory.
Tools   Examinations   Manage Performance Indicator	Exams Officer	

When the exam results embargo is in place, all staff members who have been granted permissions to access the Examinations menu routes in SIMS can access the Edit PI and PI Reports menu routes.

# **Importing Qualification Data for Performance Indicators**

Qualification Numbers (QNs) are applied to each individual exam award. These are used to universally identify the exam board provider, the level being studied and the subject of an exam. To ensure that the most current QNs available for each course of study are being used, you are strongly advised to download and then import the QWS catalogues provided by the DfE before starting each School Census return

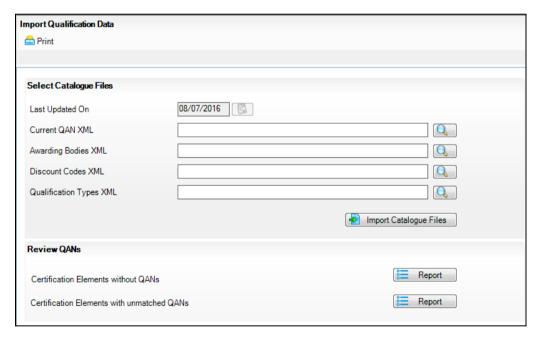
(https://collectdata.education.gov.uk/gwsweb/default.aspx). The import of the latest QWS catalogues is also required before Performance Indicator (PI) calculations can be performed.

Schools in Northern Ireland must continue to import the NIEFQAN.xml file provided by C2K. DAQW compiles the details of recognised Awarding Bodies and their qualifications for Northern Ireland, together with the grades, points values, equivalences and thresholds of the qualifications.

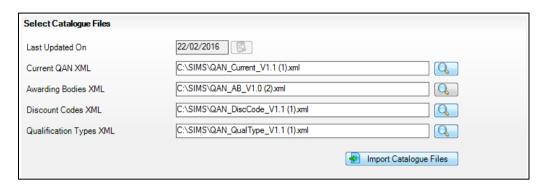
In SIMS, select Tools | Examinations | Import Qualification Data. If you have not already downloaded the most recent files, please do so before continuing. The necessary files can be obtained from the Department for Education QAN Web Site https://collectdata.education.gov.uk/gwsweb/(S(tr0qbpqe3f5zbd20agx0123 z))/Main.aspx.



After downloading the latest files, click the **OK** button to display the **Import** Qualification Data page.

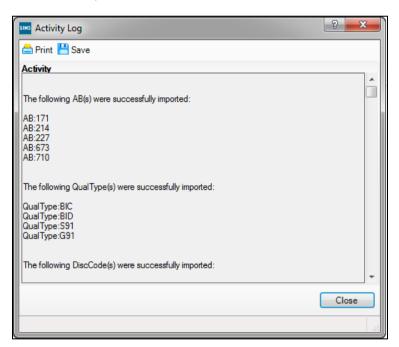


In the Select Catalogue Files panel, click the Browser button adjacent to the relevant file type field and navigate to the location of each file. Highlight the required file and click the **Open** button. You must ensure that the file selected for each file type is the correct one.



As long as you have selected the correct file name for each file type, when you click the Import Catalogue Files button, the files are automatically imported in the correct order. This may take a few minutes.

When the files have imported successfully, the **Activity Log** confirms what has been imported.



Click the Close button.

It is possible to print two reports from the **Review QANs** panel. These reports enable you to check the integrity of the QNs in the basedata:

Certification Elements without QANs - this report lists the Series Code, Series Description, Board, Entry Code and the Title of all basedata elements without a QN. You must enter the missing QNs (in Examinations Organiser via Focus | Basedata) to ensure the accuracy of the PI data in Examinations Organiser.

Certification Elements with unmatched QANs - this report lists the Series Code, Series Description, Board, Entry Code, Title and QAN of all basedata elements that have a different QN from the QN details provided in the relevant file. You must correct the QNs in the basedata to ensure the accuracy of the PI data in Examinations Organiser.

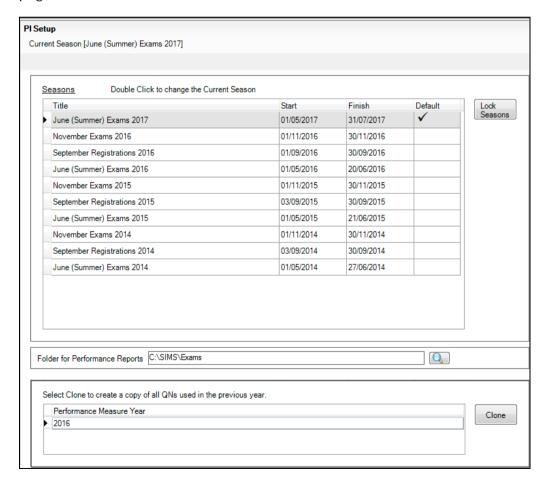
NOTE: Both of these reports check the QN information held for the past four years.

# Setting up a PI Season and Performance Indicator Parameters in SIMS

Before using the Edit PI Data menu route in SIMS, ensure that the current Summer season has been selected.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** To ensure that a season is considered as a Summer season in SIMS, the Start and Finish dates that you define must encompass the month of June. The month of June must also be included in the Season Pattern defined via Tools | School Setup | Season Pattern in Examinations Organiser.

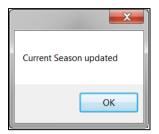
Select Tools | Examinations | PI Setup in SIMS to display the PI Setup page.



All previous open examination seasons are displayed in the **Seasons** panel with their **Title** and **Start** and **Finish** dates. The default season as specified in Examinations Organiser is identified by a tick in the **Default** column.

2. Double-click the **Title** of the required season to change the selected season to the relevant PI Summer season.

A confirmation dialog is displayed.



**IMPORTANT NOTE:** You can only access the **Edit PI Data** menu route if the selected season is a Summer season.

You must also specify the storage location for all Performance Reports, using the **Folder for Performance Reports** panel. The storage location must be on a secured shared area on the school's network. If you set the storage location to the **Documents** folder on your PC, the storage location for all other users will default to their user specific **Documents** folder.



**IMPORTANT NOTE:** When specifying the storage location for all Performance Reports, it is suggested that consideration is given to any active embargo and the possibility of the exam results being visible to users who may not be authorised to view them.

3. Click the **Search** button to display the **Browse For Folder** dialog.

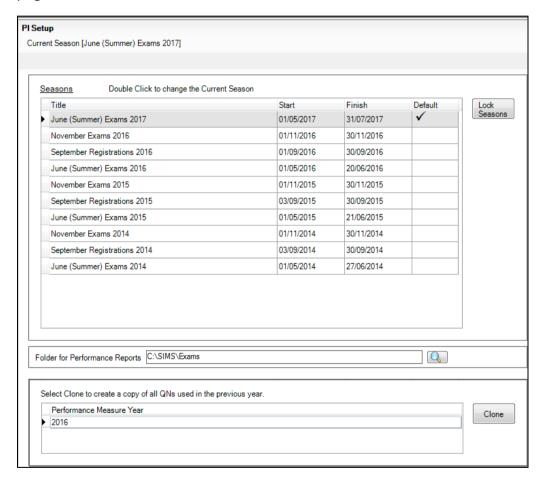


Navigate to the required storage location for the Performance Reports and click the **OK** button. Alternatively, click the **Make New Folder** button to create a designated storage folder.

# Cloning QNs from the Previous Year

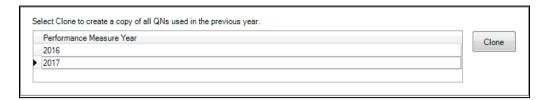
It is possible to clone all the QNS imported from the 2016 Performance Measures file that have results recorded against them in the associated exams season, and copy them into the current Performance Measure Year. This assists with the process of managing performance indicators because the majority of the information required for the current exam season can be cloned and checked thoroughly instead of being input in its entirety again.

In SIMS, select Tools | Examinations | PI Setup to display the PI Setup page.



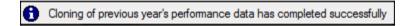
All previous open examination seasons are displayed in the **Seasons** panel, together with their Title and Start and Finish dates. The default season as specified in Examinations Organiser is identified by a tick in the **Default** column.

In the Select Clone to create a copy of all QNs used in the previous year panel, highlight the previous Performance Measure Year and click the Clone button.



When the process has completed, an entry for the current Performance Measure Year is displayed in the Select Clone to create a copy of all QNs used in the previous year panel.

A confirmation message is displayed at the bottom of the page.



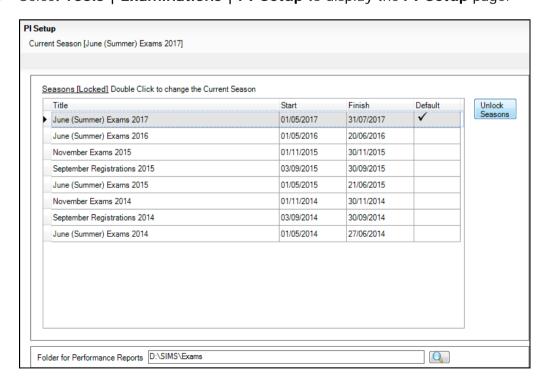
# Unlocking a Season that has been Locked Automatically

It is important to understand that the ending and the locking of an Exams season are two separate processes. The status of the season has an impact on the activities that can be carried out.

When an Exams season is first created, it remains open throughout a specified date range. You specify the start and finish dates for the season and when the finish date is reached, the season automatically ends but is not locked.

Seasons are locked automatically on 31 January of the year following the issue of the exam results.

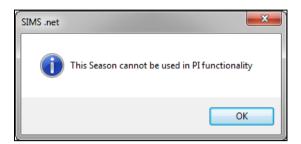
Select Tools | Examinations | PI Setup to display the PI Setup page.



Highlight a season that is not currently selected as the **Default**.

If the season has already been closed and all PI calculations, collations and analysis have been carried out, you cannot use this season to apply additional PI functionality.

A warning message is displayed.

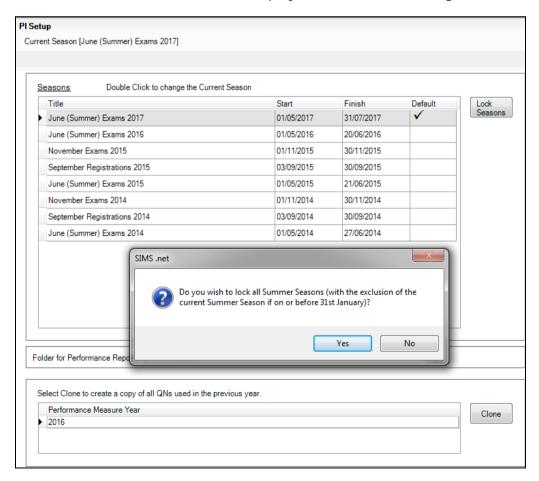


Click the **OK** button.

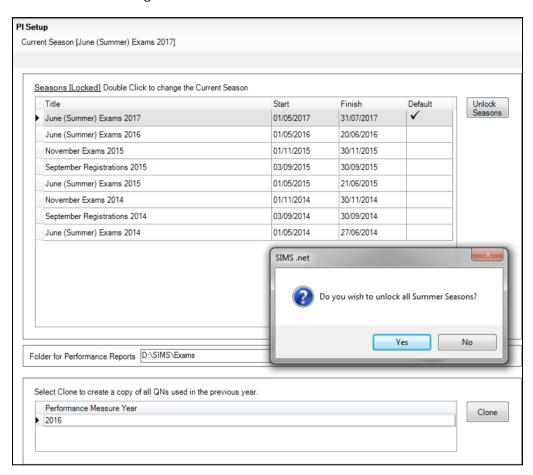
# Locking and Unlocking All Examination Seasons

This process enables the locking and unlocking of all examination seasons, with the exception of the current season. It is not possible to lock or unlock a specific season using this method.

- Select Tools | Examinations | PI Setup to display the PI Setup page. 1.
- Click the **Lock Seasons** button to display a confirmation message.



- 3. Click the **Yes** button if you want to continue.
- If you want to unlock seasons, click the Unlock Seasons button to display a confirmation message.



Click the Yes button if you want to continue.

# **Managing Performance Indicators**

All QNs (previously known as QANs) imported from the 2016 Performance Measures file that have results recorded against them in the previous exams season can be cloned and copied into the current PI Summer exams season. Any QNs that were not used in the previous season and do not have results recorded against them will not be cloned. However, the detail of all historical, unused QNs is retained in SIMS and is available for use if there is a need to include a previously unused QN in the current exams season. If a QN is required for a brand new qualification being offered in school, it is possible to add the new qualification details and the associated QN.

You must have defined the current season in Examinations Organiser before proceeding. The PI Summer season in SIMS must be set as the Default and must not be locked. After cloning QNs from the previous year, the Manage Performance Indicator menu route becomes available in SIMS.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** It is not possible to edit the Performance Points for QNs in the PI Summer 2016 season.

# Check List for 2017

To ensure a smooth transition between the former process of importing the Performance Measures file and the new process of managing performance indicator details in school, the following check list provides an outline of the necessary actions in the order in which they must be undertaken.

Step No.	Action	Location or Menu Route	Complete
Step 1	Define the new Summer season in Examinations Organiser.	In Examinations Organiser, via Tools   School Setup   Seasons	
Step 2	Download and import the most up-to-date QWS files.	In SIMS, via Tools   Examinations   Import Qualification Data	<u> </u>
Step 3	On the <b>PI Setup</b> page, set the new Summer season as the default PI Summer season and ensure it is unlocked.	In SIMS, via Tools   Examinations   PI Setup	
Step 4	Clone the QNs used in the previous year so that they are copied into the new Summer season.	In SIMS, via <b>Tools</b>   <b>Examinations</b>   <b>PI Setup</b>	
Step 5	Search for and delete any QNs that will not be in use this year.	In SIMS, via Tools   Examinations   Manage Performance Indicator	<u> </u>
Step 6	Manually add any additional QNs that will be required for the new season.	In SIMS, via Tools   Examinations   Manage Performance Indicator	<u> </u>
Step 7	Work through the Performance Indicator Details for each QN type and check that the details and point values are recorded accurately for both Key Stage 4 and 16-18 for the forthcoming exams season.	In SIMS, via <b>Tools</b>   Examinations   Manage Performance Indicator	

# **Additional Information Relating to the Step Numbers**

# Step 1

To ensure that a season is considered as a PI Summer season in SIMS, the Start and Finish dates that you define must encompass the month of June. The month of June must also be included in the Season Pattern defined via Tools | School Setup | Season Pattern in Examinations Organiser.

# Step 2

To ensure that you are using the most current QNs available for each course of study, you are strongly advised to download and then import the QWS catalogues provided by the DfE before undertaking the Manage Performance Indicators process.

# Step 3

When an Exams season is first created, it remains open throughout a specified date range. You specify the start and finish dates for the season and when the finish date is reached, the season ends automatically but it is not locked. Seasons are locked automatically on 31 January of the year following the issue of the exam results.

### Step 4

This clones all the QNs imported from last year's Performance Measures file that have results recorded against them in the previous exams season, and copies them into the current **Performance Measure Year**.

### Step 5

This does not delete the QN or any results recorded against them; it removes these QNs for use in the current season. A QN can be added to the current season manually if it is required.

### Step 6

These QNs are likely to be qualifications that were valid in the previous year but were not included in last year's Performance Measures file, or new QNs for this year (typically 9-1 Reformed GCSEs). Qualifications that have never been awarded in your school before but were present in the up-to-date QWS files can be added by clicking the Add Existing QN button because the details are stored in the SIMS database. The Add New QN button should be used to create new qualifications that will be awarded for the first time in the current exams season.

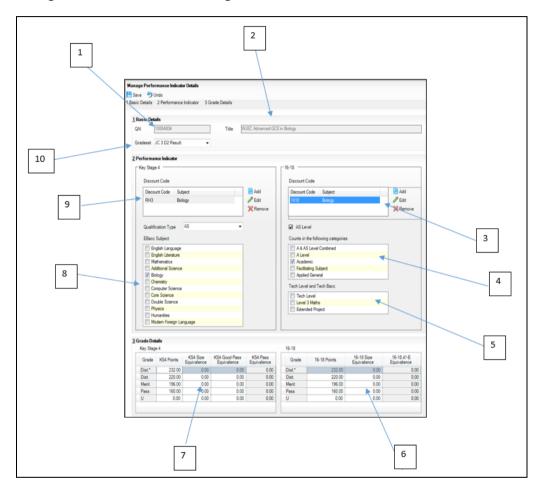
If a school needs to add a qualification result for a student that counts towards the Performance Measures and is not in the QWS file, then results can still be added in SIMS via Tools | Examinations | Edit PI Data.

# Step 7

You are advised to work through the Performance Indicator Details by searching for a specific qualification type in the Find Qualification for 201n browser, e.g. GCSE, followed by GCE AS, GCE A2, etc. and work through each qualification type systematically before moving on to the next qualification type.

# Managing Performance Indicator Details Page with Links to More Information

The following graphic highlights various areas of the Managing Performance Indicators page and provides a key with links to the relevant DfE or Ofqual document that can be accessed for additional background information relating to each numbered area.



To ensure all information is available to assist with the accurate management of performance indicator details, please reference the documents in the following table, which relate to the numbered areas in the previous graphic.

1	Ofqual Register (http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/)
2	Ofqual Register (http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/)
3	Performance Table Discount Codes 2018 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2018-performance-tables-discount-codes">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2018-performance-tables-discount-codes</a>

### A Level/Academic

https://tableschecking.education.gov.uk/Web16/KS45 Checked/Documen ts.aspx

A and AS Level Combined

(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-performance-2016point-scores-for-16-to-18-qualifications)

Facilitating Subject

https://tableschecking.education.gov.uk/Web16/KS45\_Checked/Documen ts.aspx

Applied General

(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technical-and-vocational-q ualifications-for-14-to-19-year-olds)

Department for Education 16-18 Accountability Measures Technical Guide https://tableschecking.education.gov.uk/Web16/KS45 Checked/Documen ts.aspx

Performance Tables Technical and Vocational Qualifications (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technical-and-vocational-g ualifications-for-14-to-19-year-olds)

Tech Level

(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technical-and-vocational-g ualifications-for-14-to-19-year-olds)

Level 3 Maths

https://tableschecking.education.gov.uk/Web16/KS45 Checked/Documen ts.aspx - see Annex J

**Extended Project** 

(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/performance-points-a-prac tical-quide-to-key-stage-4-and-5-points)

The details for 2017 were not available at the time of publishing. Please monitor this link during the coming months for updated point scores. Scroll down to the **Details** section of the *Performance Points: Comparing* KS4 or 16-to-18 Qualifications page and check for an entry dated 2017.

6 Point Scores for 16-18 Qualifications (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/performance-points-a-prac tical-quide-to-key-stage-4-and-5-points)

The details for 2017 were not available at the time of publishing. Please monitor this link during the coming months for updated point scores. Scroll down to the **Details** section of the *Performance Points: Comparing* KS4 or 16-to-18 Qualifications page and check for an entry dated 2017.

Point Scores for KS4 Qualifications

(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/performance-points-a-prac tical-quide-to-key-stage-4-and-5-points)

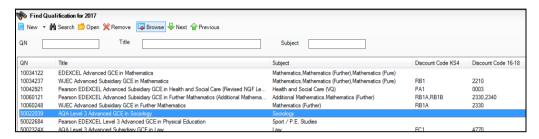
The details for 2017 were not available at the time of publishing. Please monitor this link during the coming months for updated point scores. Scroll down to the **Details** section of the *Performance Points: Comparing* KS4 or 16-to-18 Qualifications page and check for an entry dated 2017.

**English Baccalaureate Eligible Qualifications** (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-baccalaureate-eligi ble-qualifications)

2018 Performance Tables Discount Codes https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2018-performance-tables-di scount-codes 10 JCQ Awarding Body Gradesets (http://www.jcg.org.uk/exams-office/entries/awarding-body-gradesets)

# Searching for a Qualification

Select Tools | Examinations | Manage Performance Indicator to display the Find Qualification for 201n browser.



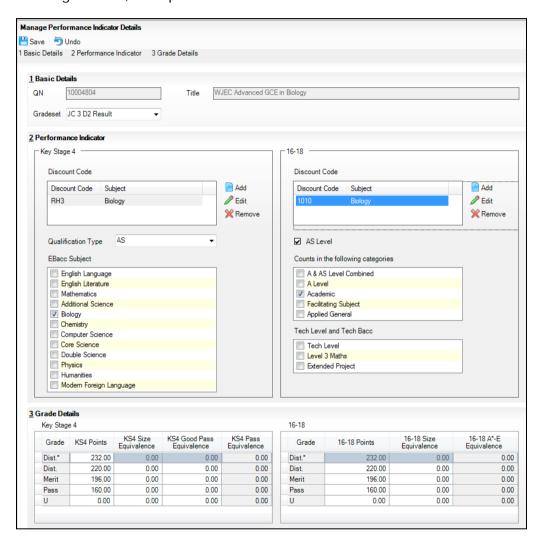
- Enter the QN (Qualification Number, previously known as QAN), the Title or the **Subject** before clicking the **Search** button.
- To locate a specific GCSE, enter GCSE in the Title field before clicking the Search button to display a list of GCSEs only. To further refine the search and identify the new reformed GCSEs for 9-1, enter GCSE%9 in the Title field before clicking the Search button.
  - All matching qualifications are displayed. Alternatively, leave all the filters blank before clicking the **Search** button to display a list of the qualifications cloned from the previous exams season. This may total many qualifications that had results recorded against them in the previous exams season.
- Highlight the required QN and click the Open button to display the Manage Performance Indicator Details page.

The Gradeset drop-down list is available only if the selected QN is not associated with a grade set. If you are modifying the details of a QN, select an alternative **Gradeset** from the drop-down list.

TIP: You are advised to review and modify all the properties of one type of qualification at a time. If the filtered list has been sorted by GCSEs, work through all the GCSE qualifications that are required for this exams season, modify the details and performance points as applicable, and then proceed to GCEs, A Levels, AS Levels, etc.

# Checking and Modifying the Managing Performance Indicator Details

In the Basic Details panel, the QN and qualification Title are displayed. If the selected QN is not associated with a Gradeset, select the applicable one from the drop-down list. Where the selected QN is already associated with a grade set, the option to select a different one is not available.



IMPORTANT NOTE: Changes made to grade details and equivalences are not validated so extreme care must be taken to ensure that changes accurately reflect DfE guidelines.

Below the Basic Details panel, the page is divided in half; the left-hand side of the page relates to the details of a selected Key Stage 4 qualification and the right-hand side of the page relates to the details of a 16-18 qualification.

Depending on the nature of the QN selected from the Find Qualification for 201n browser, various fields in either of these areas will become available and/or require completion. This is dependent on whether you are viewing the details of the QN or modifying the existing details. Where fields are disabled, this is to prevent changes being made that may impact School Census returns.



### More Information:

Adding a Brand New QN to the Current Exams Season on page 31 Adding an Existing QN to the Current Exams Season on page 32

# Managing the Performance Indicators for Key Stage 4 Details

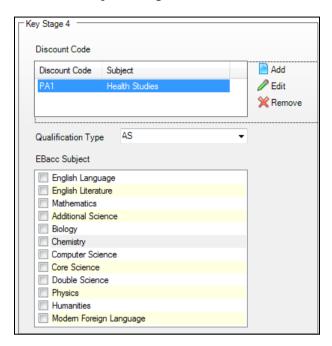
In the **Performance Indicator** panel, the **Key Stage 4** section displays the details of the QN if it is an applicable qualification. If you have selected a 16-18 qualification from the Find Qualification for 201n browser, the Key Stage 4 area remains blank. If the selected qualification is applicable to both Key Stage 4 and 16-18 cohorts, the respective details are displayed in both the Key Stage 4 section and the 16-18 section of the Performance Indicator panel.

NOTE: If a qualification can be counted at both KS4 and 16-18, and the Manage Performance Indicator Details page is disabled, select an applicable Qualification Type from the drop-down list. Depending on the Qualification Type selected, the relevant side of the page or both sides of the page become editable. To ensure that a QN is associated with the correct Qualification Type, please refer to the relevant DfE recommendations.

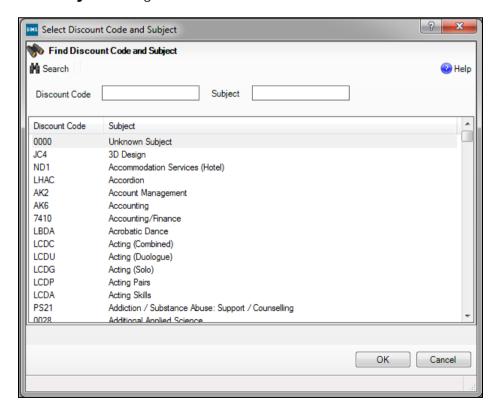
It is important to check that all qualifications in use in your school have been associated with the relevant discount code. This ensures that any required discounting is applied correctly.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** It is not possible to edit the Performance Points for QNs in the PI Summer 2016 season.

If a **Discount Code** is already associated with the QN, it is possible to **Remove** it by clicking the button.



If a discount code is not associated with the QN, or if you want to modify it or add an additional discount code to the qualification details, highlight the code and click the Edit or Add button to display the Select Discount Code and Subject dialog.

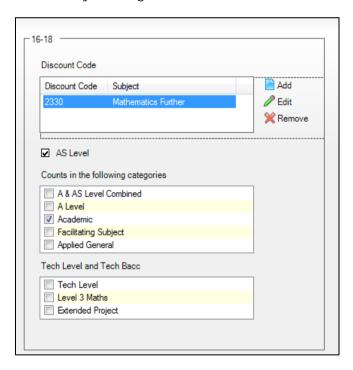


- Enter the Discount Code (if known) or the Subject and click the Search button. Alternatively, leave the search fields blank to display all the discount codes recorded in SIMS.
  - Discount codes matching the search criteria are displayed. Alternatively, scroll through the list to locate the required code.
- Highlight the **Discount Code** and click the **OK** button. 4.
- Ensure that the relevant **Qualification Type** is selected from the drop-down list. This indicates the nature of the qualification, e.g. AS Level, Vocational qualification, etc. If an A Level is selected, then at Key Stage 4 the Qualification Type defaults to Not Applicable.
- If the qualification is counted in the English Baccalaureate qualification, ensure the correct **EBacc Subject** check box is selected.

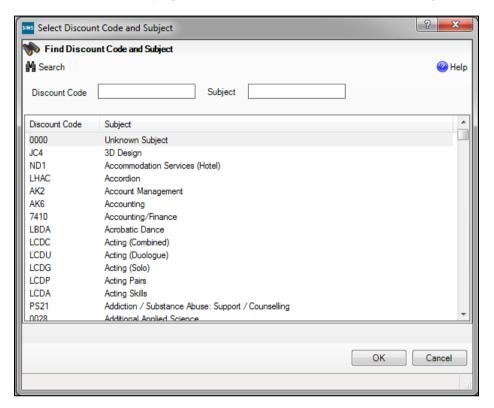
# Managing the Performance Indicators for 16-18 Details

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** It is not possible to edit the Performance Points for QNs in the 2016 season.

If a **Discount Code** is already associated with the QN, it is possible to delete it by clicking the Remove button.



If a discount code is not associated with the QN, or if you want to modify it or add an additional discount code to the qualification details, click the Edit or Add button to display the Select Discount Code and Subject dialog.



- Enter the Discount Code (if known) or the Subject and click the Search button. Alternatively, leave the search fields blank to display all the discount codes recorded in SIMS.
  - Discount codes matching the search criteria are displayed. Alternatively, scroll through the list to locate the required code.
- Highlight the **Discount Code** and click the **OK** button. 4.
- Once you have selected the required discount code(s), ensure that the relevant **AS Level** check box is selected, if applicable. This is applicable only to AS Level qualifications.
  - The qualification type is indicated by the Counts in the following categories check box. The majority of categories have already been determined. However, qualification types that fall into the Applied General category must be manually identified by selecting the Applied General check box.
  - This must be checked carefully for accuracy before saving. It is possible to select other categories by selecting the relevant check box.
- If the qualification is counted in the Technical Level and Technical Baccalaureate qualification, ensure the correct Tech Level and Tech Bacc check box is selected.
- Click the Save button. 7.

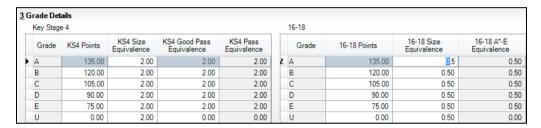
# Modifying the Grade Details

It is necessary to amend the equivalences for the qualifications in use so that they accurately reflect the values for the forthcoming exam season. Where last year's equivalences are displaying a value of 2, these must be amended manually to a value of 1.

**IMPORTANT NOTES:** It is not possible to edit the Performance Points for QNs in the Summer 2016 season. Changes made to grade details and equivalences are not validated so extreme care must be taken to ensure that changes accurately reflect the DfE guidelines.

It is possible to change the performance points allocated to a qualification for the forthcoming Summer season.

In the Grade Details panel, ensure that you are modifying the correct 1. performance points for Key Stage 4 or 16-18 by clicking in the relevant side of the points table.



- Enter the latest points and equivalences, in keeping with the applicable DfE guidelines for Key Stage 4 or 16-18.
- Click the Save button.

All grade sets can be found in the latest JCQ Formats file (http://www.jcg.org.uk/exams-office/entries/jcg-formats) by selecting the Gradeset Listing tab. The following table provides the details of some commonly used grade sets:

Qualification Title	Exam Qualification	JCQ Gradeset	SIMS Exams Gradeset	
GCSEs (9-1) from 2016-17				
GCSE	GCSE	40	JC 40 Result	
GCSE Double Award	GCSE	41	JC 41 Result	
GCSE Endorsed Grade	GCSE	42	JC 42 Result	
GCSE with Endorsed Grade	GCSE	42	JC 42 Result	

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Qualification Title	Exam Qualification	JCQ Gradeset	SIMS Exams Gradeset		
GCSEs (Legacy)					
GCSE (Linear)	GCSE	F	JC F Result		
GCSE Short Course (Linear)	GCSE	F	JC F Result		
GCE					
GCE Advanced Certification	GCE	4	JC 4 Result		
GCE Advanced Double Award Certification	GCE	10	JC 10 Result		
GCE Advanced plus Advanced Subsidiary Certification	GCE	11	JC 11 Result		
GCE Advanced Subsidiary Certification	GCE	А	JC A/2 Result		
GCE Advanced Subsidiary Double Award Certification	GCE	С	JC C Result		
GCE Advanced Subsidiary (Linear)	GCE	А	JC A/2 Result		
GCE Advanced Level (linear)	GCE	4	JC 4 Result		
GCE Advanced Level (linear) with endorsed grade	GCE	4	JC 4 Result		

The following table provides details of some commonly used grade values. For 2017, at Key Stage 4, the qualifications listed have the following values:

GCSEs (Legacy)		GCSEs (9-1)		AS Levels	
A*	8.50	9	9	А	10.75
А	7.00	8	8	В	8.88
В	5.50	7	7	С	7.00
С	4.00	6	6	D	5.13
D	3.00	5	5	Е	3.50
E	2.00	4	4		
F	1.50	3	3		

GCSEs (L	GCSEs (Legacy) GCSE		1)	AS Level	ls
G	1.00	2 2			
		1	1		

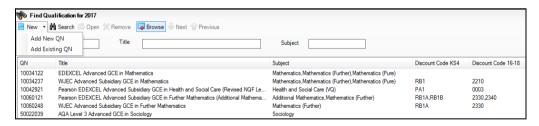
For 2017, at 16-18, the qualifications listed have the following values:

AS Levels		A Levels			
Grade	Points	A Level Size	Grade	Points	A Level Size
А	25	0.5	A*	60	1
В	20	0.5	А	50	1
С	15	0.5	В	40	1
D	10	0.5	С	30	1
E	5	0.5	D	20	1
			E	10	1

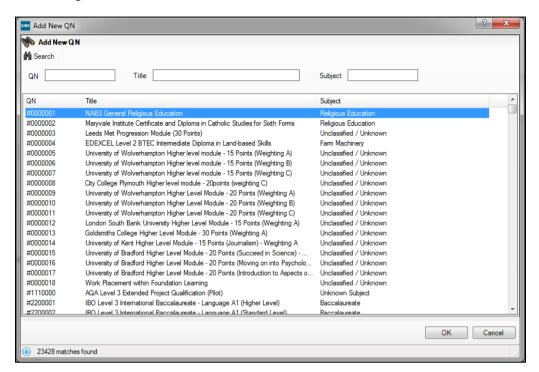
# Adding a Brand New QN to the Current Exams Season

If you need to add a brand new qualification in the current exams season, one that has not been cloned from the previous exams season or awarded before in your school (e.g. a new 9-1 reformed GCSE qualification) the Add New QN option must be used.

Select Tools | Examinations | Manage Performance Indicator to display the Find Qualification for 201n browser.



Select Add New QN from the New drop-down list to display the Add New QN dialog.



Enter the QN number, Title or Subject before clicking the Search button. All fields can be left blank before clicking the **Search** button if the details are not known.

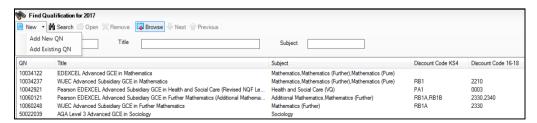
TIP: If you are searching for the details of a new reformed 9-1 GCSE, enter 9-1 in the **Title** field before clicking the **Search** button.

Scroll through the list to locate the required QN, highlight it and click the OK button.

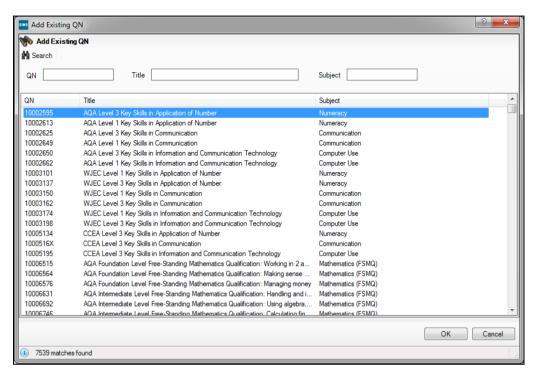
#### Adding an Existing QN to the Current Exams Season

If you need to add a qualification that has not been awarded in your school during the previous exams season, the basic details should already be present in SIMS because they will have been imported with the latest version of the QWS file or from the 2016 Performance Measures file. The Add Existing QN option must be used in this instance.

Select Tools | Examinations | Manage Performance Indicator to display the Find Qualification for 201n browser.



Select Add Existing QN from the New drop-down list to display the Add Existing QN dialog.



- Enter the QN number, Title or Subject before clicking the Search button. All fields can be left blank before clicking the **Search** button if the details are not known.
- Scroll through the list to locate the required QN, highlight it and click the OK button.

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# **O4** | Managing Performance Indicator Data

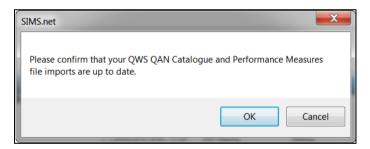
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# Opening the Edit PI Values Page in SIMS

You can add or update individual results for a selected pupil/student, or add results for multiple pupil/students in one session.

Select Tools | Examinations | Edit PI Data in SIMS.

A confirmation dialog is displayed. If you have not already imported the most recent version of the QWS QN Catalogue, please do so before continuing.



Click the **OK** button.

If the season has not yet ended, the following message is displayed for information.



This message is displayed only when you access the Edit PI Data menu route in SIMS for the first time.

Click the **OK** button.

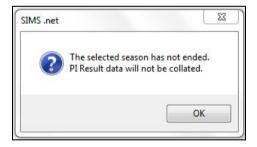
On the second occasion that you access the Edit PI Data menu route, and subsequently up until the end of the season, the following message is displayed.



If you click the **Yes** button in response to this question, the following message is displayed and only the memberships of the PI Cohorts are refreshed. This action incorporates any changes that you may have made to the memberships of the Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 cohorts in Examinations Organiser.

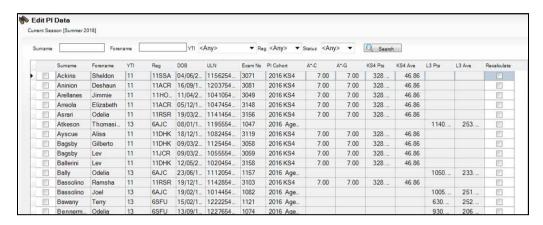


If you click the No button in response to this question, the following message is displayed.



If you click the **OK** button, the message is closed and the memberships of the PI Cohorts is not updated to reflect any recent changes that may have been made.

The Edit PI Data panel lists all pupil/students who are members of the Key Stage cohorts (Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5). The pupil/students' results have not been calculated or collated at this stage. This is reflected in the blank result columns, A\*-C and A\*-G, etc., although the PI Cohort column is populated.



You can now start to enter non-EDI results into the relevant result columns.

You can search for a required pupil/student by entering their Surname or Forename before clicking the Search button. Alternatively, select the YTI (Year Taught In), the Reg group or their enrolment (Status) from the drop-down lists before clicking the **Search** button to locate the pupil/student.

If you want to subsequently collate and calculate results, this can be done manually by clicking either the **CRD** or the **CKD** button.



The collation and calculation processes gather all the available results that have been entered, apply automatic discounting according to the current rules and then calculate the Performance Indicators based on current DfE quidance.

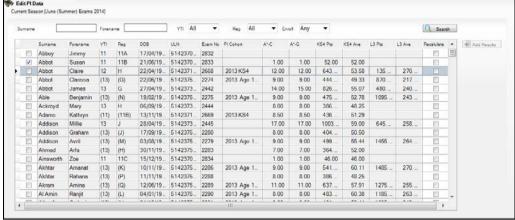
#### Once the Season has Ended

The next time you access the Edit PI Data menu route after the season has ended, all results are collated and calculated.

Edit PI Data

Current Season [June (Summer) Exams 2014] O Search

NOTE: The following graphic is for representation purposes only.



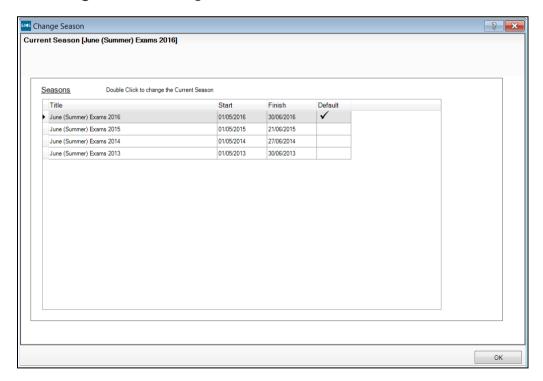


#### More Information:

Collating PI Data (Keeping Discounting) on page 68 Collating PI Data (Resetting Discounting) on page 68

# Changing the Season

From the Edit PI Data page, click the Change Season button to display the Change Season dialog.

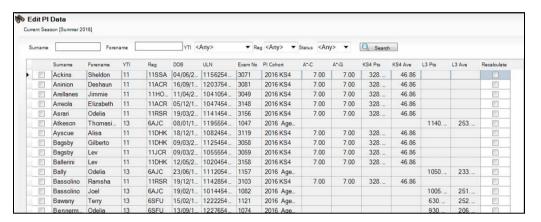


- Double-click the required season and click the **OK** button to view the PI cohort for the selected season on the Edit PI Data page.
- When you want to view the cohort for the default season, click the **Change** Season button, double-click the current season and click the OK button.

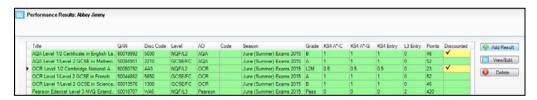
# Adding a PI Result to an Individual Pupil/Student in SIMS

If you want to add Performance Indicator results to a particular pupil/student in the current exam season, this can be achieved using the Edit PI Data page.

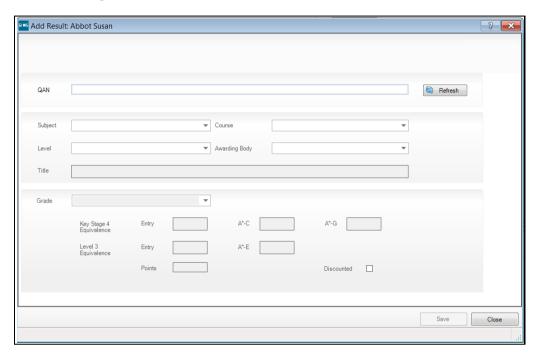
After searching for the required pupil/student, highlight their name in the Edit PI Data grid.



Any existing exam entries for the selected pupil/student are displayed in the Performance Results panel at the bottom of the page. Additional columns have been provided to enable you to ascertain the examination Season, the AO (Awarding Organisation) and the course/exam Code for each result. The Discounted column displays hover help narrative to indicate the reason for discounting (please see Best Result Discount Rules on page 45).



If you want to manually enter exam results for this pupil/student, click the Add Result button in the Performance Results panel to display the Add Result dialog.



This dialog is blank until you have entered a valid Qualification Accreditation Number in the QAN field.

NOTE: The QAN code must be entered without slashes.

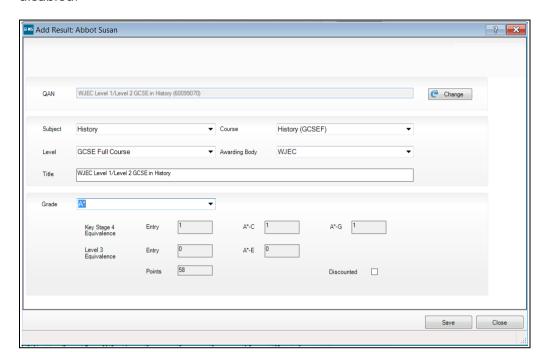
As you enter the digits of the QAN, the list reduces automatically until only matching examination/course combinations remain. Qualifications with multiple discount codes can also be selected.

You can also locate the examination/course combination by entering the subject or exam board details.

Once you have populated the **QAN** field, click the **Refresh** button.

The Subject, Level, Course, Awarding Body and exam Title fields are populated automatically with the related details of the specified QAN code. If the course has been linked in Course Manager and the QAN/Discount Code/Course combination is unique, the Course field is populated automatically.

If the Course field is not populated automatically, you may select the required course from the drop-down list.



The button name changes from **Refresh** to **Change** and the **QAN** field is disabled.

- If you want to enter a new QAN, click the Change button to activate the **QAN** field again. The name of the **Change** button reverts to **Refresh**, enabling you to enter a new QAN. Click the Refresh button to populate the relevant fields with the details of the new QAN.
- Select the achieved **Grade** from the drop-down list. Only grades that are appropriate for the selected QAN are available for selection:
  - If a Level 1 or Level 2 QAN, the Key Stage 4 Equivalence Entry and grade value fields are populated automatically.
  - If an AS QAN, the Key Stage 4 Equivalence Entry and grade value fields and the Level 3 Equivalence Entry fields are populated automatically. This is applicable to schools in England and Wales only.
  - If an A2 or other Level 3 QAN, only the Level 3 Equivalence Entry fields are populated.

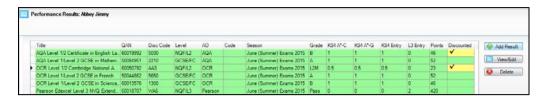
The **Points** field is also updated to reflect the relevant points value. The **Discounted** check box can be selected manually, if required.

Click the Save button to return to the Performance Results panel. Pupil/students whose records have been updated can be identified by a tick in the **Recalculate** column of the **Edit PI Data** panel.

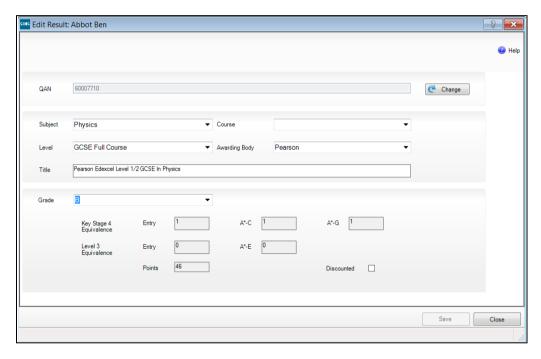
# Viewing or Editing a PI Result

You can view or edit a result that has been added manually in the current exam season.

In the Performance Results panel, highlight the result that you want to 1. view or edit.



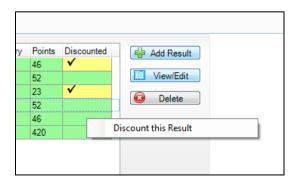
2. Click the View/Edit button to display the Edit Result dialog.



Make any required changes and click the Save button to return to the Performance Results grid.

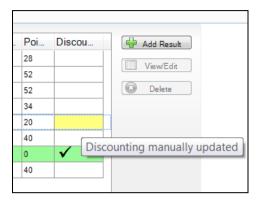
It is also possible to change the **Discounted** status of a result.

4. Right-click the result and select **Discount this Result** from the pop-up menu.

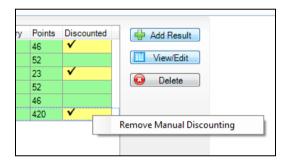


A tick is placed in the **Discounted** column.

If you clicked the **CKD** button, after calculating the results, the yellow discounted cell and the tick remain. If you clicked the CRD button, the manual discounting indicated by the yellow background and the tick is removed.



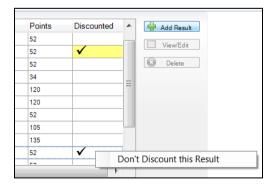
If you subsequently want to remove the discounting from the result, right-click and select Remove Manual Discounting.



The tick is removed from the **Discounted** column.

You can also remove a discounted status that was previously applied via Marksheet entry or imported in the EDI file.

Right-click a result with a white background and a tick in the **Discounted** column and select Don't Discount this Result.

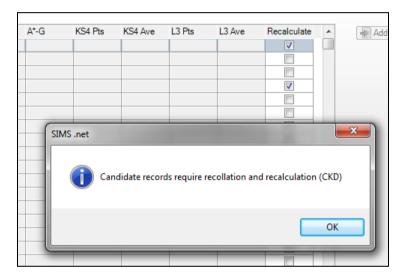


The tick is removed from the **Discounted** column.

Qualifications that are not included in the PI calculations can also be identified.



7. After making any required changes, click the **Close** button on the **Edit PI Data** page to display the recalculation message.



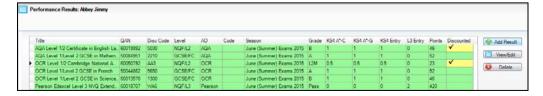
8. Click the **OK** button to continue. Alternatively, click the **CKD** button before closing the **Edit PI Data** page to recalculate the results.

This may take a few minutes. Pupil/students whose records have been updated can be identified by a tick in the **Recalculate** column of the **Edit PI Data** panel.

# **Deleting a PI Result**

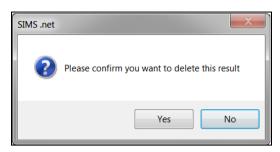
You can delete a non-EDI result that has been entered manually through the **Add Result** dialog. If you want to delete an imported result, you need to create an Exams result marksheet and delete the result from there.

1. Highlight the result you want to delete in the **Performance Results** grid.



2. Click the **Delete** button.

A confirmation dialog is displayed.



Click the Yes button to delete the result.

# **Key to Coloured Performance Results**

The following background colours may be seen in the **Performance** Results arid:

- A white result indicates a standard EDI result that has been added via a marksheet or imported via a results file.
- A green result indicates a result that has been added manually in the current exam season.
- A blue result was added in a previous season.
- A yellow discounted cell indicates that you have changed the original discount status of the result. However, this does not apply when changing the discounting to a non-EDI result added in the current season. If you subsequently change it back to its original status, the colour reverts to its original colour.

#### **Best Result Discount Rules**

The following is a list of hover help messages that may be displayed, together with their associated explanations.

#### **Best Results**

Discounted due to a higher level qualification

Where there is a result before September 2013 with more than one result in the same subject at different levels, the lower level result is discounted (Applies to Level 1/Level 2 and AS results only).

- Discounted due to another result with the same or higher grade Where there is a result before September 2013 with more than one result in the same subject, the lower grade is discounted.
- Discounted due to another result with the same grade Where there is a result before September 2013 with more than one

result in the same subject with the same grade, one will be discounted. This will be the earlier result, when it can be identified.

Student not a member of the KS4 Cohort

An AS result not belonging to a student in the PI15 cohort will be discounted.

Qualification not included in Performance Indicators

The qualification is not included in the DfE list of qualifications that count in the Performance Tables.

#### Best result rules: Discounted due to an earlier result after September 2013

A result for the same subject exists with a result date before September 2013 and an earlier result after September 2013.

#### Discounted due to an earlier result

Early Entry discounting has been applied to more than one result of the same subject.

# GCSE or OCR/Cambridge National achieved in the same Season

Early Entry discounting where more than one result of the same subject in the same Season. The BTEC result has been discounted in favour of Cambridge National or GCSE result.

# Discounted due to a GCSE result in the same Season

Early Entry discounting where more than one result of the same subject in the same Season. The OCR/Cambridge National result has been discounted in favour of a GCSE result.

#### AS achieved in the same Subject

If a student has any GCSE result and then achieves an AS result, for the same discount code, the GCSE result is discounted even though it was achieved first.

#### **English Exceptions discounting**

Early Entry English exception.

#### Maths Exceptions discounting

Early Entry Maths exception.

#### Science Exceptions discounting

Science Exceptions discounting.

### Two other equal or higher vocational qualifications achieved

Only highest 2 non GCSE will be counted, all other vocational qualifications are discounted.

# Discounting manually updated

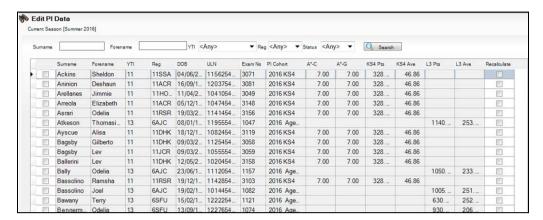
Discounting manually applied or removed.

# Adding a PI Result to Multiple Pupil/Students in SIMS

If you want to enter a Performance Indicator result for a number of pupil/students at once, perhaps because they all achieved the same result, this can be achieved using the Edit PI Data page in SIMS. It is not possible to apply different results to multiple pupil/students in bulk.

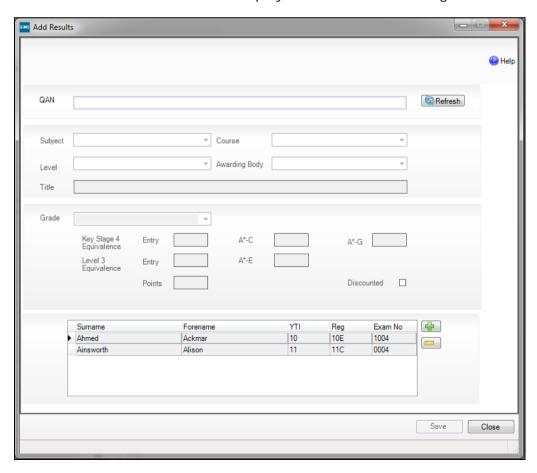
NOTE: Only a single grade can be applied to the selected pupil/students. If ten pupil/students have been selected, it is possible to record all of them as having a Pass or a Merit. It is not possible to select all the pupil/students who took a course and record different grades for each individual.

Select Tools | Examinations | Edit PI Data in SIMS to display the Edit PI Data page.



The page is populated automatically with the details of all the pupil/students who are taking exams within the Current Season.

- Select a number of pupil/students in the list by clicking in the column to the right-hand side of the Surname column. The selected pupil/students can be identified by a tick in the check box adjacent to their surnames. As soon as you have selected more than one pupil/student, the Add Results button becomes active.
- 3. Click the Add Results button to display the Add Results dialog.



The names of the selected pupil/students are displayed in the lower panel of the dialog, otherwise this dialog is predominantly blank until you have entered a valid Qualification Accreditation Number in the QAN field.

NOTE: The QAN code must be entered without slashes.

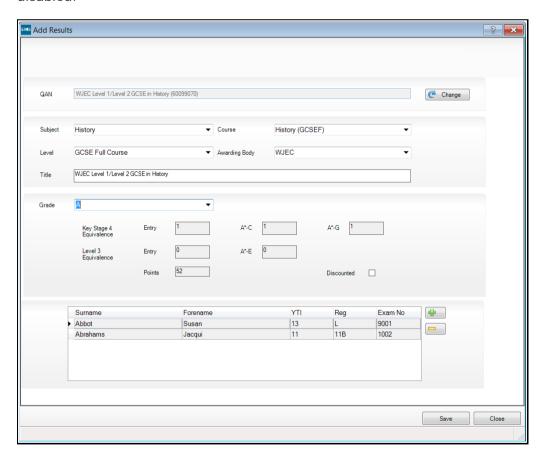
As you enter the digits of the QAN, the list reduces automatically until only matching examination/course combinations remain. Qualifications with multiple discount codes can also be selected.

Once you have populated the QAN field, click the Refresh button. You can also locate the examination/course combination by entering the subject or exam board details.

The Subject, Level, Course, Awarding Body and exam Title fields are populated automatically with the related details of the specified QAN code. If the course has been linked in Course Manager and the QAN/Discount Code/Course combination is unique, the course field is populated automatically.

If the Course field is not populated automatically, you may select it from the drop-down list.

The button name changes from **Refresh** to **Change** and the **QAN** field is disabled.



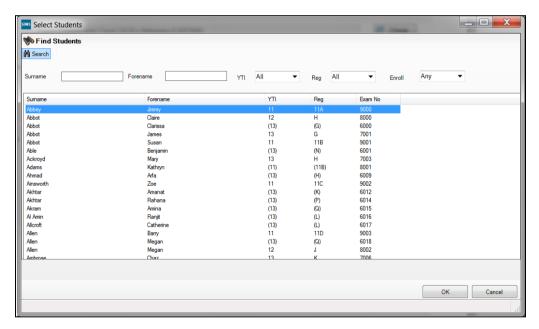
If you want to enter a new QAN, click the **Change** button to activate the QAN field again. The name of the Change button reverts to Refresh, enabling you to enter a new QAN. Click the **Refresh** button to populate the relevant fields with the details of the QAN.

- Select the achieved **Grade** from the drop-down list. Only grades that are appropriate for the selected QAN are available for selection:
  - If a Level 1 or Level 2 QAN, the **Key Stage 4 Equivalence Entry** and grade value fields are populated automatically.
  - If an AS QAN, the Key Stage 4 Equivalence Entry and grade value fields and the Level 3 Equivalence Entry fields are populated automatically, this is applicable to schools in England and Wales only.
  - If an A2 or other Level 3 QAN, only the Level 3 Equivalence Entry fields are populated.

The **Points** field is also updated to reflect the relevant points value. The **Discounted** check box can be selected manually, if required.

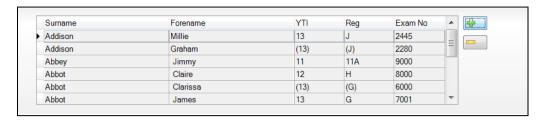
The selected grade is applied to all the pupil/students in the lower panel of the **Add Results** dialog when you click the **Save** button.

If you want to apply this result to other pupil/students, click the Add button 6. to display the Select Students browser.



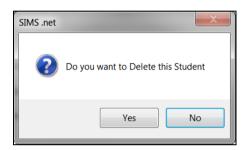
- Enter the pupil/student's **Surname** or **Forename**. Alternatively, select their YTI (Year Taught In), Reg group or their Enroll status from the respective drop-down lists before clicking the **Search** button.
  - You can also select an initial pupil/student and using Ctrl, Shift and the Up and **Down** arrows to highlight a selection of alphabetically listed pupil/students.
- Click the **OK** button.

The selected pupil/students are added to the lower panel of the Add Results dialog.



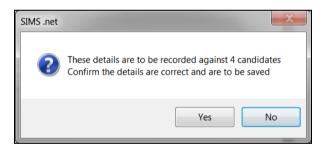
If you decide not to apply this result to any of the pupil/students selected, highlight their name and click the **Delete** button.

A confirmation dialog is displayed.



- 10. Click the Yes button to remove this pupil/student and return to the Add Results dialog.
- 11. Click the Save button on the Add Results dialog.

A confirmation dialog is displayed.



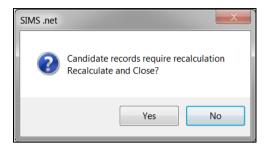
12. If you do not want to apply this result to all the selected pupil/students, click the No button.

If you are certain that you want to apply this result to the selected pupil/students, click the Yes button to return to the Performance Results panel.

Pupil/students whose records have been updated can be identified by a tick in the Recalculate column of the Edit PI Data panel.

#### PI Calculation

When you click the Close button on the Edit PI Data page, a confirmation dialog is displayed.



Click the **Yes** button to calculate and save the changes you have made.

The collation and calculation processes gather all the available results that have been entered, apply automatic discounting according to the current rules and then calculate the Performance Indicators based on current DfE guidance.

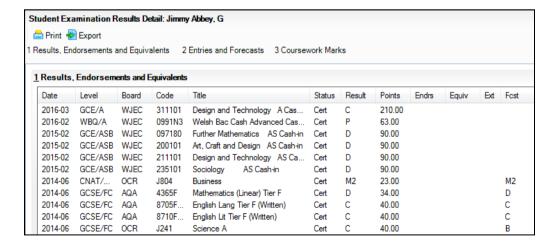
Click the No button to continue making changes. The changes will not be discarded and recalculation will take place when you close the Edit PI Data page.

# Viewing Non-EDI Examinations Results from the Student Details page

It is possible to view a pupil/student's non-EDI exam results by clicking the **Examinations** hyperlink on the **Student Details** page.

Select Focus | Student | Student Details, select the required pupil/student and then click the Examinations hyperlink to display the Student Examination Results Detail page.

The Student Examination Results Detail page displays Results, Endorsements and Equivalents, Entries and Forecasts as well as Coursework Marks.



Non-EDI results can be identified in the Results, Endorsements and **Equivalents** panel because they do not have an entry in the **Code** column.

Click the **Export** button to export the data to Microsoft Excel.

# **Understanding Discounting**

The SIMS software cannot determine which examination was taken first in an exams season. To determine which exams were taken first in an exams season, you must manually select the qualifications that will be included in the calculations.

This is an excerpt from the 2014 Performance Tables Discounting Guidance provided by the Department for Education:

Discounting may be required in a number of situations, for example:

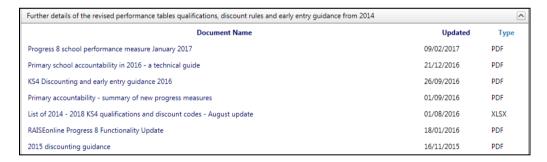
- a pupil/student resits a qualification before the end of Key Stage 4, possibly with a different awarding organisation. Discounting ensures that only the best (or first) result is counted in the Secondary School Performance Tables.
- the school provides a single course of study but then enters the pupil/student for two or more very similar qualifications. Discounting ensures that the achievement from this course is counted only once.

Exception discounting is applied to English, Maths and Science.

# **Accessing Discounting Guidance**

Three comprehensive and explanatory documents can be found by accessing the RAISEonline website (https://www.raiseonline.org).

- From the RAISEonline Home Page, click the Library button on the right-hand side of the page to expand the **Document Library**.
- Click the down arrow adjacent to the Further details of the revised 2 performance tables qualifications, discount rules and early entry quidance from 2014 title.



- The 2015 discounting guidance document explains the latest approach to discounting for use with the Secondary School Performance tables for 14-16 year olds in 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- The GCSE Early Entry Guidance document details the early entry rules for Key Stage (KS4) qualifications that have been introduced from 2014 onwards.
- The document entitled List of 2014 to 2018 qualifications and discount codes contains information relating to the old and new discount codes.

# Early Entry Rules for 2017

The rules for Early Entry are complex:

- For the Performance Tables published in January 2017, the early entry rules will apply to <u>all</u> approved subjects (not just English Baccalaureate).
- For pupil/students who already have a result before 29 September 2013, the Performance Tables record their best result from either their previous attempt(s) or from the next time they sit that qualification after this date.
- Those who have not yet taken a qualification will have their first entry taken after 29 September 2013 count in the Performance Tables.
- A pupil/student may take qualifications in subjects that are outside the scope of those included in the Key Stage 4 performance measures. In these cases, the result is displayed on the Edit PI Data page but it is not included automatically in the performance measures calculations.
- Where a pupil/student has results in GCSE and/or CNat and/or BTEC in one exams season, the GCSE result is counted before the CNat result and both results count before the BTEC result.
- If a pupil/student has a Level 1 result and a subsequent Level 2 result, the Level 1 result is deemed to be the first entry.
- If a pupil/student has a Level 2 result (GCSE or Cert.) and a Level 3 (AS) result, the Level 2 result is discounted.

#### X grades

As is currently the case, X grades do not count in the Performance Tables. If a pupil/student receives an X grade and then retakes the exam and achieves a grade including U grades, the later grade is the one that is included in the Performance Tables.

#### Entries in the same series

- Where exams are scheduled for the same day, the best result continues to count.
- In cases where exams are scheduled for different days, even if they are in the same series, only the first entry counts in the tables.
- In cases where qualifications have more than one exam paper, the date of the first paper is the one that determines its entry date.
- In these scenarios, discounting must be done manually via the Edit PI Data page.

#### Pupils with results from previous schools

- If a pupil/student has a result from a previous school, this is counted unless they are re-entered for the same exam at their new school.
- If the school decides to re-enter the pupil/student, the grade from the second attempt is counted, regardless of whether it is higher or lower than the previous attempt.
- This must be managed by each school individually.

#### Pupils with results from before Year 9

If a pupil/student has a result from more than three years before the end of Key Stage 4, the first entry rule does not apply. In most cases, this is only applicable to pupil/students in Years 8 and below.

In these cases, the best grade achieved either from before the three year cut-off point or the first entry after the cut-off point is counted in the Performance Tables.

#### Privately taken qualifications

- Where a qualification is certificated privately, this continues to count in the performance measures for the school at which the pupil/student studies, as of census date. Schools must engage pupil/students and their parents in constructive discussions where they feel a private early entry is inappropriate.
- This also applies where a pupil/student sits an exam at an exam centre other than their school. If a pupil/student sits an exam at another exam centre, the results are counted in the performance measures for the school where the pupil/student studies, as of census date.
- For the purposes of the Performance Tables, a pupil/student is deemed to be on-roll if they are present on the day of the January Census (usually the third Thursday in January of the year in which the pupil/student is at the end of KS4).
- The verification of this must be managed by the school as part of the summer checking exercise.

The early entry rule applies even in cases where the first certificated qualification does not count as a component part of headline performance measures.

Once a pupil/student's best results have been determined, using the rules outlined here, they are combined into qualifying groups and the appropriate discounting rules applied.

#### Early Entry GCSE, OCR and BTEC

For GCSEs, the term 'entry' refers to the date on which the exam was taken by the learner in a given subject.

With regard to BTEC Firsts, Pearson will set a date each year that is deemed to be the BTEC Entry Date for that year. However, the calculation in SIMS does not use the Entry Date; it uses the Result Date. Any certification claims made during the academic year will be deemed to have been made on the **Result Date** for the purposes of Performance Indicator calculations.

This means that, where a learner achieves a BTEC and a GCSE result in the same subject in the same year, the GCSE result will always be taken as the result that counts for performance tables in that subject, since the BTEC Entry Date will always be later in the year than the GCSE exam. Both results will continue to count for the learner, as they do now.

When collating the data for PI Performance, consideration needs to be taken of entries for all subjects after 29 September 2013.

BTECs should be discarded in favour of GCSEs and OCR Cambridge Nationals.

OCR Cambridge Nationals should be discarded in favour of GCSEs and if there is more than one remaining result, then the result with the earliest Result Date will be the one included in the Performance Indicator calculations.

# **Exception Discounting - Science**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Where it is possible for the software to determine a pathway, discounting will be applied. However, where a pathway cannot be determined, manual discounting must be applied.

#### **Early Entry**

Where a pupil/student does not have an exam result prior to 29 September 2013, the first Science exam entry determines their pathway. Any qualifications from other pathways, except All Other Science, are discounted.

### **Best Entry**

- If a pupil/student has achieved a Science exam result prior to 29 September 2013, they have already embarked on a pathway and if they subsequently take a Science qualification from a different pathway, the best result achieved from both of these pathways is counted and the 2013 discounting rules for Science are applied, as follows:
  - If a pupil/student has Chemistry, Biology and Physics, count all three and discount Core Science/Additional Science or Double Science
  - If a pupil/student has two individual sciences and either both Core and Additional Science or Double Science, count the pair or double award with the best grades, giving preference to the individual sciences where points are equal
  - If a pupil/student has both Core and Additional Science and one of the individual sciences, count Core and Additional Science
  - If a pupil/student has Core or Additional Science and two of the individual sciences, count the individual sciences
  - If a pupil/student has Core or Additional Science and one of the individual sciences, count the qualification with the best grade.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Where a pupil/student takes a qualification before 29 September 2013 and subsequently retakes the same qualification after 29 September 2013, the pathway is set and qualifications taken in other pathways would be discounted. However, this is only the case if the retake is the first qualification taken after 29 September 2013. If the retake is not the first qualification taken after 29 September 2013, the pathway is not set and the best pathway counts.

Some Science qualifications have different discount codes but cover the same content.

Qualification	Biology (RH3)	Chemistry (RD1)	Physics (RC1)	Outcome
Science Core (RA1B)	Unit 1-3	Unit 1-3	Unit 1-3	1 GCSE
Science Additional (RA1C)	Unit 4-6	Unit 4-6	Unit 4-6	1 GCSE
Individual Science	Unit 7	Unit 7	Unit 7	3 GCSE
Outcome	1 GCSE	1 GCSE	1GCSE	

If candidates have taken elements from more than one of the Science pathways, you will need to apply manual discounting.

In the previous graphic, the content in Units 1-3 for Biology (RH3) can count towards both the Science Core (RA1B) qualification and the Biology GCSE. However, because these qualifications have different discount codes, care must be taken when applying exception discounting to ensure that the result achieved is counted towards only a single qualification and not counted as two separate episodes of learning.

The criteria for headline measures for an EBacc qualification are as follows:

- Core and Additional and an A\*-C grade achieved in both
- Three individual sciences (Computer Science is counted as an individual science but does not start a pathway), and an A\*-C grade achieved in two of these
- Double Science and A\*A\*-CC grades achieved
- All other Science qualifications count alongside any of the Science pathways in the same way as any other non-Science qualification.

# **Exception Discounting - Science - Pupil/Student Moving Schools**

For pupil/students who are moving schools and who have achieved an exam result at their previous school:

- their existing result is counted in the performance measures unless they are re-entered for the same qualification at the new school.
- where the pupil/student is re-entered for the same qualification at the new school, all new results achieved are counted in the performance measures, whether the result is better or worse than their previous result.
- If the pupil/student embarks on a Science pathway that is different from the initial pathway at their previous school, any previous qualifications are discounted.
- If the pupil/student continues on the same Science pathway as at their previous school, any previous qualifications are counted.

# **Exception Discounting - English**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Where it is possible for the software to determine a pathway, discounting will be applied. However, where a pathway cannot be determined, manual discounting must be applied.

Results for English measures in Performance Tables are calculated using exception discounting. To count as English in the Performance Tables, the pupil/student must either have a Result for English (FK2A) or English Language (FK2B) and English Literature (FC4), the Result for English Literature or English Language may be a 'U'. Special consideration is required when applying Early Entries rules.

The first English qualification a pupil/student sits determines the pathway, i.e. if they sit FK2A first followed by FK2B and FC4, the subsequent qualifications are discounted.

- If English GCSE (FK2A) is taken first, then any subsequent results, whether English Language (FK2B), English Literature (FC4) or a resit of English are discounted and the original English result is counted in the Performance Tables.
- If English Language GCSE (FK2B) is taken first, this result is counted alongside the English Literature result. English Literature (FC4) may be taken in the same season or later.
- If English Literature GCSE (FC4) is taken first, this result is counted alongside the English Language result. English Language (FK2B) may be taken in the same season or later.
- If English Language GCSE (FK2B) is taken first and English Literature is not taken, the English Language result and any other English (combined) results are not counted as the English component part for headline measures.
- If English Literature (FC4) is taken first and English Language is not taken, then English Literature and any other English (combined) results are not counted as the English component part for headline measures.
- If any combination of English and one or both of English Language and English Literature are taken in the same season and this is the first season with any English results, it cannot be determined which subject was taken first and you must perform manual discounting.

For scenarios that fall outside of the above rules, all the results will remain undiscounted and you must apply manual discounting.

# **Exception Discounting - Maths Linked Pair**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Where it is possible for the software to determine a pathway, discounting will be applied. However, where a pathway cannot be determined, manual discounting must be applied.

Pupil/students need to take and achieve a grade, in both Maths qualifications, i.e. Methods and Applications. The highest grade achieved is counted in the Performance Tables. If a pupil/student takes the Mathematics linked pair GCSEs (Methods in Mathematics and Applications of Mathematics), the two results are added together for the Mathematics slot in Progress 8. These qualifications count in the Performance Tables for the last time in 2016.

For example, achieving a grade C in Methods and a grade U in Applications, means that the C grade is counted as the Maths result in the Performance Tables. The linked pair Maths qualification is discounted against a normal Maths qualification.

Where the pupil/student did not achieve a grade in the second part of the linked pair Maths qualification, a grade is not counted in the Performance Tables.

The first Maths qualification a pupil/student sits determines the pathway:

- If Maths GCSE (RB1) is taken first, then any subsequent results, whether Application of Number (RB7J), Methods in Maths (RB1G) or a resit of Maths are discounted and the original Maths result is counted in the Performance Tables.
- If Application of Number (RB7J) OR Methods in Maths (RB1G) is taken first, then this result is counted alongside the other of the linked pair which may be taken in the same season or later. Any subsequent Maths result is discounted. A maximum of two Maths results may be counted in any performance measure, either the linked pair or one general Maths.
- If Application of Number (RB7J) OR Methods in Maths (RB1G) is taken first and the other of the linked pair is not taken, then any other Maths Results are discounted.
- If any combination of Maths and one or both of Maths linked pair are taken in the same exams season, it cannot be determined which was taken first, no discounting is applied and you must perform manual discounting.

# Information Relating to Attainment 8 and Progress 8 Accountability Measures

The revised Secondary school accountability system begins in 2016, although schools could opt in to the measures from 2015 onwards. This system includes two additional measures; Attainment 8 and Progress 8.

- Attainment 8 is based on a pupil/student's performance across eight subjects.
- Progress 8 is a value added measure that captures the progress made by a pupil/student from the end of Primary school at Key Stage 2 to the end of Key Stage 4. The pupil/student's results are compared with the actual achievements of other pupil/students in the same cohort who have the same prior attainment.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** For legacy GCSEs, the grade scale for the Progress 8 measures will change from the current 16-58 scale, to a 1-8 point scale (where 1 is equivalent to a Grade G GCSE and an increase of one point represents an increase of one GCSE grade up to 8, which is equivalent to a Grade A\* GCSE). In 2017, as new GCSE qualifications taught from 2015 come on stream, this will change further to a 9-1 point scale. This will result in the direct comparison between A\*-G grades and the 9-1 point scales being lost.

# GCSE Points Changes from 2016

GCSE grade	2016 Points	2017 Points
G	1.00	1.00
F	2.00	1.50
E	3.00	2.00
D	4.00	3.00
С	5.00	4.00
В	6.00	5.50
Α	7.00	7.00
A*	8.00	8.50

#### BTEC Points Changes from 2016

BTEC Level 2 First Award	2014	2016
grade	Points	Points
Pass	40	5
Merit	46	6
Distinction	52	7
Distinction*	58	8

Headline measures represent the main measures published in the DfE Performance Tables. They offer a 'snapshot' of provider performance to help pupil/students and parents make informed decisions about the schools or colleges that pupil/students should attend.

- progress (and a combined attainment/completion measure)
- attainment
- English and maths GCSE (for pupil/students without at least a grade C at age 16)
- retention
- destinations.

#### A Level Attainment

- Pupil/students with A Level results only are included in the calculation. Undiscounted AS results are discarded from the calculation.
- Output is Average Points and Grade calculated from the best three A level results divided by three.
- Average grade per A level or academic qualification:

A level Grade	A level Point Score	APS Band	Fine Grade <sup>1</sup>
(for co	mparison only)		
A*	300	295-300	A*
A	300	285-294.99	A*-
		275-284.99	A+
Α	270	265-274.99	Α
		255-264.99	A-
		245-254.99	B+
В	240	235-244.99	В
	225-234.99		B-
		215-224.99	C+
С	210	205-214.99	С
		195-204.99	C-
		185-194.99	D+
D	180	175-184.99	D
		165-174.99	D-
		155-164.99	E+
Е	150	145-154.99	Е
		135-144.99	E-
U	0	Below 135	U

The calculation is as follows:

#### Number of 'A level only' pupil/students

Pupil/students who are a member of the KS5 Cohort and have A level results, and do not have results for any other type of qualification. The exception is AS levels, these do not exclude the student from the calculation, but any undiscounted AS results are not counted.

#### APS per A level only pupil/student

The points value of the best 3 results are totalled for all pupil/students. In the unlikely scenario that a pupil/student qualifies for this cohort but only achieves two A level results, divided by the number of A level students to give the individual pupil/student A level APS figure.

#### APS per A level only pupil/student expressed as a Grade

The APS per pupil/student is totalled, then divided by the number of the 'A level only' cohort.

This measure is reported as a fine grade, for consistency.

Average grades per Vocational qualification are detailed in the following table.

BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Grade	BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Points	APS Band	Fine Grade <sup>2</sup>
For compariso	n only		
Distinction*	270	260- 270	Dist*
Distinction*	270	245- 259.99	Dist*-
		230- 244.99	Dist+
Distinction	225	220- 229.99	Dist
		210- 219.99	Dist-

		200- 209.99	Merit+
Merit	195	190- 199.99	Merit
Went		180- 189.99	Merit-
		170- 179.99	Pass+
Pass	165	160- 169.99	Pass
		150- 159.99	Pass-
U	0	Below 150	U

Where there are no pupil/students in a specific cohort then the outcome is (null).

For additional information, please refer to the *Progress 8 School* Performance Measure January 2017 document, from RAISEonline (https://www.raiseonline.org).

#### Attainment 8

The Attainment 8 performance measure is based on a pupil/student's performance across eight subjects. The eight subjects are placed into four notional elements as follows:

- A double weighted mathematics element that contains the point score of the pupil's EBacc mathematics qualification, (two slots).
- An English element based on the highest point score in a pupil's EBacc English Language or English Literature qualification. This is double weighted providing a pupil/student has taken both qualifications. This is different from the previous situation where only the English Language qualification is counted (assuming that English Literature has been entered). In 2016, a combined English qualification can be included and double weighted, (two slots).
- An element which can include the three highest point scores from any of the following EBacc subjects: Science, Computer Science, History and Geography, and Languages EBacc qualifications. The qualifications can count in any combination and there is no requirement to take qualifications in each of the 'pillars' of the EBacc, (three slots).
- The remaining element contains the three highest point scores in any three other subjects, including English Language or Literature (if not counted above), further EBacc qualifications, other GCSEs, or any other approved, high value academic or vocational qualifications, (three slots).

Core (x2)	EBacc (x3)	Other (x 3)
Maths (20%)	EBacc 1(10%)	Other 1 (10%)
English Language or		
Literature* (20%)	EBacc 2(10%)	Other 2 (10%)
	EBacc 3(10%)	Other 3 (10%)
*In June 2016 the GCSE		
English (4700) qualification		
will still exist and can count		
for 20% in the English slot,	For this part of the measure, a	For this part of the measure, a
even if separate Lit or Lang	school can choose the best 3 of the	school can choose the best 3 of
qualifications aren't taken.	following subjects:	the following subjects:
	Biology, Chemistry, Physics,	English Literature or English
	Combined Science (2), Computer	Language(left from Core) other
	Science, History, Geography,	EBacc subjects, and Approved
	Languages.	non-EBacc subjects.

- Each result can only be counted once in an appropriate slot.
- Any slot not filled remains empty and scores zero points. There will always be ten slots because Maths and English are double-weighted and are assigned two slots each, if a pupil/student does not take three EBacc subjects, then the unused slots count as zero. However, other non EBacc subjects cannot be used instead, although, unused EBacc subjects can count in Other.

- English can only go in English, unless where two English subjects are taken, then the highest is counted in English and the second subject is counted in Other. English is only double weighted if both Language and Literature subjects are taken or the English Combined qualification is taken. The best result is counted in the English slot and other result is counted in Other.
- If only Language or Literature is taken, the result is counted in the English slot but it is not double weighted.
- Maths can only go in Maths.
- If a pupil/student takes the mathematics linked pair GCSEs (Methods in Mathematics and Applications of Mathematics), the two results are added together for the mathematics slot in Progress 8. These qualifications count in the Performance Tables for the last time in 2016.
- Only Maths from EBacc can count in Maths slot. Statistics, etc. is counted in Other.
- EBacc subjects can only go in the EBacc element and only the three highest subjects are counted. Any remaining unused EBacc subject results are considered together with other remaining qualifications, in the Other element.
- Sciences used in the EBacc slot are counted as one slot each, except Double Science which counts as two slots, for this measure only. The double grade is added twice each with points, e.g. BC= 5.5 points (assuming these are the best 3 EBacc or Other results).
- Other can only go in Other, best three subjects count.
- Where an AS level and a GCSE are taken in same subject, the AS result is counted in the appropriate slot and the GCSE result is discounted.

#### Example

A representation of the calculation for Attainment 8 is detailed in the following graphics. The two double weighted qualifications for Maths and English both count as two slots each.

ID	Qualification	Grado	Doints	Included in the measure	Floment	Doublad?	Total Points	Slot
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Qa1	GCSE Maths	Α	7 (52)	Υ	Maths	Υ	14	1 & 2
Qa2	GCSE English Language	A*	8 (58)	Υ	English	Υ	16	3 & 4
Qa3	GCSE English Literature	В	6 (46)	Υ	Other	N	6	8
Qa4	GCSE Additional Science	В	6 (46)	Υ	Ebacc	N	6	6
Qa5	GCSE Art	С	5 (40)	Υ	Other	N	5	9
Qa6	GCSE Core Science	Α	7 (52)	Υ	EBacc	N	7	5
Qa7	GCSE French	С	5 (40)	Υ	Other	N	5	10
Qa8	GCSE Spanish	В	6 (46)	Υ	EBacc	N	6	7
Qa9	GCSE Religious Studies	D	4 (34)	N				

Qa1 - GCSE Maths: double weighted, Total Points = 14

Qa2 - GCSE English Language: double weighted, Total Points = 16

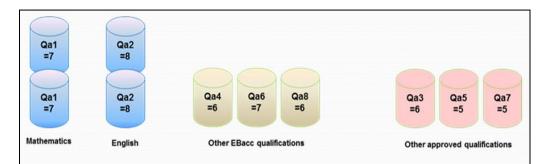
Qa3 - GCSE English Literature: Total Points = 6

Qa4 - CGSE Additional Science: Total Points = 6

Qa5 - GCSE Art: Total Points = 5

Qa6 - GCSE Core Science: Total Points = 7

Qa7 - GCSE French: Total Points = 5



Qa8 - GCSE Spanish: Total Points = 6.

Dividing the combined Attainment 8 score by the 10 slots indicates the pupil/student's average grade. In this example, the pupil/student has achieved a Total Point score of 65, which is divided by 10, producing an average grade of 6.5, which falls between GCSE grades A and B.

Attainment 8 score = (Qa1 + Qa1) + (Qa2 + Qa2) + Qa4 + Qa6 + Qa8 + Qa3 + Qa5 + Qa7

= (7+7) + (8+8) + 6 + 7 + 6 + 6 + 5 + 5

### Estimated Attainment 8 Average/Attainment 8 Average

= 65

Once the KS2: Average Fine Level aspect is populated and students have received KS4 results, the usual collation process can take place in Edit PI and PI reports can then be produced.

NOTE: The Estimated Attainment 8, Attainment 8 and Progress 8 values cannot be generated until both the KS2 Fine Level and Results have been entered and the collation process run. It is not possible to generate the Estimated Attainment 8 value in Exams without going through this process. If you want to generate Estimated Attainment 8 values before this time, other functionality must be used.

The Performance Summary Report in SIMS includes additional rows of data:

- Students included in Progress 8 Score the Progress 8 cohort of students includes those who have all of the following:
  - an Estimated Attainment 8.
  - an Attainment 8
  - a Progress 8 value. If a student does not have all three values, they are not included in the Progress 8 cohort. This figure may be different from the KS4 PI Cohort.
- **Progress 8 Score** this is the total of the Progress 8 average points (VA) of the Progress 8 cohort divided by the number of students in the Progress 8 cohort. Further information can be found in the Progress 8 School Performance Measure January 2017 document, on the RAISEonline (https://www.raiseonline.org).
- Estimated Attainment 8 Average this is an average of the total Estimated Attainment 8 points of the Progress 8 cohort divided by the number of students in the Progress 8 cohort.

Attainment 8 Average - this is an average of the total of Attainment 8 points of the Progress 8 cohort divided by the number of students in the Progress 8 cohort.

The additional rows in the Performance Summary Report will be empty if the KS2 Average Fine Level values have not been populated, even where a number of students have gained KS4 results and have an Attainment 8 value in the Performance Table Report - Detailed output.

KS2 average fine level (English & Maths)	2015 Attainment 8 estimate	KS2 average fine level (English & Maths)	2015 Attainment 8 estimate	KS2 average fine level (English & Maths)	2015 Attainment 8 estimate
1.5ª	13.20	3.7	32.11	4.9	55.03
2.0 <sup>b</sup>	17.79	3.8	33.63	5.0	56.16
2.5°	19.39	3.9	35.27	5.1	59.32
2.8 <sup>d</sup>	20.38	4.0	36.48	5.2	61.51
2.9	21.88	4.1	38.80	5.3	63.92
3.0	23.37	4.2	40.62	5.4	66.31
3.1	23.91	4.3	42.55	5.5	65.67
3.2	24.42	4.4	44.49	5.6	71.61
3.3	26.15	4.5	45.87	5.7	74.18
3.4	27.71	4.6	48.50	5.8e	76.28
3.5	28.58	4.7	50.71		•
3.6	30.24	4.8	52.76		

A value of 4.59 is now rounded up to 4.6 and the student is given a slightly higher estimate of 48.50.

#### **Progress 8**

Previously, the KS2 value that was incorporated with the SIMS Spring 2015 Release, used the KS2: Average Points Score aspect to derive the fine level and not the KS2: Average Fine Points Score aspect. Unfortunately, it is not accurate enough to use the average of the integer whole levels of the test results to give the fine level average point score required for this calculation.

To correct this, additional aspects have been provided. These are the KS2: Average Fine Points Score aspect (this has been created to enable you to store this value, it is not used in the calculation of any Progress 8 values) and the KS2: Average Fine Level aspect, which is used in the calculation of Progress 8 Measures and specifically, to determine a student's Estimated Attainment 8 value. The values for these aspects are stored against the Key Stage 2 Validated Result result set and are distributed in the form of the KS2 Fine Point Score and Level template available from AMPARK.

For the Progress 8 Measures in the Performance Table Summary Report to populate, you must ensure that the KS2: Average Fine Points Score and Level template has been imported from AMPARK and that the KS2: Average Fine Level aspect column has been populated with the relevant data. Once the KS2: Average Fine Level aspect is populated and students have received their KS4 results, the usual collation process can take place on the Edit PI Data page and the PI reports can be produced.

NOTE: The Estimated Attainment 8, Attainment 8 and Progress 8 values cannot be generated until both the KS2 Average Fine Level and Results have been entered and the collation process run. It is not possible to generate the Estimated Attainment 8 value in Exams without going through this process.

The KS2 Average Fine Level value is used to derive a KS4 Estimated Attainment 8 value which is compared to an actual Attainment 8 value. The difference between the estimate and the actual values is the Progress 8 value. This is explained in the guidance document *Progress 8 School* Performance Measure January 2017 which can be found by accessing the RAISEonline website (https://www.raiseonline.org).

### **Progress 8 Aspects**

Additional aspects are available for use with Progress 8:

- PI15 Attainment 8 PI15 Attainment 8 for Season
- PI15 Expected 8 PI15 Expected 8 for Season
- PI15\_Progress 8 PI15 Progress 8 for Season.

The collation process must be run in the latest exams season for which the students have results. If multiple summer seasons have been created and the current exams season has not been set up as the default season in the PI Setup page, the aspects may display a result from an earlier season. However, the Performance Table Report, both summary and detailed outputs display the latest stored results.

#### Students Without KS4 Results and with Progress 8

Students who are not included in the KS4 PI Cohort are not considered for any of the Progress 8 Calculations.

Only students who have an estimated 8, Attainment 8 and subsequently, a Progress 8 value should be considered as part of the cohort for the Progress 8 rows on the summary report. This may result in the Progress 8 cohort being different from the overall KS4 PI Cohort.

# Maximum of Two Vocational Qualifications in Performance Tables Calculations

From 2014, a maximum of two non GCSE qualifications may be included in the Performance Tables calculations. You can change the discounting manually, if required.

NOTE: For Progress 8, the best three non-GCSE results can be counted in the Other category.

#### Qualifications Sized as GCSE

From 2014, qualifications will only be included in the Performance Tables calculations if they are the same size as a GCSE or larger and each individual qualification counts as the equivalent of one GCSE, regardless of its size.

# **Understanding PI Collation and Calculation**

Where possible, the collation and calculation processes gather all the available results that have been entered, apply automatic discounting according to the current rules and then calculate the Performance Indicators based on current DfE guidance.

Manual changes to the automatic discounting applied can be made using the Edit PI Data page and the Performance Indicators are recalculated on the closure of this page.

If additional results have subsequently been imported or added via an Exams marksheet, you can collate again using the CKD button (to retain manual discounting) or the CRD button (to discard manual discounting).



**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Before collating and calculating your PI data, please ensure that you have assigned QCA codes to all of the elements in use at vour establishment. If you do not assign the QCA codes, the results are not recognised.

Before collating and calculating your PI data, please be aware that:

- PI data can only be collated and calculated for examination seasons that contain June as an associated month.
- If you attempt to collate and calculate PI data before the end of the current summer Season, you are warned that only cohort membership is updated. PI data is not collated or calculated.
- You must have imported the up-to-date QWS files via **Tools** | Examinations | Import Qualification Data.

Once the season has begun, select Tools | Examinations | Edit PI Data to display the Edit PI Data page.

SIMS creates or refreshes the PI cohort with the appropriate candidate details. If the groups already exist, you are asked if you want to update the PI Cohort membership. If you have used Group Manager through the Tools menu in Examinations Organiser to modify the membership of the cohort, e.g. to remove recent arrivals or students who have been permanently excluded, click the No button.

For every student in each cohort, Examinations Organiser collates the results, applies automatic discounting, where possible, according to the current rules, calculates the appropriate PI values and creates the exams PI aspects in SIMS Assessment.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The PI menu routes in SIMS are locked from 31 January of the year after the ending of the summer Season. This prevents any further calculations, collations or edits from taking place.



#### **More Information:**

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#### Collating PI Data (Resetting Discounting)

If this option is selected, all manual discounting ticks recorded in the Performance Results grid are discarded on collation. Only the automatic discounting rules are applied.

When non-EDI results are recorded in the current season, they are now discounted automatically when you click the CRD button.



Click the CRD button on the Edit PI Data page.

### Collating PI Data (Keeping Discounting)

If this option is selected, the manual discounting made to results will be automatically re-applied after collation. When non-EDI results are recorded in the current season, they are now discounted automatically when you click the **CKD** button.

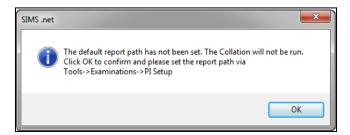


Click the **CKD** button on the **Edit PI Data** page.

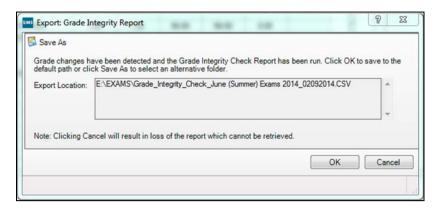
#### **Initiating the Grade Integrity Report**

If grade changes have been made via import or through an Exams marksheet, when you revisit the Edit PI Data page in SIMS and click either the CRD or the CKD button to recalculate the data, the Grade Integrity report runs automatically in the background. The report only runs if changes are detected.

The report output is saved to the Folder for Performance Reports location specified on the PI Setup page in SIMS. If a path has not been specified, the following message is displayed and you must designate a suitable location before the report can be run successfully.



When changes are identified, the Export Grade Integrity Report dialog is displayed.



If you want the report output to be saved to the default storage location detailed in the **Export Location** field, click the **OK** button. The report output is saved as a .CSV file and the file name contains the season in use and the date of creation.

Alternatively, click the Save As button to display a warning message. If you are certain that you want to change the location for the report output, click the **Yes** button and specify an alternative storage location.

The report output can be viewed and edited in Excel.

04 | Managing Performance Indicator Data

# 05/Producing a Performance Table **Report in SIMS**

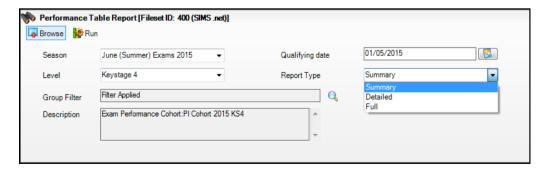
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## Producing a Performance Table Report in SIMS

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Before running these reports, please ensure that you have calculated the PI data for the current season via Tools | Examinations | Edit PI Data.

Three report types can be produced for each cohort, you can review the overall performance of the candidates in a selected cohort (Summary), a more detailed candidate level analysis displaying their overall achievements (Detailed), or by selecting Full to view a report output that combines the information detailed in both the Summary and Detailed outputs.

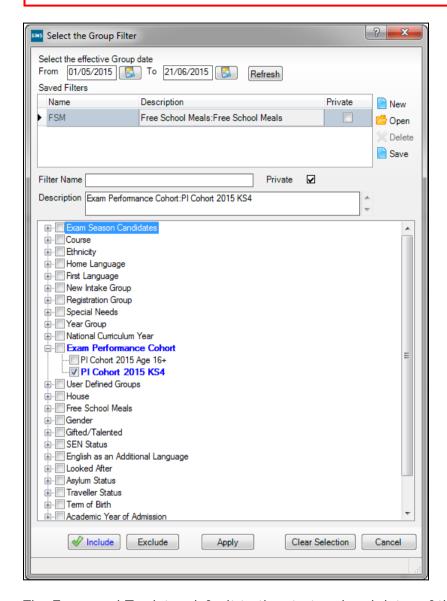
Select Tools | Examinations | PI Reports to display the Performance Table Report page.



- Select the required **Season** from the drop-down list. The summer seasons available are those for which PI data has been calculated.
- Select the Level from the drop-down list. The levels available for selection are Age 16-18 or Key Stage 4.

Click the Group Filter button to display the Select the Group Filter dialog.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You must select the applicable Exam Performance **Cohort** to prevent all candidates in the season being included in the report.



The From and To dates default to the start and end dates of the specified examinations **Season**. These dates can be changed by clicking the respective Calendar buttons and selecting an alternative date. Click the **Refresh** button after changing the dates.

- If you want to create a Saved Filter, click the New button adjacent to the Saved Filters panel.
- Enter a name for the group filter in the Filter Name field. The name needs to be as succinct as possible, whilst making it easy to search for. If you do not enter a name for the filter, a default name is created automatically when the group filter is saved.

Assessment Co-ordinators and Examinations Officers wanting to create group filters for other users should ensure that the Private check box is not selected. The **Private** check box is visible only to users with appropriate permissions.

- Click the **Include** button (if it is not yet selected).
- Click the + icon to expand the required group then select the check box adjacent to the required item. The pupil/student group appears in blue to indicate that pupil/students belonging to the selected group will be included in the report.
- 9. Repeat for any other pupil/student groups that you want to include in the report.
- 10. To exclude any pupil/student groups, click the Exclude button then select the check box(es) adjacent to the required group(s). The pupil group appears in red text to indicate that pupils belonging to the selected group are excluded from the report.
- 11. Repeat for any other pupil/student groups that you want to exclude from the report.

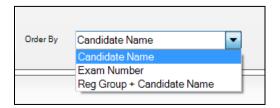
NOTE: You can switch between **Include** and **Exclude** at any time by clicking the appropriate button. Before selecting a check box, ensure that the correct button has been clicked.

- 12. Click the **Save** button adjacent to the **Saved Filters** panel. The **Description** is populated automatically with the components of the group filter. Both the Filter Name and Description are then displayed in the Saved Filters list.
- 13. If you marked the filter as private, the **Private** check box in the **Saved** Filters section is selected to indicate that only the current user can view or apply this filter.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When editing existing group filters, there is no Save **As** function. If you edit a group filter and edit the **Filter Name**, the original group filter is overwritten.

- 14. Click the Apply button to confirm the selected filters and return to the Performance Table Report page. The name of the selected filter is displayed in the **Group Filter** field. The details of the selected group filter are displayed in the **Description** field. The data in the report changes automatically according to the filters set.
- 15. Select the **Report Type** from the drop-down list. The options are Summary, Detailed or Full.

If you select the **Detailed** option, you can select the display of the information in the report by selecting the required option from the Order By drop-down list.



The options are Candidate Name, Exam Number or Reg Group + Candidate Name.

If you select the Full option from the Report Type drop-down list, you can specify that you want to Exclude Discounted Result by selecting the check box. This ensures that only the counted rows are displayed in the report output.

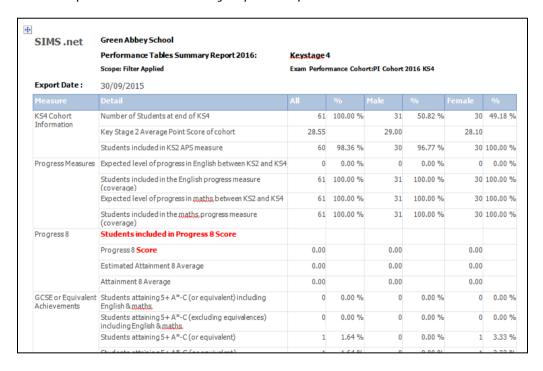


16. Click the **Run** button to compile the report output. Only pupil/students who are internal candidates in the selected **Season** are included in the report output.

# Performance Table Report KS4 - Summary Output

NOTE: The graphics are used for representation purposes only and should not be considered as exact replicas of what is displayed on screen.

An example of a KS4 summary report output:



Rows for Students included in Progress 8 Score, Progress 8 Score, Estimated Attainment 8 Average and Attainment 8 Average are displayed in the **Summary** output of the Performance Table report.

#### **KS4 Cohort Information**

#### Number of Students at end of KS4

Candidates are identified as being at the end of Key Stage 4 if they were on roll at the school and in curriculum year 11 at the time of the Census Day (third Thursday in January) of the January preceding the Summer season.

#### **Key Stage 2 Average Points Score of Cohort**

For the candidates identified as belonging to the cohort, the results held in the KS2: Average Point Score Integer Aspect are used. This is populated when the Average Point Score is calculated using the Template 'KS2 I. Average Point Score Calculator'. This is used for KS2 results prior to 2013.

#### Students included in KS2 APS measure

The number of students in the KS2 APS measure.

#### **Progress Measures**

The following matrix indicates how the Progress Measure is calculated. This does not relate to the Progress 8 calculation.

							GCSE Grade				
		No KS 4 Result	U	G	F	E	D	С	В	Α	A*
	W	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made
	1	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made
	2	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made
	3	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made
ne L	4	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made
Outcom	5	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made
(S2 0	6	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made
¥	D/A (TA)	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made
	Left	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made
	N	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made
	В	Expected progress not made	Expected progress not made	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made
	No KS2 Outcome	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Expected progress made	Expected progress made	Expected progress made

The following rules are applied for the KS2 Outcome:

- A Test level of 3, 4, 5 or 6 is taken as their KS 2 outcome.
- If a candidate has a Test level of B, N or 2 and a valid Teacher Assessment Level (i.e. W, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) then the TA Level is used, although it is capped at Level 2. If the TA is missing or not valid (i.e. A, T, M, X, Q) then the candidate is excluded from the measure unless they have achieved B, A or A\*.
- If a candidate has a Test Level of A, T, M, X or Q and a valid Teacher Assessment Level (i.e. W, 1, 2 3, 4, 5, 6) then the TA Level is used with no cap.
- If a candidate has a Test Level of P or F (taken in the past or to be taken in the future) this is treated as a missing Result unless they have achieved B. A or A\*.
- If a candidate with Test Level of A, T, M, X, Q, F does not have a TA then then the student is excluded from the measure unless they have achieved B, A or A\*.

Candidates with KS2 Test Grades of L (left) or Y/Z (ineligible) are excluded from the measure unless they have achieved B, A or A\*.

NOTE: For English and Maths GCSE, the candidate results after discounting has been applied are used.

KS2 results must be associated with the Key Stage 2 Validated Result Set. The accuracy of these rows is dependent on the completeness of KS2 data recorded in SIMS.

#### Expected level of progress in English between KS2 and KS4

Key Stage 2 Aspects:

The KS2 English Test Aspect is called 'EN KS2 English Test Level'

The KS2 English TA Aspect is called 'EN TA English Subject Level KS2'.

The percentage of pupils achieving the expected level is the percentage of the pupils included in the measure (i.e. coverage).

#### Students included in the English progress measure (coverage)

Coverage is the number and percentage of eligible pupils included in the measure. The percentage is the number of pupils included in the English progress measure divided by the number of pupils at the end of KS4.

#### Expected level of progress in Maths between KS2 and KS4

The KS2 Maths Test Aspect is called 'MA KS2 Maths Test Level (Final)'

The KS2 Maths TA Aspect is called 'MA TA Mathematics Subject Level KS2'.

#### Students included in the Maths progress measure (coverage)

Coverage is the number and percentage of eligible pupils included in the measure. The percentage is the number of pupils included in the Maths progress measure divided by the number of pupils at the end of KS4.

#### **GCSE** or Equivalent Achievements

# Students attaining 5+ A\*-C (or equivalent) including English and

Three qualifying QANs at grade C or equivalent and above plus grade C or above in English and grade C or above in Maths.

#### Students attaining 5+ A\*-C (excluding equivalences) including **English and Maths**

Three qualifying GCSE only QANs at grade C and above plus grade C or above in English and grade C or above in Maths.

#### Students attaining 5+ A\*-C (or equivalent)

Five qualifying QANs at grade C or equivalent and above.

#### Students attaining 5+ A\*-G (or equivalent)

Five qualifying QANs at grade G or equivalent and above.

#### Students attaining at least one qualification

Any single qualifying QAN at grade G or equivalent and above.

#### **English Baccalaureate**

#### English EBacc Rule from 2016:

- To count as English, either English must be taken or English Language and English Literature in combination.
- To count as English, a grade C or above must be achieved in English, English Language or English Literature.

The summary report shows the number and percentage of students entered for and achieving EBacc, the number and percentage of students achieving A\*-C in the subject areas and the number and percentage of students achieving A\*-G in all subject areas.

#### Students entered for English Baccalaureate

The number of students entered for all subject areas.

#### Students attaining the English Baccalaureate

The number of students who achieved the EBAcc.

#### Students attaining A\*-G in all EBacc subject areas

The number of students who achieved a grade between A\*-G in all of the five EBacc subject areas.

#### **English Baccalaureate and Subject Areas**

The English Baccalaureate qualification consists of separate achievements in five subject areas: English, Maths, Science, Languages and Humanities.

#### Students entered for English

This is the number of students entered for a qualifying English award.

#### Students attaining A\*-C in English

The achievement is the number and percentage of the cohort achieving A\*-C in English.

#### Students entered for Maths

This is the number of students entered for a qualifying Maths award.

#### Students attaining A\*-C in Maths

The achievement is the number and percentage of the cohort achieving A\*-C in Maths.

NOTE: For English and Maths, the percentage is of the cohort, not the number of entries as it is for the other subject areas.

#### Students entered for two Sciences

Students entered for two Sciences are those who have entered 3 out of 4 single Sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Computer Science), or Science with Additional Science or Double Science.

#### Students attaining A\*-C in two Sciences

Students attaining two Sciences are those who have achieved A\*-C in at least two Sciences or A\*-C in Science and Additional Science or A\*A\*-CC in Double Science.

#### Students entered for a Language

This is the number of students entered for a qualifying language.

#### Students attaining A\*-C in a Language

This is the number of students who achieved A\*-C in a qualifying language.

#### Students entered for a Humanities subject

This is the number of students entered for a qualifying Humanities award.

#### Students attaining A\*-C in a Humanities subject

This is the number of students who achieved A\*-C in a qualifying Humanities award.

#### The Basics

#### Students attaining A\*-C grades in English and Maths

Achieving Grade C or above in English and Maths.

#### Students attaining A\*-G grades in English and Maths

Achieving Grade G or above in English and Maths.

#### **Averages**

#### Average number of qualifications per student

This is calculated by dividing the total number of examinations (GCSE and equivalent) taken by all candidates divided by the number of candidates. The total number of examinations has been determined using the equivalence between a GCSE and other qualifications.

The APS calculations are performed after discounting has taken place, so that each subject is included only once.

#### Average number of GCSEs per student

The total number of GCSEs taken by all students divided by the number of students.

#### APS per student capped at best 8 (this is a different measure from Progress 8)

The calculation is based on the best 8 scores achieved.

#### **APS per student GCSEs only**

GCSE, IGCSE and AS results are included in the measure.

#### APS per student uncapped

The calculation is based on all scores achieved.

# Performance Table Report KS4 - Detailed Output

NOTE: The graphics are used for representation purposes only and should not be considered as exact replicas of what is displayed on screen.

An example of a KS4 detailed report output.

Green Abbey School Performance Tables De Scope: Filter Applied	tailed Repo	rt 2015:		Keyst Exam		sance Cohor	t:PI Coh	ort 2015 I	<b>(54</b>															
Export Date :	13/0	1/2016																						
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Abbot, Hannah	12	(118)	23-12-0001 1998	Υ	11.65	12.65 N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	4.5	1	-	1 3		8	46.37	78.00	31.63	12.65	605.00	474,11	47,8
Adams, Melanie	12	(11D)	06-06- 0002 1999	Y	4.00	5.00 N	Y	Y	N	N	N	4.7	1		1 2	2	. 5	50,67	47.75	-2.92	5.00	259.50	259.50	51.9

Due to the increased width of the report, the pdf export option has been disabled. When printing from Microsoft Word, It is advisable to format the report output and ensure that the Landscape page layout is selected before printing.

# Performance Table Report KS4 - Full Output

NOTE: The graphics are used for representation purposes only and should not be considered as exact replicas of what is displayed on screen.

An example of a KS4 full report output.



The Att 8 Points column displays the value to two decimal places.

The pdf export option is disabled. When printing from Microsoft Word, it is advisable to format the report output and ensure that the Landscape page layout is selected before printing.

# Performance Table Report 16-18 - Summary Output

NOTE: The graphics are used for representation purposes only and should not be considered as exact replicas of what is displayed on screen. For a student to be a member of the 201n Age 16+ cohort, they must have attained an EDI result equivalent to at least one A2 grade. Attaining a single non-EDI result does not qualify the student for automatic inclusion in the 201n Age 16+ cohort.

The 16-18 Performance data is divided into three cohorts: A Levels. Academic Qualifications and Vocational Qualifications. A student may be a member of more than one of these cohorts. By default, a student who is a member of the A Level cohort is also a member of the academic cohort.

SIMS .net	Green Abbey School Performance Tables Summary Report 2015: Scope: No Filter Applied	Age 16-18 June (Summ	ner) Exams	15 Int			
Export Date :	11/02/2016						
Measure	Detail	All	56	Hale	-90	Female	160
KS 5 Cohort Information	Students at end of KS5	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
A levels	Number of A Level students at end of KS5	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Number of A Level full time equivalent students at end of KS 5	71		39		32	
Average Point Scores	APS per A level student (FT equivalent)	1137.68		1143.46		1130.63	
	APS per A level entry	235.5		234.71		236.47	
	APS per A level entry expressed as a grade	8		8-		В	
Threshold Measures	A level students achieving at least 3 A*- E	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	A level students achieving at least 2 A*- E	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	A level students achieving at least 1 A*-E	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
AAB Attainment Measures	A level students achieving AAB or higher in at least 3 "facilitating subjects"	1	0.00%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%
	A level students achieving AAB or higher in at least 2 "facilitating subjects"	8	0.00%	4	0.00%	4	0.00%
Academic	Number of Academic students at end of KS 5	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Qualifications	Number of Academic full time equivalent students at end of KS5	71		39		32	
Average Point Scores	APS per academic student (FT equivalent)	1137,68		1143.46		1130.63	
	APS per academic entry	235.5		234.71		236,47	
	APS per academic entry expressed as a grade	8		B-		В	
Threshold Measures	Academic students achieving qualifications equivalent to at least 3 A Levels at A*- E	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Academic students achieving qualifications equivalent to at least 2 A Levels at A*- E	0	0.00%		0.00%	0	0.00%
	Academic students achieving qualifications equivalent to at least 1 A Level at A*- E	0	0.00%		0.00%	0	0.00%
Vocational	Number of Vocational students at end of KS5	0	0.00%		0.00%	0	0.00%
Qualifications	Number of Vocational full time equivalent students at end of KS5	0		0		0	
Average Point Scores	APS per vocational student (FT equivalent)	0		0		0	
	APS per vocational entry	0		0		0	
	APS per vocational entry expressed as a grade	Dist		Dist-		Dist	
Threshold Measures	Vocational students achieving at least 3 substantial vocational qualifications	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Vocational students achieving at least 2 substantial vocational qualifications	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Vocational students achieving at least 1 substantial vocational qualification	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

#### **KS5 Cohort Information**

#### Students at End of KS5

The following criteria are used to identify these students:

- Reached the age of 16, 17 or 18 by 31 August of the year prior to the results year, e.g. for 2014, this is 31st August 2013.
- On-roll on Census Day (third Thursday in January) of the January preceding the Summer season.
- Completed their Advanced Studies in the academic year, by meeting one or more of the following criteria:
- A Level Cohort: Entered in the current academic year for at least one A Level.
- Academic Cohort: Entered in the current academic year for at least one A Level or substantial Advanced Level academic qualifications.
- Vocational Cohort: Entered in the current academic year for at least one substantial Advanced Level vocational qualification. A substantial qualification is equivalent to at least one A Level.

#### A Levels

#### Number of A Level students at end of KS5

Undiscounted AS results (including 'U' grades) are included in these measures as 0.5 of an A2. Two undiscounted AS results equal the equivalent of one A2 result.

#### Number of A Level full time equivalent students at end of KS5

Full time equivalence per student is calculated by dividing the Total A Level size by the Total size of study. The outcomes are totalled to give the number of A Level FTE students. This is an equivalent number and is not the actual number of students with an FTE of 1.

The FTE for each qualification is calculated by the Level 3 threshold divided by 50 to two decimal places (50 is the threshold for a single A Level).

To calculate Total A Level size, count the FTE of all A Level results and undiscounted AS results (including any 'U' grades).

To calculate the Total size of study, count the FTE of all results including those already counted within the Total A Level size.

For example:

A student has two A Level and one undiscounted AS Level, an FSMQ, and a Principal Learning.

Total A Level size = 2.5

FSMO Equivalence is 8.33/50 = 0.17

Principal learning = 75/50 = 1.5

Therefore, Total size of Study = 2.5+0.17+1.5 = 4.17.

FTE = Total A Level (2.5)/ Total size of Study (4.17) = 0.6

#### **Average Point Scores**

#### **APS per A Level student (FT Equivalent)**

Total number of A Level Points achieved by students divided by the Total number of A Level students FTE.

#### **APS per A Level entry**

The APS per A level entry is the Total number of points for A2 and undiscounted AS results divided by the number of A2 and undiscounted AS results.

#### Average Point Score per Entry Expressed as a Grade

The additional APS rows in the Summary report output are calculated from the details in the following table.

#### Academic (A-Levels)

#### **Vocational Qualifications**

A level Grade	A level Point Score omparison only)	APS Band	Fine Grade <sup>1</sup>	BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Grade	BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Points	APS Band	Fine Grade <sup>2</sup>
(101 00	omparison omy)	295-300	A*	For compariso	on only	1	
A*	300	285-294.99	A*-	<b>5</b> 1.11.11.1		260- 270	Dist*
		275-284.99	A+	Distinction*	270	245- 259.99	Dist*-
Α	270	265-274.99 255-264.99	A A-			230-	Dist+
		245-254.99	B+	Distinction	225	220- 229.99	Dist
В	240	235-244.99	B B-			210- 219.99	Dist-
		215-224.99	C+			200-	Merit+
С	210	205-214.99 195-204.99	C C-		195	190- 199.99	Merit
		185-194.99	D+	Merit		180-	Merit-
D	180	175-184.99 165-174.99	D D-			170- 179.99	Pass+
		155-174.99	E+	Pass	165	160-	Pass
E	150	145-154.99	E			150- 159.99	Pass-
U	0	135-144.99 Below 135	E- U	U	0	Below 150	U

#### **Threshold Measures**

#### A Level students achieving at least 3 A\*-E

The count and percentage of students achieving 3 or more A\*to E at A2 including any undiscounted AS Levels.

#### A Level students achieving at least 2 A\*-E

The count and percentage of students achieving 2 or more A\*to E at A2 including any undiscounted AS Levels.

#### A Level students achieving at least 1 A\*-E

The count and percentage of students achieving 1 or more A\*to E at A2 including any undiscounted AS Levels.

#### **AAB Attainment Measures**

#### A Level students achieving AAB or higher in at least 3 "facilitating subjects"

Count and percentage of students with at least 2 Grade A or higher and at least one Grade B or higher in 3 "facilitating subjects".

#### A Level students achieving AAB or higher in at least 2 "facilitating subjects"

Count and percentage of students with at least 2 Grade A or higher and at least one Grade B or higher overall, where at least 2 of the subjects are "facilitating subjects".

Facilitating subjects are Maths, Further Maths, English Literature, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, History and Languages (Classical and Modern). The list of Qualifying QANs can be found on the DfE Tables Checking website.

#### **Academic Qualifications**

#### Number of Academic students at end of KS5

Students who have been entered in the current academic year for at least one A Level or substantial Advanced Level academic qualification.

#### **Average Point Scores**

#### APS per academic student (FT equivalent)

The Total number of academic points achieved by students divided by the Total number of academic students FTE.

#### Calculating the FTE for academic students:

Example 1

A student has 2 A Level and 1 undiscounted AS

Total A Level size = 2.5

An FSMQ, and a Principal Learning

FSMQ equivalence is 8.33/50 = 0.16

Principal Learning = 75/50 = 1.5

Therefore, Total Academic Size = 2.5+0.16+1.5 = 4.16

Total Size of Study = 2.5+0.16+1.5 = 4.16

FTE = Total Academic size (4.16) / Total size of Study (4.16) = 1.

Example 2

A student has 2 A Level and 1 undiscounted AS

Total Academic size = 2.5

A Vocational qualification with a size = 1 A level

FTE = Total Academic size (2.5) / Total size of Study (3.5) = 0.71.

Students are considered to be academic students when they have achieved any of the following qualifications:

- A Level (legacy)
- GCE A Level
- Applied GCE Single Award
- Applied GCE Double Award
- Applied GCE AS Level
- **Advanced Extension Award**
- **AOA** Baccalaureate Core
- GCE AS Level
- Applied GCE A Level/AS Level Combined
- Applied GCE AS Level Double Award
- Vocational GCE AS Single Award (VCE AS)
- Vocational GCE Single Award (VCE A)
- Vocational GCE Double Award (VCE DA)
- International Baccalaureate
- Extended Project (Diploma)
- Free Standing Maths Qualification Level 3

- International Baccalaureate Combined Certificate
- IBO Higher Level Component
- IBO Diploma Programme Core
- IBO Standard Level Component
- Pre U Diploma
- Pre U Principal Subject
- Pre U Short Course Subject
- AS Level (Advanced Supplementary).

#### APS per academic entry

The Total number of points for academic results divided by the number of academic results.

#### **Threshold Measures**

# Academic students achieving qualifications equivalent to at least 3 A Levels at A\*-E

Count and percentage of students achieving 3 or more A\*to E or equivalents.

# Academic students achieving qualifications equivalent to at least 2 A Levels at A\*-E

Count and percentage of students achieving 2 or more A\*to E or equivalents.

# Academic students achieving qualifications equivalent to at least 1 A Level at A\*-E

Count and percentage of students achieving 1 or more A\*to E or equivalents.

#### **Vocational Qualifications**

#### Number of Vocational students at end of KS5

A Vocational qualification is any qualification that is not considered as academic. Students included in this cohort are those who have at least one Vocational entry.

If a student has a 'U' grade at AS in Year 12 and then only follows Vocational qualifications, the 'U' grade is not included in any calculation as the student is deemed to have changed pathways.

#### **Average Point Scores**

#### APS per vocational student (FT equivalent)

Total number of Vocational points achieved by Students divided by the Total number of Vocational Students FTE

#### Calculating the FTE for Vocational Students

A student has 2 A Level and 1 undiscounted AS

Total A Level size = 2.5

A Vocational qualification with a size = 1 A level

FTE =Total Vocational size (1) divided by the Total size of Study (3.5) = 0.29

#### APS per vocational entry

Total number of points for Vocational Results divided by the number of Vocational results.

#### **Threshold Measures**

#### Vocational students achieving at least 3 substantial vocational qualifications

Count/percentage of students at least 3 vocational qualification that have an equivalence of one or greater.

#### Vocational students achieving at least 2 substantial vocational qualifications

Count/percentage of students at least 2 vocational qualification that have an equivalence of one or greater.

#### Vocational students achieving at least 1 substantial vocational qualification

Count/percentage of students at least 1 vocational qualification that have an equivalence of one or greater.

# Performance Table Report 16-18 - Detailed Output

NOTE: The graphics are used for representation purposes only and should not be considered as exact replicas of what is displayed on screen.

Green Abbey School Performance Tables Detailed Report 2016: Scope: Filter Applied					Age 10 Exam F		nce Cohor	t:Pl Cohort 2	016 Age 16-		
Export Date:	13/0	1/2016									
Name	YTI	Reg	DoB	Exam No	A*-E	Entries	Total Score	Average per Entry	A Level Cohort?	Academic Cohort?	Vocational Cohort?
Appleby, Harbinder	(13)	(J)	16-02-1997	8004	2.50	2.50	645.00	258.00	Y	Υ	N
Barnetti, Alexia	(13)	(J)	08-05-1997	8012	2,66	2.66	715.00	268.80	N	Υ	N
Bellini, James	(13)	(N)	12-11-1996	8016	2.50	2.50	675.00	270.00	N	N	Υ
Cater, Kieran	(13)	(H)	24-04-1997	8035	2.50	2.50	675.00	270.00	N	Υ	Υ
Chan, Yuri	(13)	(J)	02-08-1997	8036	2.50	2.50	660.00	264.00	Υ	Υ	N
Clarke, Catherine	(13)	(L)	24-05-1997	8038	2.00	2.00	510.00	255.00	Υ	Υ	N
Clayton, Emma	(13)	(M)	10-08-1997	8039	2.00	2.00	420.00	210.00	Y	Υ	N
Collier, Richard	(13)	(Q)	09-03-1997	8043	2.50	2.50	630.00	252.00	Y	Υ	N
Collins Kerry	713)	(0)	17-07-1997	2045	2 50	2 50	630 00	252 00	Y	Y	N

# Performance Table Report 16-18 - Full Output

NOTE: The graphics are used for representation purposes only and should not be considered as exact replicas of what is displayed on screen.



NOTE: Where a result is indicated as A Level, it is not also indicated as academic but this in inferred.

# **Exporting Performance Table Reports to Excel with Unformatted Data**

Historically, when exporting data from a marksheet or when exporting Examinations report outputs to Excel, the data was automatically stored with text formatting identified by green triangles. Additionally, the drop-down list indicated that the output had been formatted as text. This caused issues when applying formulas to the data.

To overcome this, individual data fields are now stored with an integer or decimal value format, and this has been changed for the following selected reports and data fields.

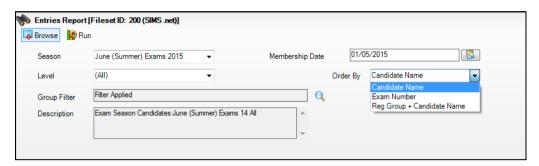
#### **Performance Table Report**

- for Summary, Detailed and Full outputs
- for 2014 and 2015 but not previous years
- for English and NI Regions
- for KS4 and 16-18 levels
- for all calculated fields (not Year Taught In, Unique Candidate Identifier, Exam No. and QAN).
- where possible, the display is set to two decimal places.

## **Running the Entry Report**

This report provides a list of exam entries, together with the associated data including QANs and discount codes.

- Select Tools | Examinations | Entry Report to display the Entries Report browser.
- Select the exams **Season** from the drop-down list. 2.

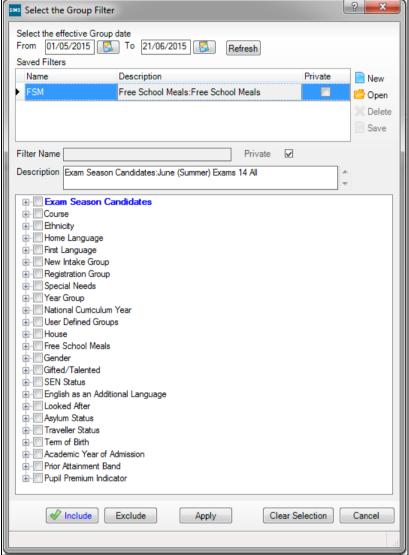


Select the required **Level** from the drop-down list.

The **Membership Date** defaults to the first day of the selected exams season but this can be changed by selecting an alternative date from the Calendar.

Select the **Order By** output preference from the drop-down list. This 4. determines how the report is displayed when it is compiled.

Click the Group Filter browser button to display the Select the Group Filter dialog. 8 Select the Group Filter Select the effective Group date



#### Applying a Saved Filter

- Any previously created group filters are displayed in the Saved Filters list. If the required group is not displayed, you can create a new group filter by clicking the **New** button.
- If the required group filter has already been created, highlight it in the Saved Filters list, click the Open button then click the Apply button.
- The name of the selected filter is displayed in the **Group Filter** field. The data changes automatically according to the filters set.

NOTE: If you are unsure of the group filter content, click the Open button to display the selected group filter in the lower section of the dialog.

To save this filter, click the **Save** button.

#### Selecting a Group

10. Click the + icon to expand the required group and select the check box adjacent to the required item.

The pupil/student group appears in blue to indicate that pupil/students belonging to the selected group will be included. Repeat for any other pupil/student groups that you want to include.

11. To exclude any pupil/student groups, click the Exclude button then select the check box(es) adjacent to the required group(s).

The pupil/student group is displayed in red to indicate that pupils belonging to the selected group will be excluded.

NOTE: You can switch between Include and Exclude at any time by clicking the appropriate button. Before selecting a check box, ensure that the correct button has been clicked. The filter can be cleared by clicking the Clear Selection button, which closes the Select the Group Filter dialog. To create another group filter, click the **Browser** button adjacent to the **Group Filter** field and click the **No** button when asked if you wish to save any changes.

12. Click the **Apply** button to populate the **Description** field.

The **Group Filter** field is updated to indicate that a filter has been applied.

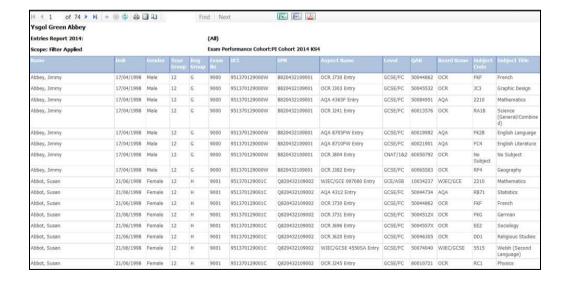
13. Click the **Run** button to compile the report.

Click one of the option buttons to output the report to the medium of your choice.



The options are Export Excel, Export Word or Export PDF.

NOTE: The following graphic is for representation purposes only.



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#### Introduction

A broad range of reports is available and can be accessed through the Reports menu in Examinations Organiser. They are divided into the following six categories:

- **Entries**
- Basedata
- Checks
- Seating Organiser
- Labels
- Results.

Once produced, reports can be printed and saved to disk in one of the following formats:

- CSV (Comma Separated Values)
- TSV (Tab Separated Values)
- QRP (Quick Report Format)
- TXT (Plain Text Format).

Data exported in this way can be used in a variety of other Windows® applications, such as spreadsheets and word processors.

Each of the reports available is prepared according to the same general principles.

- Select the required report from the **Reports** menu. 1.
- 2. Specify the required report criteria using the **Report Criteria** dialog.
- Click the **OK** button to produce the report based on the specified criteria.

# Viewing Reports

Once the report criteria have been selected, the report is produced and displayed on screen. Scroll up and down the report using the cursor keys or the Page Up/Page Down keys.

To view subsequent pages of the report, either:

- click the Focus Browser button to display the Display Page dialog. Enter the page number you want to view and click the **Display** button;
- click either the Next Page or Previous Page button to navigate through the report one page at a time.

Click the Close Report Window button to exit from the report environment.



Close Report Window button

#### Changing the Orientation of the Report

To change the orientation of the report between portrait and landscape, click the Report Orientation button on the Focus Bar. However, each report is in a fixed format, and changing the orientation from the default will not generally bring any benefit.



Report Orientation button

## Zooming In and Out of the Report

To zoom in on or zoom out from the report for easy viewing, click the Report Zoom button on the Focus Bar.



Report Zoom button

# **Printing Reports**

Once produced, the report is displayed and can be printed as follows.

Click the **Print Report** button on the Focus Bar to display the **Print** dialog.



Print Report button

2. Select the appropriate printing parameters and click the **OK** button.

# Exporting/Saving Report Data

Once produced, the report is displayed. You may wish to export the report data to disk, for use in another Windows application, such as Microsoft® Word or Microsoft® Excel.

Data can be saved as a **Tab Separated File**, with each item of data separated by a tab mark or a Comma Separated File, with each item of data separated by a comma. Experience suggests however that because the printed report layout includes a lot of header data, tsv or csv export will rarely produce anything very useful when imported into Microsoft® Excel or other external applications. Accordingly, reports that comprise, after the headings, a simple homogeneous table have been provided with a dedicated **Export** button, which should be used in preference.

Data can also be saved in Quick Report format, so that it can be viewed using an application called Quick Reports or as a Text File.

To export from the **Print Preview** screen:

Click the **Export Data** button on the Focus Bar to display the **Export** Report dialog.



Export Data button

- 2. Enter the **File name** for the report you are saving.
- Select the appropriate file format from the Save as type drop-down list. 3.
- Click the Save button to export the report to the required destination using the specified file name and to return to the **Report** page.
- Click the Close Report Window button on the Focus Bar to exit from the report environment.



Close Report Window button

The procedure to export using the dedicated **Export** button is similar:

- Click the **Export** button on the **Report Criteria** form to run the report. When data collection is complete, if there is no data found, you are informed. Otherwise the Save As dialog opens.
- Select the **Path** and enter the **File name** for the report you are saving. 7.
- Select the appropriate file format from the Save as type drop-down list. 8.
- Click the Save button to export the report to the required destination using the specified file name and to return to the Report Criteria form.

You may now modify the previously entered parameters to produce further variations of your report.

# Importing a CSV File into Microsoft Excel

If a report is exported from SIMS in .CSV format (comma separated values), with a .CSV filename extension, the default behaviour of Microsoft Excel when importing such a file is to format all cells as type **General**. This entails examining each value in the file to determine whether its content is purely numeric (i.e. 0-9, comma or point); or is recognisable as a date; or neither of these. On this basis it treats the cell as numeric, date or text respectively. If it is numeric, it strips any leading zeros, and any subsequent re-declaration of the cell or column as type **Text** will not restore the leading zeros.

#### 06 | Producing Other Reports in Exams

The effect of this on some types of data can be serious. In the multiple-row results export from Examinations Organiser 6.38 onwards, several columns comprise only numeric characters, but legitimately have leading zeros. These are:

Column	Content
Candidate Number	<b>0001 – 9999</b> are valid values. It is a 4-character field, whose content is limited to numerics.
Year group	These are usually numeric, but following integration are preceded by a space if single-figure. Most exports of exam results are for years above <b>10</b> , so this will not generally be an issue for most users.
Board Code	<b>01</b> , <b>10</b> , <b>11</b> , etc. OCR's <b>01</b> is the only one affected, but it should still be <b>01</b> , not <b>1</b> .
QCA Subject Code	The traditional academically oriented code set started at <b>1010</b> , but codes for vocational subjects are in the range <b>0001</b> – <b>0021</b> .
Month	Exported as <b>01</b> , <b>02</b> , etc.
Year	Exported as <b>03</b> , <b>04</b> , etc.
Result	This will depend on what you have chosen to export. Entry, Forecast and Equivalent are invariably grades; Results will generally be numeric for Units, grades for Certifications. It will generally be best to allow default behaviour to operate here, but note that some grades, particularly at Entry level (3, 2, 1), look like numerics, and are treated as such unless overridden.

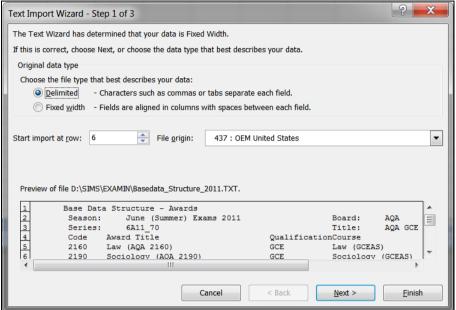
Once the data has been imported into Microsoft Excel, the formatting of the data can be changed as required. However, it is probable that the stripping of leading zeros from at least some of these values will distort the content.

The way to override this behaviour is as follows:

- When asked to supply a filename for the export in SIMS, enter a suitable name with a .TXT file extension.
- Once the export has completed, open this file using Microsoft Excel.

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The **Text Import** wizard is displayed, enabling you to specify the display

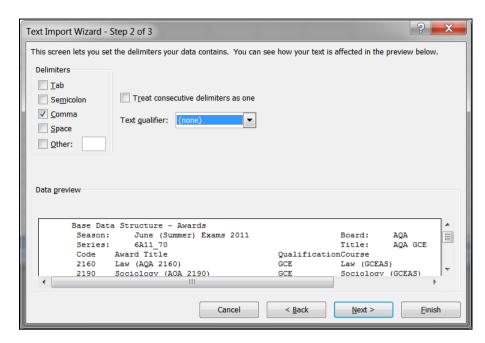


Select the **Delimited** radio button. This ensures that the commas present in the exported file act as separators, denoting where one field ends and another field begins.

NOTE: If you want to suppress the header rows so that they are not displayed in Microsoft Excel, enter 6 in the Start import at row field. This will ensure that the first row to be displayed is the column headers and each subsequent row is the associated data.

Select 437: OEM United States from the File origin drop-down list.

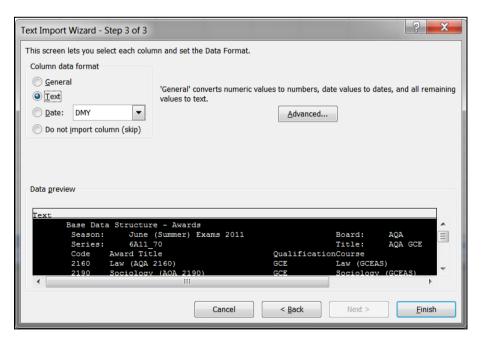
Click the **Next** button to continue.



Deselect the **Tab** check box in the **Delimiters** frame and select the **Comma** check box.

This will tell Microsoft Excel that a comma should be used as a field delimiter.

- 7. Select **none** from the **Text qualifier** drop-down list.
- 8. Click the **Next** button to continue.



- 9. With reference to the table at the beginning of this section, click a column that will be affected by the removal of leading zeros, to highlight it.
- 10. Select the **Text** radio button in the **Column data format** frame.

NOTE: At this stage, the justification in each column is not displayed as it will be once it has been imported.

- 11. Repeat Steps 9 and 10 until you have amended the data format for each of the columns that are affected by the removal of leading zeros.
- 12. Click the Finish button to complete the process and to display the selected file in the format specified.

## **Producing Results Reports**

Six reports are available in this section. These reports can be run by selecting **Reports** | **Results** and selecting the required report name. The **Export Results** routine can also be accessed through this menu route.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If an embargo has been set for the current season to disable the viewing or examination related data for a defined period of time, and you are currently in the embargo period, only authorised personnel can run result reports for the current season.



#### Additional Resources:

Setting Up the Results Embargo for Results Download Days in the Setting up Examinations Organiser chapter of the Preparing Examinations Organiser for an Exams Season handbook

#### **Element/Component Results Report**

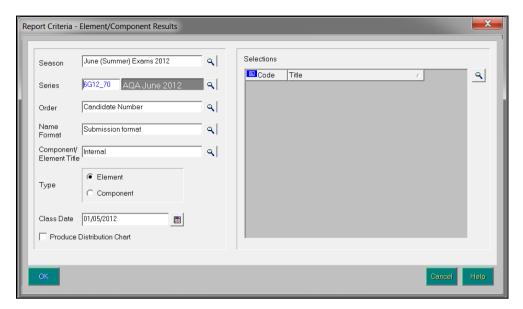
This is a generic report which displays all marks for an element/component and an optional mark/grade distribution report.

For each element or component, the report header includes school and element/component details. The report body is a columnar list, displaying each candidate that sat the examination, their Candidate Number, class and result.

Each element or component is displayed as a separate page in the report.

If you elect to produce a distribution chart, this displays the same report header information as the main report. The report body displays the total number of candidates achieving each Grade/Mark.

Select Reports | Results | Element Component Results to display the Report Criteria – Element/Component Results dialog.



- Select the Season and Series by clicking the appropriate Field Browser buttons and selecting from the drop-down lists.
- Select a report Order by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting Candidate Name, Candidate Number or Rank from the drop-down list.
- Select the Name Format for the report by selecting Certificate format, Informal format or Submission format from the drop-down list.
- Select whether you wish the Internal or External Component/Element Title should be used in the report by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting the required option.
- Select either the **Element** or **Component** radio button in the **Type** frame to determine the results to be displayed on the report.
- Select the Class Date by clicking the Calendar button and selecting the 7. date from the calendar. This defaults to the start date of the season. This date is used to identify class memberships on that date.
- Select the Produce Distribution Chart check box if you wish to produce the chart as well as the report.
- Click the Field Browser button in the Selections frame to display the Elements chooser.
- 10. Select either the elements or components you wish to include in the report. The type of item selected depends on the radio button selected in the Type frame.

Double-click the required items or highlight the required element or component and click the **Choose** button. Multiple elements or components can be selected by holding down the Ctrl key and clicking each item, then clicking the Choose button. Select all the elements or components by clicking the Choose All button.

All selected items are displayed in the Chosen Elements/Components frame. Remove any elements or components added in error using the same selection method as before and clicking either the Remove or Remove All button.

The Available items count and the Chosen items count automatically update when items are selected or deselected from the chooser.

- 11. Click the **Update** button to return to the **Report Criteria** -Element/Component Results dialog. Your selections are displayed in the Selections frame.
- 12. Click the **OK** button to produce the report and the distribution chart (if selected).

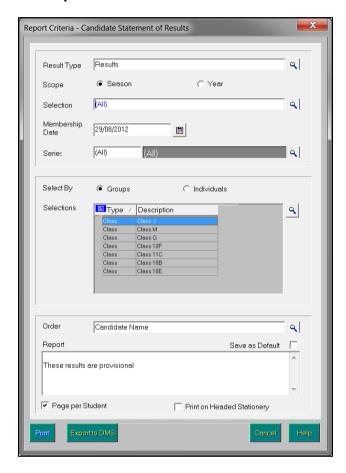
If you are creating the moderator's documentation to support an EDI Coursemark submission, the parameters you select should be as follows.

Order	Candidate Number
Name Format	Submission Format
Component/Element Title	External
Туре	Component
Produce Distribution Chart	Selected

#### **Candidate Statement of Results Report**

This report is produced to review the results, or view the forecast of results, for each candidate.

Select Reports | Results | Candidate Statement of Results to display 1. the Report Criteria - Candidate Statement of Results dialog.



Select the required **Result Type**, either **Results** or **Forecast**, by clicking the Field Browser button. The default value is Results.

If you select Forecast as the Result Type, the Scope of the report automatically defaults to Season and the radio buttons are disabled to prevent this being changed. In addition, the Export function is not available and so the Export to DMS button is disabled.

- If you have selected **Results** as your **Result Type**, select the **Scope** of the 3. report, **Season** or **Year**, by selecting the appropriate radio button.
  - If you select Year, the Series field is cleared and disabled.
- Choose the required **Selection** by clicking the **Field Browser** button.

If you selected **Season** as the **Scope** of the report, the **Selection** drop-down list enables you to select the required season. You can also select <All> to view all seasons.

If you selected **Year** as the **Scope**, the drop-down list contains all the defined academic years.

- Select the required **Series** by clicking the appropriate **Field Browser** button. The drop-down list contains all the series of the selected season, along with All, which is the default value (as stated above, the Series radio buttons are enabled only if you selected Season as the Scope of the report).
- Select the required **Select By** radio button, either **Groups** or **Individuals**. This determines the items available for selection from the **Selections** grid.
- Click the Selections Field Browser button.

If you chose to select by **Groups**, this will open the **Group chooser**, from which you can select a group or groups from the **Choose Groups** chooser.

NOTE: You may opt to order the groups in the **Source** panel alphabetically or by group type, by clicking the appropriate column heading; but please note that if you order by group type, alphabetical order is not observed within the group type. When you select multiple groups, the reports are batched by group.

If you chose to select by Individuals this opens the Candidate chooser, from which you can select pupil/student(s).

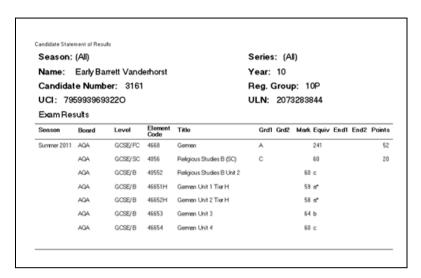
- Select the required Order for the report output by clicking the Field Browser button. The options are Candidate Name, Candidate Number or Reg Group + Candidate Name.
- If required, enter text in the **Report** footer box (max. 500 characters). This text is displayed directly beneath the report text, on each page of the report.

NOTE: The **Report** footer box is available for entry only if the **Page per Student** check box is selected.

- 10. If you want to save the content of the **Report Footer** so that it can be used when running this report in future, select the Save as Default check box.
  - The Save as Default check box is disabled, with its current setting preserved, when the **Page per Student** check box is deselected.
- 11. If you want to print this report on your school's headed stationery, select the **Print on Headed Stationery** check box.

NOTE: Before producing this report, if you selected the **Print on Headed** Stationery check box, you should also check the settings in the Headed Stationery Parameters panel in the School Details dialog (Tools | Setups | School Details).

12. Click either the **Print** button to print the report, or the **Export to DMS** button.



The export option enables you to export the data from the report, as a Microsoft® Word document, to the Document Management Server, from where it can be viewed in SIMS.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When specifying the export location for all reports, it is suggested that consideration is given to any active embargo and the possibility of the exam results being visible to users who may not be authorised to view them.

The Export to DMS button is enabled only if the Scope selected is Year, or if the Scope is Season and the Series is All. In both cases the Export to DMS button is enabled only if the Page per Student check box is selected and the Result Type is Results.

If you click the **Export to DMS** button, a message advises that any documents of the same name are replaced. Click the Yes button to continue. A message will advise you when the export to the DMS is complete.

Once a candidate's Statement of Results data has been exported to the DMS, it can be viewed by clicking Linked Documents in the Links panel (SIMS route Focus | Student | Student Details).



#### **Additional Resources:**

Setting the Headed Stationery Parameters in the Setting up Examinations Organiser chapter of the Preparing Examinations Organiser for an Exams Season handbook

# **Certification Results Broadsheet Report**

This report is used to review the full certification examination results achieved by the candidates in the selected cohort. You can also use it to view the candidates' full certification forecast grades.

The report header displays the School name, selected season, qualification, level and the group for which the report was produced. For each candidate, the report body displays their Year group, Registration group, the number of entries and their results for each of the examinations that they took.

The mechanism used to ensure that the different options are grouped together so that they are displayed in the same column (e.g. tiers of Maths), is to cluster by QCA code. If a QCA code is absent from an element, that element cannot be assigned to a column in the report.

This is the reason why the results for different examination boards behave differently. For example, CCEA and WJEC have total coverage in the basedata, AQA for all certifications and OCR for non-vocational certifications. EdExcel do not currently provide QCA codes as part of their basedata.

Currently, the solution to the QCA code not being present in the basedata is to display the Basedata tree and add the appropriate QCA code to the required certification element.

Under certain circumstances, this assignment of a QCA code will need to be based on informed guesswork.

NOTE: Please remember that the 00 values should be used for GNVQ, VCE and Applied GCSE only.

It is hoped that in the future, examination boards will amend their process and supply the QCA codes as part of their basedata. This will ensure that an examination board's authentic QCA code overwrites any values erroneously assigned by a user.

To assign a QCA Code to an element:

Click the Manage Basedata button or select Focus | Basedata to display the Basedata for Season dialog.

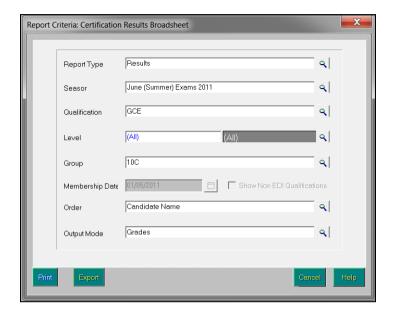


Manage Basedata button

- Navigate to the fourth level item (element) by clicking the + button to expand the navigation tree and highlight the required element.
- 3 Right-click the required element and select **Properties** from the pop-up menu to display the Properties of Element dialog. The Basic Details page is automatically selected.
- Enter the QCA Code (Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, formerly known as the LEAP code or SCAA code) for the element.
- Repeat Steps 2-4 until all of the required Subjects have been assigned a QCA Code.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Results, for certifications only, are displayed in the report output. Equivalents, endorsements and units are not displayed in the report output.

 Select Reports | Results | Certification Broadsheet to display the Report Criteria – Certification Results Broadsheet dialog. It is possible to display all results that an individual student has achieved whilst at your school.



- 7. Select the **Report Type**, either **Results** or **Forecast**, by clicking the **Field Browser** button and selecting from the drop-down list.
- 8. Select the **Season** for which you want to run the report by clicking the **Field Browser** button and selecting from the drop-down list. You can also select **All>** to view values for all seasons.
- Select the Qualification by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting from the drop-down list. If you have selected <All> from the Season drop-down list, you can also select <All> to view all existing qualifications.
- 10. Select the Level for the report by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting the required level from the drop-down list. The levels available are those associated with the selected qualification. If you have selected <All> from the Season drop-down list, you can also select <All> to view all existing levels.
- 11. Select the **Group** for which you wish to run the report by clicking the **Field Browser** button and selecting from the drop-down list. The groups available are **Season Candidates**, **Curriculum Years**, **Registration Groups**.
- 12. The **Membership Date** defaults to the Start date of the **Season** that you have selected. It can be changed by clicking the **Calendar** button and selecting a different date or by manually entering the required date in the field. If you have selected **<All>**, this field remains blank.
- 13. The **Show Non EDI Qualifications** check box is selected by default. Deselect this check box if you do not want to include non-EDI qualifications in the report output.
- 14. Select the **Order** of the report by clicking the **Field Browser** button and selecting the order from the drop-down list. The options available are **Exam Number**, **Candidate Name** and **Reg group + Candidate Name**.

Select the **Output Mode** of the report by clicking the **Field Browser** button and selecting the order from the drop-down list (for Forecast reports, only Grades is available). The options available are:

#### Grades

The report displays the grade achieved, or forecast, for each subject. An additional row at the end of the report will display the total Number of Results for each subject.

#### **Points**

The report displays the points equivalent for each grade (e.g. Grade A at GCSE French is displayed as 52).

An additional column on the right displays the average points score per entry for each student (e.g. for a candidate scoring A in GCSE Full Course level and **D** in another subject at GCSE Short Course level, the average points are calculated as (52 + 34) / 2 = An average of 43 points).

For each subject, rows at the end of the report display:

- Number of Results
- Total number of equivalent entries a Full Course counts as 1, a Short Course as 0.5
- Average Score i.e. the total of the points scores for all students for the subject divided by the number of equivalent entries.

As for the Grades option, an additional column on the right will display the average points score per entry for each student.

The residual value displayed against each subject is the difference between the points value of the grade achieved for the subject and the candidate's average points score per entry.

For example, if a student's average points score across all subjects entered is 42 and the student has scored Grade A (i.e. 52 points) for Drama at GCSE Full Course, then the residual value for Drama is 52 -42 = 10. The residual value can also be a negative number, e.g. if the student has scored Grade D (i.e. 34 points), then the residual value is 34 - 42 = -8.

For each subject, rows at the end of the report display:

- Number of Results
- Total number of equivalent entries a Full Course counts as 1, a Short Course as 0.5.
- Average Residual i.e. the total of all students' residual values for the subject divided by the number of equivalent entries.
- 15. Click either the **Print** button to display the report, or the **Export** button to export the report.

Clicking the Export button opens the Save As dialog. Enter or select the filename and location to which you wish to save the export file. Select the required file type, either .TXT or .CSV, by selecting from the Save as type drop-down list, and then click the Save button.

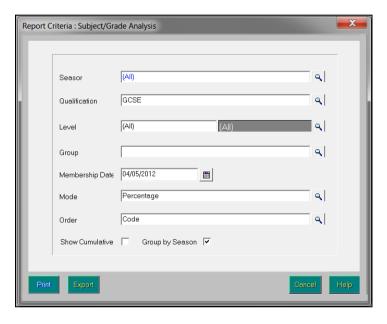
Once the export process has completed successfully, you can open the file to view, format and print, as required.

# Subject/Grade Analysis Report

This report can be produced to review the breakdown of grades for a given subject.

The report header displays the School name, selected season, qualification, level and the group for which the report was produced. For each subject, the report body displays the number of subject entries associated with it and the number/percentage of candidates achieving each grade. The number/percentage of A\*-C and A\*-G are also displayed for GCSE qualifications.

Select Reports | Results | Subject/Grade Analysis to display the Report Criteria - Subject/Grade Analysis dialog.



- Select the Season for which you wish to run the report by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting the required season from the drop-down list. You can also select **<All>** to view values for all seasons.
- Select the Qualification by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting the required qualification from the drop-down list.
- Select the Level for the report by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting the required level from the drop-down list. The levels available are those associated with the selected qualification.
- Select the Group for which you wish to run the report by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting the group from the drop-down list. The groups available are Season Candidates, Curriculum Years, Registration Groups and PI Cohorts.
  - The Membership Date defaults to the Start date of the Season that you have selected. It can be changed by clicking the Calendar button and selecting a different date or by manually entering the required date in the field. If you have selected **<All>**, this field remains blank.
- Select the Mode for the report by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting the mode from the drop-down list. Select either Raw or Percentage, as appropriate.

- Select the Order of the report by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting the order from the drop-down list. The options available are Code and **Description**.
- Select the **Show Cumulative** check box if you wish the previous percentage or raw score for grades to be added to the percentage or raw score for the next grade, etc. For example,  $A^*$  may be 58, A would be 58 + 52 = 110, and so on.
  - The Group by Season check box is only available for selection if you have selected <All> from the Season drop-down list.
- Click either the Print button to display the report, or the Export button to export the report.
  - Clicking the **Export** button opens the **Save As** dialog. Enter or select the filename and location to which you wish to save the export file. Select the required file type, either .TXT or .CSV, by selecting from the Save as type drop-down list, and then click the Save button.
  - Once the export process has completed successfully, you can open the file to view, format and print, as required.

NOTE: Only certification results are included in the report output.

# **Group Performance Analysis Report**

This report provides, on or after results day, a quick class-by-class summary of subject performance.

Select Reports | Results | Group Performance Analysis to display the Report Criteria - Group Performance Analysis dialog.



Select the parameters of the report, by clicking the appropriate Field Browser buttons:

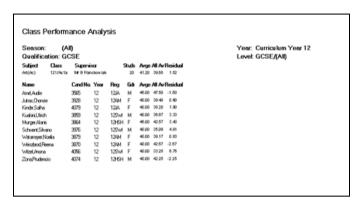
- **Season** only seasons for which Performance Indicator values have been calculated are available for selection. You can also select <All> view values for all relevant seasons.
- Qualification only qualifications represented in the selected season are available for selection.
- **Level** only levels for the selected qualification are available for selection, with All being the default.
- **Year Group** these are Curriculum Years and are limited to those represented in the **All Candidates** group for the selected season.
- Group Type you can select Class, or Course with Class being the default. If you have selected <All> from the Season drop-down list, you can also select Groups.
- Output Mode the Output Mode can be Numbers or Percentages, with Numbers being the default. If you have selected <All> from the Seasons drop-down list, you can also select Groups.
- **Residual Calculation** the option is now given to compare the results of groups and individuals with the stored PI values, as previously, or with the matching qualification – e.g. for GCSE results, comparing only with all GCSE results.
- Membership Date the Membership Date defaults to the Start date of the selected Season. It can be changed by clicking the Calendar button and selecting a different date or by manually entering the required date in the field. If you have selected <All>, this field remains blank.

#### Select the report format: 3.

- Split by Gender select this check box if you wish to breakdown the analysis by male and female students.
- Expand Groups select this check box if you wish to see an analysis of each student in a class/course, as well as the overall class analysis. If you select this option, each group begins on a fresh page.
- Page per Subject select this check box if you wish each subject to start on a new page of the report.
- Group by Season this check box is only available for selection if you have selected <AII> from the Season drop-down list.
- Show Residuals Only select this check box if you want to suppress the grades in the report output and view the residual calculations only.

NOTE: If the **Expand Groups** check box is selected, the **Page per** Subject is automatically selected and disabled. In addition, the Export function is not available and the **Export** button is disabled.

Click either the **Print** button to display the report, or the **Export** button to export the report.



Clicking the Export button opens the Save As dialog. Enter or select the filename and location to which you wish to save the export file. Select the required file type, either .TXT or .CSV, by selecting from the Save as type drop-down list, then click the Save button.

Once the export process has completed successfully, you can open the file to view, format and print, as required.

## **Report Details**

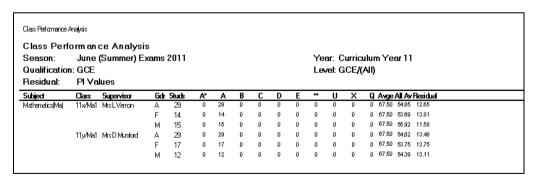
The exact analysis displayed in the report will differ depending on the options you select in the Group Performance Analysis Report Parameters dialog.

# **Example Report 1**

The following graphic shows a report with the following options selected:

Group Type: Class Output Mode: Numbers Gender: Split

Groups: Not expanded



The report displays the following columns:

- Subject the subjects in the curriculum whose results are being reported on.
- Class the classes associated with the selected year group and the subject.
- Supervisor the main supervisor for the class on the Membership Date.

- Gender with the Split by Gender check box selected, this displays analysis for the class in three rows, **A** (All), **M** (Male) and **F** (Female).
- **Students** the number of students who have results recorded against them and who are members of the class and the selected year group.
- **Grades** the list of grades and the number of results at each grade. Only certification results are counted – endorsements /equivalents are excluded.
- Average the average points scored by the row of students calculated by totalling the points corresponding to the grade and level and then dividing by the total number of results for all grades. For example, if there are four students who have results for the subject, of which two of them have scored the grade A (52 points) in GCSE and two of them have scored grade A\* (58 points) in GCSE, then the average points should be calculated as (2x52+2x58) / (2x1+2x1) = 55 points.

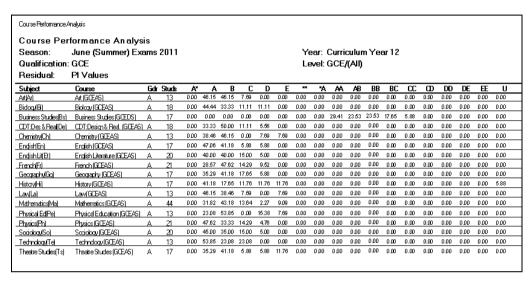
NOTE: The points equivalent for a grade achieved in a Short Course is half that of a Full Course. Similarly, when calculating the total number of results for all grades, a Short Course counts as 0.5.

- All Average this is calculated by totalling the number of points accrued for all subjects by all the candidates in the class and dividing it by the total number of entries for the season by all the candidates in the class. For example, if the total points scored by four candidates in the season is 245 and the number of equivalent entries is 6.5, then the All Average is 245/6.5 = 35.83.
  - The concept of equivalent entries ensures that not only the level selected, e.g. GCSE, but also other levels regarded as equivalent are taken into account. This figure is read from the PI - Calculated values.
- Residual this is the difference between the class average points score for all class members for the individual subject and the average of all class members for all subjects. This should be difference between Average and All Average for the class in consideration. In the above case it would be 55 - 35.83 = 19.17.

# **Example Report 2**

This graphic shows a report with the following options selected:

Group Type: Course Output Mode: Percentage Gender: Not split Groups: Unexpanded



The following columns differ from the previous example:

- **Course** the courses associated with the selected subject.
- Gender as the Split by Gender check box has not been selected, this displays analysis for the course as A (All), only.
- Students the number of students who are members of the course and of the selected year group and who have results recorded against them.
- Grades the percentage of students with recorded results who achieved each grade.

# **Example Report 3**

This final graphic shows a report with the following options selected:

Group Type: Class Output Mode: Numbers Gender: Not split Groups: Expanded

Season: June (Summer) Exams 2011							Year: Curriculum Year 12															
Qualification: G	n: GCE					Level: GCE/(All)																
Subject Class	Supervi	sor		Studs	A*	Α	В	C	D	Ε	=	*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	œ	Œ	DD	DE	EE	ı
Art(Ar) 12D/Ar1	Mr T Smit	h		13	0	6	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	D	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Name	Cand No.	Year	Reg	Gdr	A*	Α	В	C	D	Ε	**	*A	AA	AB	BB	BC	œ	Œ	DD	DE	EE	-
Adams,Owen	5002	13	K	М		1																
Briscoe, Benjamin	5024	13	J	М			1															
Cruwys, Dafydd	5034	13	М	М				1														
Haliday,Mtzi	5061	13	L	F			1															
Hytan,Julie	5072	13	K	F		1																
Marey,Dominic	5098	13	J	М		1																
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Smith,Melanie	5135	13	L	F			1															
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This differs from the previous example reports because the **Expand Groups** check box has been selected. This results in an analysis of each student in a class/course being shown, as well as the class analysis. It also means that each subject will start on a new page.

For each student, the Average column is the average points score for the student in the subject – usually the score for the single result achieved. The All Average column is the candidate's average points score for all subjects entered. The **Residual** column is the difference between the **Average** and the All Average.

#### **Export Results**

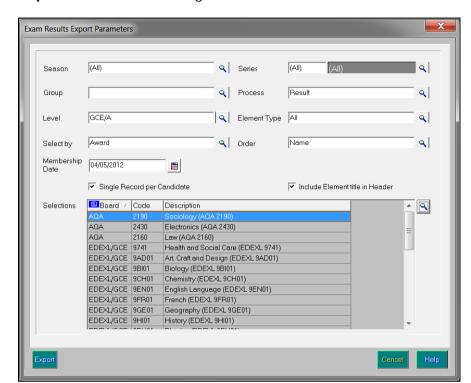
You can export examination results held in Examinations Organiser to a .CSV or .TXT file. This enables you to review the results data, incorporate the data into school reports, or use it for analysis purposes.

The header of the exported file displays the name of the season, series and group selected together with the date that the export file was created. The detail record displays the candidate's name, Exam Number, UCI, Registration and Year Group, Admission Number and examination results, grouped by element.

# Important Information on Exporting Results to a CSV File

You can export examination results held in Examinations Organiser to a .CSV or .TXT file. This enables you to review the results data, include the data in school reports or use it for analysis purposes.

The header of the exported file displays the name of the season, series and group selected together with the date the export file was created. The detail record displays the candidate's name, Exam Number, UCI, Registration and Year group, Admission Number and examination results, grouped by element.



Select Reports | Results | Export Result to display the Exam Results Export Parameters dialog.

- Select the **Season** for which you wish to export result data by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting from the drop-down list. All seasons in Examinations Organiser are available for selection, including closed, locked and domestic seasons. You can also select <All> to view values for all relevant seasons.
- Select the required Series by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting from the drop-down list. The series available are those associated with the selected season. The All Series option enables all examination results in the selected season to be exported.
- Select the required **Group** by clicking the **Field Browser** button and selecting from the drop-down list. The groups available include **Season** Candidates, Curriculum Years, etc. Any examination results for a candidate who was a member of the selected group as of the start date of the selected season is exported.
- Select the Process by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting from the drop-down list. This enables you to specify the type of results you wish to export. The options available are Entry, Equivalent, Forecast and Result. If you select Entry, all entries (including those that have been withdrawn) are exported.
- Select the Level by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting from 6. the list.
- 7. Select the **Element Type** by clicking the **Field Browser** button and selecting from the list. The options are All Results, Certification Results and Unit Results.

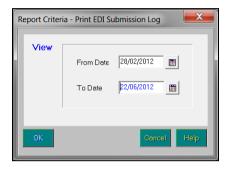
- 8. Select the method of examination results selection by clicking the **Field Browser** button adjacent to the **Select by** field and selecting from the drop-down list. The options are **Award** and **Element**.
- 9. The **Membership Date** defaults to today's date but this can be changed by selecting an alternative date from the **Calendar**.
- 10. Select the Order in which the examination results will be displayed in the export file by clicking the Field Browser button and selecting the order from the drop-down list. The options available are Exam Number, Name and Reg + Name.
- 11. Select the **Single Record per Candidate** check box to produce one record per candidate and a column for each result aspect that conforms to your request.
  - If you deselect this check box, the **Include Element title in Header** check box becomes disabled and the export file will include one record per result only. The information exported for each result comprises aspect name, level, board code, board name, subject code, subject title, result month, result year, result, school status, points value (for grades) and percentage of maximum mark (for marks).
- 12. Select the Include Element title in Header check box, if required.
- 13. Click the **Field Browser** button adjacent to the **Selections** frame to display the **Awards** chooser. The chooser displays either a list of awards or elements, depending on the option selected in the **Select by** field.
- 14. Select the required awards or elements by double-clicking them or highlighting an item in the list and clicking the **Choose** button. Multiple awards or elements can be selected by holding down the **Ctrl** key and clicking each item, then clicking the **Choose** button. Select all the awards or elements by clicking the **Choose All** button.
  - All selected awards or elements are displayed in the **Selected Items** frame. Remove any items added in error using the same selection method as before and clicking either the **Remove** or **Remove All** button.
  - The **Number of Available Items** for selection and the **Number of Selected Items** automatically updates when items are selected or deselected from the chooser.
- 15. Click the **Update** button to return to the **Exam Results Export Parameters** dialog. Your award or element selections are displayed in the **Selections** frame.
- 16. Click the Export button to display the Save As dialog. To export the report, click the Export button to display the Save As dialog. Enter or select the filename and location to which you wish to save the export file. Select the required file type, either .TXT or .CSV, by selecting from the Save as type drop-down list, and then click the Save button.
- 17. Once the export process has completed successfully, you can open the file to view, format and print, as required.

# **Producing the EDI Submission Log Report**

This report is produced to review the history of submissions made to the exam boards.

The report displays the examination board for which the submissions have been made, the type of submission file, the file name, the date and time the file was generated, the date and time the file was submitted and the name of the user who submitted the file.

Select Reports | EDI Submission Log to display the Report Criteria -Print EDI Submission Log dialog.



- Select the date range for the report by completing the From and To Date fields.
- Click the **OK** button to produce the report.

# **Candidate Progress Report**

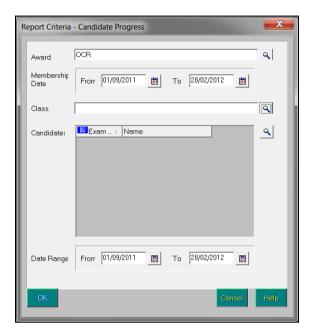
This report can be accessed by selecting Reports | Checks | Candidate Progress.

This report enables Examinations Officers to track the progress of a candidate within an award, over a sequence of seasons. This is achieved by displaying all results for any aspect associated with the chosen award. These usually belong to elements associated with the award, but may also be for the award itself (an Edexcel Enrolment) or it may be a coursework mark for a component assigned to an associated element.

The report header displays the candidate personal details including their name, as well as their Exam Numbers, Year, Reg Group and a combination of examination board, qualification and award details. For each examination, the report body consists of the parent assessment code, type and title as well as the aspect type, result and associated season.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If an embargo has been set for the current season to disable the viewing or examination related data for a defined period of time, and you are currently in the embargo period, only authorised personnel can run this report for the current season.

Select Reports | Checks | Candidate Progress to display the Report Criteria – Candidate Progress dialog.



- Select the Award, Class and Membership Date Range for the group by clicking the appropriate Field Browser and Calendar buttons.
- Select the Candidates by clicking the adjacent Field Browser button and 3. select the **Date Range** by clicking the appropriate **Calendar** button. The From date defaults to the beginning of the current academic year and the To date defaults to today's date.
- Click the **OK** button to produce the report.

# **Exams Graphs in Discover**

Before accurate and up-to-date Exams data is visible in Discover, there are a number of prerequisites.

- Exams basedata must have been imported into Examinations Organiser.
- Exam results must have been imported/recorded in Examinations Organiser.
- The PI values must have been collated and calculated in Examinations Organiser/SIMS.
- The SIMS data must have been transferred into Discover using the Discover Administration Utility.

For further information, please refer to the *Discover User Guide* handbook.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Before proceeding, please consider any active exam embargoes and the possibility of exam results being visible to users who may not be authorised to view them.

Click the **Exams** button to display a drop-down list of available graph outputs.



Exams button

All Key Performance Indicator values, Baccalaureate results, Summary and Residuals data is calculated in Examinations Organiser/SIMS before being transferred to Discover. If there is no data visible via Reports | Results | Subject/Grade Analysis, Group Performance Analysis and Performance Tables, the Exams graphs in Discover are blank. As soon as data is available in the Examinations Organiser/SIMS reports and the data Transfer process has transferred the data into Discover, the Discover Exams graphs display the correct data when dropped on the canvas.

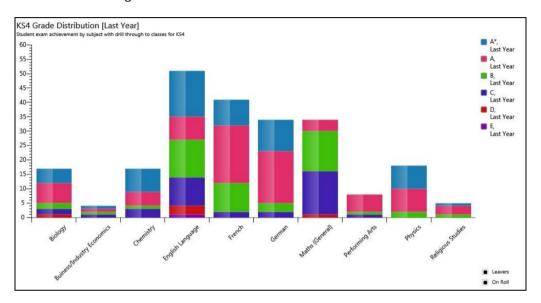


The following graph definitions are available from the Exams catalogue:

- KS4 5+ A\*-C, English A\*-C and Maths A\*- C this Venn diagram displays details of all pupil/students who have achieved five or more A\*-C grades in addition to achieving an A\*-C grade in both English and Maths.
- KS4 KPI Summary this bar graph shows the pupil/student totals for the Key Performance Indicators in Key Stage 4 that have been calculated in SIMS. The data displayed in this graph matches the output from the Performance Tables report in Examinations Organiser/SIMS.
- KS4 English Baccalaureate Venn this Venn diagram displays a separate circle for all pupil/students in the Key Stage 4 cohort who have achieved a grade of A\*-C in the following subjects:
  - Enalish
  - Humanities
  - Mathematics
  - MFL (Modern Foreign Language)
  - 2+ Science subjects.

The central section of the Venn diagram contains the details of all pupil/students who have achieved a grade of A\*-C in all subjects. This Venn diagram is only visible to schools in England.

**KS4 Grade Distribution -** this stacked bar graph displays the grades achieved for all GCSE subjects in the Key Stage 4 cohort. The stacked bar graph can be viewed either as a count of pupil/students or as a percentage value by changing the display option. The data displayed in this graph matches the output from the Subject/Grade Analysis report in Examinations Organiser.



- Exam Residuals by Subject this bar graph displays the residuals for all the GCSE examination subjects for all pupil/students in the Key Stage 4 cohort. The drill down feature enables you to view the class supervisor information beneath each subject data point.
- Welsh Baccalaureate the default graphical display is a bar graph of on-roll pupil/students. Information is displayed for the Level 1 Welsh Baccalaureate Foundation Diploma, Level 2 Welsh Baccalaureate Intermediate Diploma and Level 3 Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma. On the reverse of the graph, a record is displayed for each KS4 PI cohort with a true/false value for each Diploma Level. This bar graph is only available to schools in Wales.

Additionally, the following Exams predefined graph definitions can only be compiled and viewed if you have appropriate permissions:

- **KS4 Grade Distribution**
- KS4 Exam Residuals by Subject.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**: Only users with appropriate permissions can view details of Examination Results. SIMS Discover respects all results embargoes that have been specified in Examinations Organiser via Tools | School Setup | Results Embargo.

The following graph definitions are available for the Performance Indicator cohort Age 16+:

- KS5 A2 Point Scores per Student the default graphical display shows the average point scores per student for the A2 Level.
- KS5 A2 Point Scores per Entry the default graphical display shows the average of averaged point scores per entry for the A2 Level.
- KS5 A2 Grade Distribution by Subject the default graphical display shows the grade distribution by subject for the A2 Level results, with drill through to class supervisors.
- KS5 A2 Exam Residuals by Subject the default graphical display shows exam residuals by subject for KS5 A2 Level, with drill through to class supervisors.
- KS5 AS Point Scores per Student the default graphical display shows the average point scores per student for the AS Level.
- KS5 AS Point Scores per Entry the default graphical display shows the average of averaged point scores per entry for the AS Level.
- KS5 AS Grade Distribution by Subject the default graphical display shows the grade distribution by subject for the AS Level results, with drill through to class supervisors.
- KS5 AS Exam Residuals by Subject the default graphical display shows the exam residuals by subject for KS5 AS Level, with drill through to class supervisors.

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# **Glossary**

## **Aspect**

An aspect is the definition of an assessment used to hold predicted grades, record final results, record results for any endorsements, hold indication of entry and record coursework marks or grades. The definition includes what is to be assessed, the manner in which it is assessed and a range of acceptable grades.

## Attainment 8

Attainment 8 is a measure of the average grade for a pupil across 8 subjects including mathematics (double weighted) and English (double weighted), three further qualifications that count in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) measure and three further qualifications that can be GCSE qualifications (including EBacc subjects) or any other non-GCSE qualifications on the DfE approved list.

#### **Award**

An award is defined in terms of an examination board, level, title and the course to which it relates. It specifies the qualification aim that members of a Course are directed towards. As basedata for successive series is imported from the examination boards, users will attach the options, units, certifications (elements), etc. to the appropriate award(s), to indicate the steps that eligible candidates may take towards certification.

# Awarding Body (Organisation)

Any authority or agency recognised as competent to assess and issue qualifications in any academic or vocational field.

#### **Board**

Any authority or agency recognised as competent to assess and issue qualifications in any academic or vocational field.

Most activity will take place in relation to the three Unitary Awarding Bodies (UABs) in England – namely Edexcel, AQA and OCR – and their equivalent in Wales and Northern Ireland, WJEC and NICCEA.

#### Centre

An establishment licensed to administer examinations. All secondary schools are centres.

#### **Centre Number**

All centres have a 5-figure centre number issued by the National Centre Registry at Cambridge. A few colleges, particularly if they arise from an amalgamation of geographically separated sites, have more than one.

#### **Certification Claim**

The entry code required by the examination board signifies that, in the eyes of the school, the candidate has completed the requirements for certification and is now claiming the certification.

# Component

A component is an examinable task that constitutes the whole or part of what a candidate must present to satisfy the requirements for an element. It may be a timed paper, a practical exercise, a coursework assignment, a test or a portfolio.

#### **EDI**

Electronic Data Interchange – the transfer of computer data from one computer system to another via a modem link.

#### Element

An element is a term used within Examinations Organiser to refer to a record in the 'O' (Options) basedata file. It may be an option in the traditional sense, a module, a unit, a registration or a certification claim anything for which the board requires notification of candidate entry.

#### **Enrolment**

A dated link between a candidate and an award. It indicates a commitment on the part of the candidate to work towards one or more of the outcomes contained by the award.

This entity is not currently in use.

# **Entry**

A link between a candidate and an element.

#### **Estimated Attainment 8**

The estimated Attainment 8 score is the average Attainment 8 score of all pupil/students nationally who achieved the same Prior Attainment at Key Stage 2. A pupil/student's Prior Attainment is defined as the average of their KS2 English and Mathematics results, in fine graded levels.

#### **Examination Board**

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#### **External Candidate**

For a person to be considered for taking an examination, they must first be recognised as a candidate in Examinations Organiser. Registering a person as an external candidate consists of associating them with a season and allocating both an exam number and a UCI number.

NOTE: You cannot add external candidates if the season is locked or closed.

# Option

An option is anything for which the examination board requires notification of candidate entry. The Examinations Organiser term for this is 'element'.

# **Progress 8**

A pupil's Progress 8 score is defined by the DfE, and is calculated by subtracting their estimated Attainment 8 score from their actual Attainment 8 score. The school's Progress 8 score is the mean average of all the pupil/students' mean progress scores.

#### QAN

The Qualification Accreditation Number.

#### **QCA** Code

QCA is the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, the regulating body for all curriculum and assessment in schools. The QCA Subject Classification Code (formerly known as the LEAP code or SCAA code) is the standard subject code used for the subject-by-subject analysis in the Schools Performance Tables. Every certification element will have a QCA code, although the examination board may not include it in the 'O' file; units/modules are not subject to PI analysis and a code may not have been issued by QCA at this level and therefore will not appear in the 'O' file. However, these codes are the only standardised way of referencing subjects and are therefore used by SIMS Analysis to categorise elements by subject. The field is made editable in the element properties dialog to enable users who wish to perform such analysis at unit level to do so.

The OCA code is also known as the discount code.

#### Qualification

In the context of basedata, a qualification indicates a framework for assessment, which may exist at a variety of levels. Examples are GCSE, GCE, VCE and GNVQ.

# **Result Set**

Used in SIMS Assessment to collate results to be processed in a single 'view'. A season in Examinations Organiser maps directly to a result set in SIMS Assessment.

#### Season

A timeframe in which examinations are administered and are entirely user-defined. It is anticipated that a season will contain examinations of a generally similar character, e.g. external, Key Stage, internal, etc. seasons may run concurrently, but only one season can be current at a given time. All activity under the **Focus** menu operates within the selected season.

#### **Season Pattern**

Provides a way of grouping a set of examinations that are normally sat at a given time each year. They consist of a code, title, description and set of associated months. A season is then created based on a selected season pattern.

## Series

A collection of syllabuses, options, components, etc. defined by the examination board for its own administrative purposes to manage the entry of the results process. A series will usually, although not always, have a single closing date for entries, together with a defined date for the return of results.

# **Template**

The definition of a set of columns that are merged with a group of candidates to produce a marksheet.

# UCI

Unique Candidate Identifier - a 12-digit number with a check letter, primarily used to track individual students who change schools during a modular course. It is calculated by the school's MIS from an algorithm defined by the Joint Council.

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