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# SIMS Next Gen
# Roadmap for Secondaries

SIMS Next Gen simplifies daily tasks, puts key information at your fingertips, and keeps you focused on what matters most. With new functionality rolling out every term, we're continuously evolving—enhancing what works and introducing innovative modules for deeper insights and greater efficiency.

Stay ahead with our **Innovation** and **Enhancement** tabs for a clear view of what's coming next.

Innovation: brand-new functionality

Enhancement: significantly streamlining existing workflows

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## Available Now

● Teaching team
Enhancement

### Attendance Registers

Take the register anytime, anywhere, on any device – with new features that make it faster and easier for teachers to record attendance.

● Teaching team
Innovation

### Fire Registers

Stay in control during emergencies with a live evacuation register. Instantly see who's on-site and account for every student in real time - no printing, no guesswork.

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Innovation

### Class View

Your all-in-one classroom management tool. Take the register, create a seating plan, log behaviour or medical incidents, and more. Spot issues early, act quickly, and give every student the support they need.

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Innovation

### Seating Plans

Set your class up for success with flexible, data-led seating plans. Use student attributes like SEND or behaviour to create environments that support learning from day one.

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Innovation

### Smart Seating Plans

Create seating plans in seconds with AI that reads seating-specific notes. Save valuable time and set up layouts that support focus, positive behaviour, and better learning.

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Enhancement

### Assessment: My Markbook and Online Marksheets

Take control of your assessments. Record test results, observations, and skill competencies when it suits you, and complete data drop marksheets for parent reporting.

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Enhancement

### Conduct: Events

Record conduct events easily for individuals or groups. Fully customisable to your school's behaviour policy, with a smooth workflow that ensures data is captured accurately every time.

Full write-back with SIMS7.

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Enhancement

### Conduct: Report Cards

Track student conduct and monitor behaviour targets with an easy to use online report card system keeping progress visible and accountable.

Full write-back with SIMS7.

● Teaching team & Leadership
Enhancement

### Conduct: Dashboards

Monitor student behaviour at a glance. This customisable dashboard gives teachers and middle leaders the insight they need - without running complex reports.

● Teaching team & Office team
Enhancement

### Conduct: Detentions

Easily schedule and manage detentions with workflows that automatically assign students to detentions saving time for busy office teams.

Full write-back with SIMS7.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Safeguarding Essentials

Efficiently record and monitor safeguarding data directly in SIMS. Stay compliant, support early intervention, and ensure every child gets the support they need to stay safe.

Contact your Account Manager if you would like access.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Staff Profile

See all staff details in one place - contact information, roles, working patterns, responsibilities, and more. Information is quicker to find and update, with simple workflows that save time and cut down on admin.

● Office team
Innovation

### Staff Profile: Create and delete

Create staff profiles for new joiners, including lite profiles for temporary and supply staff members. Deactivate, anonymise and/or delete leavers' profiles.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Custom Groups

Create, edit, and manage groups faster than ever with smart filters and bulk editing. Whether for attendance, interventions, or assessments -SIMS Next Gen makes it quick and effortless.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Admin Console

Manage your school's core settings in SIMS Next Gen - from staff access to system preferences - all from a single, central hub.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Document Management Service (DMS)

Manage documents across students, staff, and school records more efficiently. Bulk download and delete files, making it simple to stay organised and carry out regular housekeeping.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Pupil Profile: Bulk Edit

Update student information in bulk by year group, reg group, or custom group — across multiple areas at once, saving time and improving consistency.

● Office team
Enhancement

### School Census: Summer (England)

Manage the School Summer Census data, efficiently, resolving errors and queries collaboratively. Share access with colleagues for advice and authorisation before submitting via COLLECT.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Manage Attendance

Track student whereabouts, apply marks, spot patterns, message parents about unauthorised absences, and prepare statutory returns – all from one central hub that saves time and reduces admin.

SMS bundles can be purchased for schools that wish to send text messages.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Pastoral Groups

Set up, modify, and manage pastoral groups as part of the school end of academic year process. Easily allocate students to groups and view all groups in one place with an intuitive interface.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Pastoral Promotion Process

Set up and apply promotion rules in bulk for current year groups, registration groups, and individuals. Configure next steps quickly to reflect changes in registration or academic year.

● Office team
Innovation

### Pupil Profile: Communications Log

Keep a full record of all parent and guardian communications in one place. Helps schools evidence engagement, support safeguarding, and prepare for inspections.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Statutory Returns: School Workforce Census

Check and correct all required data for the School Workforce Census in one place. Built-in validation helps you meet your statutory obligations with fewer errors and less manual effort.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Staff Profile: Contracts

Create and manage staff contracts for permanent and casual staff. Helps ensure accurate payroll and informed staffing decisions.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Exam Room Seating

Create seating plans for pupils taking exams at your school. Clone existing seating plans to speed up and save you time in administering your seasons.

● Office team & Leadership
Enhancement

### Staff Absences

Easily record, view, and manage staff absences from one place. Get a clear view of past, present, and upcoming absences - speeding up decisions and minimising classroom disruption.

● Office team & Leadership
Enhancement

### Conduct: Exclusions and Suspensions

Record exclusions and suspensions with clear, step-by-step guidance - reducing errors and saving time. A clear overview table helps you track dates, reasons, and outcomes in one place.

● Leadership team
Enhancement

### Reporting and Insights: Pupil Insights

Analyse attendance, persistent absence, conduct, SEND and more with clear graphs, charts, and summaries. pupil Insights helps schools spot trends and take action with confidence.

● Leadership team
Enhancement

### Reporting and Insights: Pupil Drill-Down

Access student-level reports in a clear tabular format—giving you the insight you need to spot patterns, target support, and make more informed decisions that drive school improvement.

● Leadership team
Enhancement

### Reporting and Insights: Staff Insights

Get a full view of your staff with insights into demographics, ICFP, pay gaps, and turnover - plus detailed absence data to support smarter workforce planning and compliance.

● Leadership team
Enhancement

### Reporting and Insights: Staff Drill-Down

Access staff-level reports in a clear tabular format—giving you the insight you need to spot patterns, target support, and drive whole-school improvement.

● Leadership team
Enhancement

### Reporting and Insights: Conduct

Track behaviour, lesson attendance, and engagement patterns in one view. Identify issues early and deliver targeted interventions to better support student's learning journeys.

● All school staff
Enhancement

### Student Profile

See everything you need to know about a student in one place - contact details, student Premium, consents, home life, and more. The smarter, faster way to manage student information.

● All school staff
Enhancement

### Staff Timetable

View all staff timetables and cover lessons in one clear, colour-coded calendar. Stay organised, quickly spot gaps in cover, and keep your school day running smoothly from start to finish.

● All school staff
Enhancement

### Pupil Timetable

Access full timetable details, including subject, teacher, and room, with one click from student Profile or Class View. Fast, reliable, and easy to use—so staff can act quickly when it matters.

● All school staff
Innovation

### Role-based Homepage

Get instant access to frequently used modules, real-time updates, and the latest SIMS Next Gen releases. SLT will see aggregated student insights including FSMe, student Premium and attendance headlines.

● All school staff
Enhancement

### SEND/ALN

Record statutory SEND/ALN details and capture additional support needs. With greater visibility in areas like Class View, teachers can access the insights they need to support every student effectively.

● All school staff
Enhancement

### Student Profile: UDFs

View, add, and update custom information in user-defined fields - improving flexibility, supporting diverse communities, and ensuring consistency with SIMS7.

● All school staff
Enhancement

### School Calendar

Schools can view the school calendar in SIMS Next Gen with the ability to add and edit coming soon

● All school staff
Enhancement

### Interventions

Schools can run interventions in SIMS Next Gen with the ability to plan interventions being added soon.

● All school staff
Enhancement

### MIS Alerts and Notifications

Automatically notify staff when key actions happen in the MIS – like changes to attendance, conduct, or staff records. Helps schools act quickly and respond to issues in real time.

## Autumn Term 2026

● Leadership team
Enhancement

### Reporting and Insights: Custom

Provide school leaders with the exact data they need to make informed decisions.

● Office team
Innovation

### Parents Application

Parents receive all school information in one app, reducing confusion and improving school and parent engagement. Onboarding is simple, easing admin for schools.

Available exclusively to schools with the Engage package.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Common Transfer File (CTF): Export

Easily create Common Transfer Files (CTFs) directly in SIMS Next Gen. This secure, standardised process supports smooth student transfers between schools and ensures continuity of records—meeting statutory requirements with less effort.

● Office team
Innovation

### Parental Engagement Backoffice

Manage all parental engagement activities from a single application, ensuring no information or communication slips through the cracks.

Available exclusively to schools with the Engage package.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Permissions Management

Manage permissions by user group - grant or restrict access to certain features or class data. Changes apply instantly to all members of the group, keeping control simple and consistent.

● Office team
Enhancement

### Assessment Administration

Set up your school's assessment policies in the MIS. Reduce teacher admin while delivering clear, trackable progress data across year groups and subjects.

● Office team Enhancement

### Course Management

Create, edit, and manage courses with ease. Course Management gives schools greater control and flexibility—helping to keep curriculum data accurate, organised, and up to date.

● Office team Enhancement

### Post-16

Easily gather, check and submit all the necessary data for your Post-16 census submission. Designed to simplify compliance and give you full control over your reporting process.

● Office team Enhancement

### PLASC (Wales)

Complete and submit your Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) with confidence. Ensure accurate data capture and compliance with Welsh Government requirements - all in one streamlined process.

● Office team Enhancement

### Academic Promotion

Move students and staff into the correct year groups, classes, and timetables for the new academic year. With clear workflows and built-in checks, Academic Promotion ensures a smooth start to the term.

● Office team Enhancement

### Statutory Returns: School Workforce Annual Census (Wales)

Review and correct staff data required for the School Workforce Census. Built-in validation helps you meet statutory obligations with fewer errors and less manual work.

● Office team Enhancement

### Attendance Data Collection (Wales)

Automate student-level attendance exports for DeWi submission. Save time, reduce errors, and stay compliant with national reporting requirements.

● Office team Enhancement

### ISC Return
### (England, Wales, Independent)

Streamline data collection for independent schools. Capture admissions, staffing, fees, and performance data in one place – supporting accurate benchmarking and reducing admin.

● Office team Enhancement

### SLASC Return
### (England, Independent)

Simplify your statutory return to the DfE with a single, central view of key school, student, and staffing data. Designed to reduce admin and ensure compliance.

● Office team Enhancement

### Admissions: Transfer files

Export and import application data. New workflows implemented with SIMS Next Gen help schools manage admissions efficiently and maintain data integrity across systems.

● Office team Enhancement

### Academic Management
### (assign students to classes)

Assign students to classes with flexible tools that support new academic year setup. Makes it quicker to manage changes and streamline timetabling.

● Office team Enhancement

### Product Integrations

Connect SIMS Next Gen to your wider tech stack using API integrations. Reduce manual tasks and improve data flow between your MIS and third-party systems.

● Office team Enhancement

### Common Transfer File (CTF): Import

Quickly import student data from a CTF into SIMS Next Gen. Student details are captured and integrated automatically, reducing manual data entry and improving accuracy during onboarding.

● Office team Innovation

### Single Messaging Solution

Send one-off emails, SMS, or in-app messages to parents and guardians – covering attendance, assessments, behaviour, and more. Use templates, workflows, and automation to save time.

Available exclusively to schools with the Engage package.

● Office team Enhancement

### Cover Management

Log staff absences and assign cover quickly and easily. Get immediate updates on availability, cover status, and timetable changes – helping you reduce disruption and keep lessons running smoothly.

● Office team Enhancement

### Catholic Census
### (England and Wales)

Complete with pre-populated data and tailored workflows that match the official return format. Save time, reduce errors, and ensure your submission meets Diocese and government requirements.

● Office team Enhancement

### Subject Access Requests

Quickly respond to Subject Access Requests with tools that help you locate, review, and provide the right data. Support GDPR compliance and reduce the admin burden on busy school staff.

● Office team Enhancement

### Groups Management: Admissions Groups

Organise and manage your incoming student intake as part of the admissions process. Easily handle applicant data and stay compliant with your school's policy for the new academic year.

● Office team Innovation

### Audit Trail

Track every change made in SIMS – including who made it, when, and what data was affected. Supports transparency, compliance, and better data governance.

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### School Census: Autumn (England)

Manage the School Autumn Census data, efficiently, resolving errors and queries collaboratively. Share access with colleagues for advice and authorisation before submitting via COLLECT.

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