

SIMS Training Courses

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Course Dates & Times

Date	Title	Type	Venue	Cost Schools with SLA	Cost Schools without SLA
AUTUMN TERM					
11/09/17 – PM	Autumn School Census (Primary)	Briefing	3BM	No charge	£50
12/09/17 – Day	SIMS Core (Primary)	Course	3BM	SLA*	£250
13/09/17 – AM	Course Manager Briefing for 11 – 16 Schools	Briefing	3BM	No charge	£50
13/09/17 – PM	Post-16 Census Briefing	Briefing	3BM	No charge	£50
14/09/17 – Day	Intro to FMS	Course	3BM	£190	£250
15/09/17 – AM	Autumn School Census (Primary)	Briefing	3BM	No charge	£50
18/09/17 – PM	SIMS Interventions	Briefing	3BM	No charge	£50
20/09/17 – PM	Post 16 Census Workshop	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
21/09/17 – Day	SIMS Core (Secondary)	Course	3BM	SLA*	£250
22/09/17 – AM	Introduction to Attendance	Course	3BM	SLA*	£125
26/09/17 – AM	Post 16 Census Workshop	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
27/09/17 – AM	SEN	Course	3BM	£95	£125
28/09/17 – PM	Dinner Money	Course	3BM	£95	£125
29/09/17 – AM	School Census Workshop (Primary)	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
03/10/17 – AM	SMART/SMARTY Demo	Overview	3BM	No charge	£50
03/10/17 – PM	School Census Workshop (Primary)	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
10/10/17 - AM	School Census Workshop (Secondary)	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
11/10/17 – AM	Hugely Helpful Hints for Savvy SIMS Staff	Course	3BM	SLA*	£125
11/10/17 – Twilight	SMART/SMARTY Marksheets	Overview	3BM	See below	N/A
13/10/17 – AM	School Workforce Census Briefing	Briefing	3BM	No charge	£50
16/10/17 – PM	School Workforce Census Briefing	Briefing	3BM	No charge	£50
17/10/17 – AM	Common Transfer Files (CTFs)	Course	3BM	SLA*	£125
20/10/17 – AM	Exam Extries	Course	3BM	£95	£125
31/10/17 – PM	School Workforce Census Workshop	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
07/11/17 – AM (8.45am)	SIMS for Primary Senior Leadership Teams – Overview	Overview	3BM	No charge	£50
08/11/17– PM	General Pupil Lists and Class Lists (Primary)	Course	3BM	SLA*	£125
10/11/17 – AM	SIMS Academic Management (Clubs & Sets)	Briefing	3BM	No charge	£50
14/11/17 – AM	General Students Lists and Class Lists (Secondary)	Course	3BM	SLA*	£125
15/11/17 – PM	Primary User Group	User Group	3BM	No charge	N/A
21/11/17 – PM	Secondary User Group	User Group	3BM	No charge	N/A
22/11/17 – AM	Primary User Group	User Group	WA PS, Ealing	No charge	N/A
23/11/17 – PM	Full SIMS Reporting	Course	3BM	£95	£125
28/11/17 – PM	Student Options (online version)	Demo	3BM	No charge	£50
30/11/17 – Day	SIMS Advanced Reporting/Workshop	Course/ Workshop	3BM	£95/190	£125 (morning only)

06/12/17 – Day	Word Intermediate/Reporting Workshop	Course/ Workshop	3BM	£95/190	£125 (morning only)
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Date	Title	Type	Venue	Cost Schools with SLA	Cost Schools without SLA
SPRING TERM					
11/01/18 – AM	School Census Briefing	Briefing	3BM	No charge	£50
16/01/18 – PM	School Census Workshop	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
23/01/18 – AM	Student Options	Course	3BM	£190	£250
24/01/18 – PM	SIMS Interventions	Briefing	3BM	No charge	£50
25/01/18 – Day	SIMS Advanced Reporting/Workshop	Course/ Workshop	3BM	£95/190	£125 (morning only)
30/01/18 – Day	SIMS Core (Primary)	Course	3BM	SLA*	£250
31/01/18 – AM	Exams Workshop	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
02/02/18 – AM	SIMS Cover	Course	3BM	£95	£125
06/02/18 – Day	Intro to FMS	Course	3BM	£190	£250
07/02/18 – Twilight	SMART/SMARTY Marksheets	Overview	3BM	See below	N/A
20/02/18 – Day	SIMS Core (Secondary)	Course	3BM	SLA*	£250
21/02/18 – PM	Behaviour	Overview	3BM	No charge	£50
22/02/18 – PM	General Student Lists and Class Lists (Secondary)	Course	3BM	SLA*	£125
27/02/18 – Day	Word Intermediate/Reporting Workshop	Course/Wor kshop	3BM	£95/£190	£125 (morning only)
28/02/18 – AM	Hugely Helpful Hints for Savvy SIMS Staff (HHHSSS)	Course	3BM	SLA*	£125
02/03/18 – AM	SIMS Housekeeping	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
06/03/18 – AM	Admission Groups and Applications	Course	3BM	£95	£125
08/03/18 – AM	Full SIMS Reporting	Course	3BM	£95	£125
09/03/18 – AM	Excel Intermediate	Course	3BM	£95	£125
13/03/18 – PM	Primary User Group	User Group	3BM	No charge	N/A
14/03/18 – PM	Secondary User Group	User Group	3BM	No charge	N/A
15/03/18 – AM (8.45am)	SIMS for Primary Senior Leadership Teams – Overview	Overview	3BM	No charge	£50
20/03/18 – AM	Common Transfer Files (CTFs)	Course	3BM	SLA*	£125
21/03/18 – PM	General Pupil Lists and Class Lists (Primary)	Course	3BM	SLA*	£125
22/03/18– AM	Primary User Group	User Group	Venue - tbc	No charge	N/A
26/03/18 – PM	SIMS Personnel	Course	3BM	£95	£125
28/03/18 – Day	SIMS Core (Secondary)	Course	3BM	SLA*	£250

Date	Title	Type	Venue	Cost Schools with SLA	Cost Schools without SLA
SUMMER TERM					
19/04/18 – Day	SIMS Attendance Analysis & Reports	Course	3BM	£190	£250
24/04/18 – AM	Common Transfer Files (CTFs)	Course	3BM	SLA*	£125
26/04/18 – PM	Admission Groups and Applications	Course	3BM	£95	£125

30/04/18 – PM	Primary Statutory Data Collection - Briefing	Briefing	3BM	No charge	£50
01/05/18 – AM	Primary Statutory Data Collection - Briefing	Briefing	3BM	No charge	£50
09/05/18 – AM	Primary Statutory Data Collection - Briefing	Briefing	Venue - tbc	No charge	£50
10/05/18 – PM	SIMS Housekeeping	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
15/05/18 – PM	Personnel Workshop	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
18/05/18 – AM	Excel Advanced	Course	3BM	£95	£125
07/06/18 – PM	Personnel Workshop	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
12/06/18 – PM	Primary Statutory Data Collection - Workshop	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
14/06/18 – AM	Primary Statutory Data Collection - Workshop	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
26/06/18 – Day	Nova Workshop	Workshop	3BM	£190	£250
27/06/18 – Twilight	SMART/SMARTY Marksheets	Overview	3BM	See below	N/A
28/06/18 – PM	Primary User Group	User Group	3BM	No charge	N/A
03/07/18 – PM	Secondary User Group	User Group	3BM	No charge	N/A
04/07/18 – AM	Primary User Group	User Group	Venue - tbc	No charge	N/A
05/07/18 – AM	Exam Results	Course	3BM	£95	£125
10/07/18 – Day	Nova Workshop	Workshop	3BM	£190	£250
11/07/18 – PM	Course Manager Briefing	Briefing	3BM	No charge	£50
12/07/18 – PM	Year End Workshop	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A
17/07/18 – AM	Year End Workshop	Workshop	3BM	£95	N/A

Please see Course Outlines for start and end times.

There will be a 15 minute registration period at the start of the Course with Tea/Coffee available.

*** These courses are included as part of your SLA at no extra cost, up to a maximum of 3 half days.**

SMART Marksheets

For schools with an annual subscription to 3BM SMART

- No Charge (up to 3 places, per school, per year)

Important Note:

*All bookings should now be made online. Please see the **Course Bookings** section on P.26*

Please note that, once a booking has been received, the full cost will be charged unless notification of cancellation is received at least 10 school days in advance of the course date. If booked under your SLA entitlement, the session will be considered as used and your remaining entitlement adjusted accordingly.

Briefings/overviews are free of charge. However, if you have booked on a session, a £50 fee will be charged for non-attendance unless notification of cancellation is received at least 10 school days in advance of the briefing/overview.

Course Outlines

School Census Briefing

Target Audience:

Primary school staff who are responsible for preparing the October (Autumn) School Census.

Duration: Briefing (9.45am to 11.30am and 1.45pm to 3.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Outline:

- An overview of the October 2017 School Census (Autumn)
- To highlight and discuss the changes from last year
- Question and Answer session

Date	Time	Venue
11/09/17	1.45pm – 3.30pm	3BM
15/09/17	9.45am – 11.30am	3BM
11/01/18	9.45am – 11.30am	3BM

SIMS Core – Individual Pupil Core Data

Target Audience:

Staff who are new users or have limited knowledge of SIMS and have responsibility for using and maintaining pupil records.

Duration: Full Day (9.15am to 3.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Lunch will be provided and tea/coffee will be available all day.

Course Outline:

- Searching the database and locating pupil records
- Editing existing pupil records
- Entering new pupil records, including addresses and contacts
- Using links to other data areas, including Attendance, Assessment and SEN
- Running Pre-Defined Reports

Course Requirements:

No previous knowledge of SIMS is necessary, however an experience of using a computer and windows is desirable.

Date	Time	Venue
12/09/2017	9.15am - 3.30pm (Primary)	3BM
21/09/2017	9.15am – 3.30pm (Secondary)	3BM
30/01/2018	9.15am - 3.30pm (Primary)	3BM
20/02/2018	9.15am - 3.30pm (Secondary)	3BM
28/03/2018	9.15am – 3.30pm (Secondary)	3BM

Course Manager Briefing for 11 – 16 Secondary Schools

Target Audience:

School staff in 11-16 schools with a responsibility for the management of KS3/4 courses in Course Manager. An understanding of the school's academic structure is required.

Duration: Briefing (9.45am to 11.30am, including 15 mins coffee and registration)

Outline:

- To highlight the need for well managed courses in KS3/4
- To provide an overview of the changes required in Course Manager as a result of the phased introduction of the new 9-1 GCSE specifications
- To highlight and discuss the changes to the functionality of Course Manager
- Question and Answer session

Date	Time	Venue
13/09/17	9.45am – 11.30am	3BM

Post-16 Census Briefing

Target Audience:

School staff responsible for preparing the Post-16 Census in 11-18 Secondary and PRU Schools. An understanding of the school's academic structure is required.

Duration: Briefing (1.45pm to 3.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Outline:

- Autumn 2017 Census Return – what's new
- Course Manager and the 9-1 GCSE and two-year A level qualifications
- Course Manager and the Post-16 Return
- Update Prior Attainment and the Post-16 Return
- Post-16 funding arrangement
- Course Manager and the Programmes of Study
- Question and Answer session

Date	Time	Venue
13/09/2017	1.45pm – 3.30pm	3BM

Introduction to FMS

Target Audience:

New School Business Managers, Finance Officers or Administrative staff

Duration: Full Day (9.15am to 3.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Lunch will be provided and tea/coffee will be available all day.

Course Outline:

- Accounts Payable:
 - Setting up Suppliers
 - Creating Purchase Orders
 - Paying Invoices
 - Cheque Processing
- Bank Reconciliation
- Petty Cash Processing
- Non Invoiced Income
- Journals

Course Requirements:

The course is designed for new users of SIMS FMS

Date	Time	Venue
14/09/2017	9.15am - 3.30pm	3BM
06/02/2018	9.15am – 3.30pm	3BM

SIMS Interventions

Target Audience:

Senior Leaders, SENCOs, Inclusion Managers, School Administrators, School Business Managers and Data Managers

Duration: Briefing (1.45pm to 3.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Outline:

Demonstration and information session regarding the new Intervention area now available in SIMS.

- How to plan and add Intervention groups
- How to allocate pupils/students to Intervention groups
 - Add targets and outcomes
 - Record sessions attended
- How to generate individual student intervention reports
- How to generate school level reports
 - Cost analysis
 - Outcome analysis
 - Interventions across the school

Date	Time	Venue
18/09/17	1.45pm – 3.30pm	3BM
24/01/18	1.45pm – 3.30pm	3BM

Post-16 Census Workshop

Target Audience:

School Staff who are responsible for preparing the Post 16 School Census.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm and 12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Workshop details:

This workshop will enable school staff to work on their own school SIMS data via a remote connection to prepare and check the Post-16 Autumn School Census, with SIMS staff on hand to assist and answer questions.

Date	Time	Venue
20/09/2017	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM
26/09/2017	9.15am – 12.30am	3BM

Introduction to SIMS Attendance: Primary Schools

Target Audience:

Staff responsible for the day to day operation and management of Attendance.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- Entering and editing Attendance marks
- Dealing with unexplained absences
- Dealing with missing marks
- Attendance letters
- Running reports

Course Requirements:

Delegates should have an understanding of the school's Attendance procedures.

Date	Time	Venue
22/09/2017	9.15pm – 12.30pm	3BM

SIMS Special Educational Needs

Target Audience:

SENCOs.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

Following changes to the SEN code of practice, this course will cover transferring the existing needs and SEN Codes as appropriate and will also include:

- Navigating Pupil Records
- Viewing and editing pupil SEN details
- Statutory Information
- SEN Reviews, events and provisions
- Recording details of the Statement and new Education and Health Care Plan process for individual pupils
- Linking pupils to outside agencies and staff etc
- Customising SIMS to reflect the SEN activities in your school

Course Requirements:

Suitable for users new to SIMS or existing users, delegates should have an understanding of the SEN code of practice.

Date	Time	Venue
27/09/2017	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM

Dinner Money

Target Audience:

Day to day users of SIMS with responsibility for dinner money.

Duration: ½ Day (12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- Record all types of pupil, staff and visitor meal arrangements including special meals such as Christmas dinner
- Record all types of pupil, staff and visitor payments including electronic payments
- Produce a variety of reports for different requirements such as registers, the kitchen, mid-day supervisors, pupil and staff statements
- Complete the regular financial transactions
- Produce a weekly catering return
- Produce mailmerge letters to parents

Course Requirements:

Delegates should be familiar with the day to day use of SIMS, understand the financial requirements necessary for recording purposes and have an understanding of Attendance recording.

Date	Time	Venue
28/09/2017	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM

School Census Workshop – Primary

Target Audience:

School Staff who are responsible for preparing the School Census

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm and 12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Workshop details:

This workshop will enable school staff to work on their own school SIMS data via a remote connection to prepare and check the Autumn School Census, with SIMS staff on hand to assist and answer questions.

Date	Time	Venue
29/09/2017	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM
03/10/2017	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM
16/01/2018	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM

SMART/SMARTY (SIMS Model for Assessment, Reporting and Tracking and Early Years)

Target Audience:

Early Years/Foundation Leaders and Senior Leaders, responsible for entering Assessment data in their schools.

Duration: AM Overview (9.45am to 10.45am, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Outline:

The 3BM SIMS Model for Assessment Reporting and Tracking for Early Years (SMARTY) is now ready and being installed in existing schools who have the SMART system. We will be demonstrating the new marksheets and grade set based on the 7 areas broken down into the 17 strands, how to access them, together with the tracking grids and excel reports.

Date	Time	Venue
03/10/2017	9.45am – 10.45am	3BM

School Census Workshop – Secondary

Target Audience:

School Staff who are responsible for preparing the School Census

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Workshop details:

This workshop will enable school staff to work on their own school SIMS data via a remote connection to prepare and check the Autumn School Census, with SIMS staff on hand to assist and answer questions.

Date	Time	Venue
10/10/2017	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM

Hugely Helpful Hints for Savvy SIMS Staff

Target Audience:

The course is aimed at a user who might be in a position to go back to school and demonstrate the techniques learned to other SIMS users in school.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

A short, fun and interactive course to demonstrate some quick ways of doing regular tasks in SIMS.net, experienced users may learn some new tricks here.

- There are many scenarios in a school where SIMS can help
- If the information is in SIMS, everyone can access it
- You have been using SIMS for a while
- You were shown how to do various tasks in SIMS but ...
- You are not kept up to date with the changes to SIMS
- These changes make for “smarter” working
- Creating report templates

Course Requirements

Delegates should have a prior knowledge of SIMS from an admin/office point of view.

Date	Time	Venue
11/10/2017	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM
28/02/2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM

SMART (SIMS Model for Assessment, Reporting and Tracking)

Target Audience:

This is aimed at Teachers who are new to using the 3BM SMART system.

Duration: Twilight Session (4.00pm to 5.30pm)

Outline:

- How to use the 3BM Teacher Spreadsheets to record assessments for pupils at statement/objective level
- Understanding the SMART ‘Phases’
- How to access marksheets
- Entering data into marksheets
- Adding additional pupil information into marksheets
- Adding filters to analyse specific areas of data
- Accessing Tracking Grids

Date	Time	Venue
11/10/2017	4.00pm – 5.30pm	3BM
07/02/2018	4.00pm – 5.30pm	3BM
27/06/2018	4.00pm – 5.30pm	3BM

School Workforce Census Briefing

Target Audience:

School staff responsible for preparing the School Workforce Census.

Duration: Briefing (9.45am to 11.30am and 1.45pm to 3.30pm, including 15 mins coffee and registration)

Outline:

- The procedures schools need to follow to complete the School Workforce Census in November 2017
- Changes from last year
- Advice on processes that can assist in data preparation and checking
- How to manage the change to Teacher's pay to reflect salaries that are different to the standard pay scales

Date	Time	Venue
13/10/2017	9.45am – 11.30am	3BM
16/10/2017	1.45pm – 3.30pm	3BM

Common Transfer Files (CTFs)

Target Audience:

All SIMS users involved in the administration of pupil admissions and leavers and day to day users of SIMS.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- Statutory requirements and the importance of the CTF
- Adding destination schools
- Creating full and partial CTFs
- Importing CTFs
- Uploading and downloading CTFs from the DfE Secure Access site

Course Requirements:

Suitable for users new to SIMS or existing users.

Date	Time	Venue
17/10/2017	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM
20/03/2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM
24/04/2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM

SIMS Exams Entries

Target Audience:

Secondary school staff responsible for making external exam entries using SIMS.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- Setting up exam seasons
- Importing basedata supplied by exam boards
- Making entries using marksheets
- Submissions and amendments
- Seating Organiser
- Reports

Course Requirements:

Suitable for users new to SIMS or existing users wanting to refresh their knowledge.

Date	Time	Venue
20/10/2017	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM

School Workforce Census Workshop

Target Audience:

School Staff who are responsible for preparing the School Workforce Census.

Duration: ½ Day (12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Workshop details:

This workshop will enable school staff to work on their own school SIMS data via a remote connection to prepare and check the School Workforce Census, with SIMS staff on hand to assist and answer questions.

Date	Time	Venue
31/10/2017	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM

SIMS for Primary Senior Leadership Teams - Overviews

Target Audience:

Primary Senior Leadership Teams, including new school leaders and existing school leaders looking to explore the benefits of using SIMS more effectively.

Duration: AM session (8.45am to 10.45am, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Outline:

- Using SIMS to assist with OFSTED inspections and reports for School Leaders, Parents and Governors
 - Recording and analysing behaviour incidents and/or achievements for pupils across the school
 - Generating Individual pupil reports for review/parent meetings
 - Analysing School Attendance, identifying trends and comparing pastoral groups
 - Recording and analysing pupil assessment and tracking progress

Date	Time	Venue
07/11/2017	8.45am – 10.45am	3BM
15/03/2018	8.45am – 10.45am	3BM

General Pupil Lists and Class Lists in SIMS (Primary)

Target Audience:

New and experienced users of SIMS who regularly need to produce reports with basic pupil information quickly and who are not yet familiar with these type of reports.

Duration: ½ Day (12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- Produce quick student lists and registration group lists – with basic pupil data
- Produce student analysis reports
- Adding columns including blank columns – useful for school visits/trips
- Sort orders and filters
- Exporting reports to other formats e.g. Excel

Course Requirements:

Suitable for users new to SIMS or existing users

Date	Time	Venue
08/11/2017	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM
21/03/2018	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM

School Clubs and Teaching Sets in SIMS - Primary

Target Audience:

Senior Leadership Teams, Administrative Staff

Duration: Briefing (9.45am to 11.30am, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Outline:

A demonstration of how school clubs and teaching sets can be set up in SIMS. How to allocate pupils and manage the membership of these groups, as well as create reports and lists, and use the groups within Assessment

- How to create groups
- How to allocate pupils to groups
- How to generate reports
 - Club Registers
 - Lists
- How to filter SIMS marksheets by teaching set

Date	Time	Venue
10/11/2017	9.45am – 11.30am	3BM

General Student Lists and Class Lists in SIMS (Secondary)

Target Audience:

New and experienced users of SIMS who regularly need to produce reports with basic pupil information quickly and who are not yet familiar with these type of reports.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm and 12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- Produce quick student lists and registration group lists – with basic pupil data
- Academic class lists
- Academic and timetable filters
- Produce student analysis reports
- Adding columns including blank columns – useful for school visits/trips
- Sort orders and filters
- Exporting reports to other formats e.g. Excel

Course Requirements:

Suitable for users new to SIMS or existing users

Date	Time	Venue
14/11/2017	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM
22/02/2018	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM

SIMS User Groups Termly Sessions

As part of your 3BM Support SLA we invite you to attend our Termly User Groups. These are held at various locations for your convenience. These sessions are important for SIMS users to attend so that they keep up to date with all new aspects of SIMS. It is also a good way to network with other local schools SIMS users. The User Groups do not replace training but will inform SIMS users of new functionality, hints and tips and provide a forum to gain and share best practice.

Target Audience:

This Briefing is aimed at day to day users of SIMS.

Duration: ½ Day (9.30am to 12noon and 1.30pm to 4.00pm)

We will be covering (Primaries and Secondaries)

- A full agenda will be circulated nearer the date

Date	Time	Venue
15/11/2017	1.30pm – 4.00pm	3BM
22/11/2017	9.30am – 12.00pm	West Acton Primary School, Ealing
13/03/2018	1.30pm – 4.00pm	3BM
22/03/2018	9.30am – 12.00pm	Venue to be confirmed
28/06/2018	1.30pm – 4.00pm	3BM
04/07/2018	9.30am – 12.00pm	Venue to be confirmed

Secondary Schools

Date	Time	Venue
21/11/2017	1.30pm – 4.00pm	3BM
14/03/2018	1.30pm – 4.00pm	3BM
03/07/2018	1.30pm – 4.00pm	3BM

SIMS Reporting

Target Audience:

Day to day users of SIMS and users wanting to create specific user defined reports.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm and 12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- Running pre-defined reports
- Previewing reports
- Modifying existing reports
- Creating reports
- Using the different output formats of Word, RTF and Excel
- Report management

Course Requirements:

Delegates should be familiar with the day to day use of SIMS and understand the range of data which is stored within SIMS. Delegates should have ideally attended the SIMS Core Course.

Date	Time	Venue
23/11/2017	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM
08/03/2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM

Student Options (online version)

Target Audience:

This one-day course is aimed at enabling those members of staff involved in Options to manage the whole process. It is particularly relevant for staff from schools that operate a system where Option Blocks are created, to some degree, on the basis of students' subject choices but it is still useful even where students simply make their choices from pre-determined blocks.

Duration: Demo (1.45pm – 3.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

The course explores how the SIMS Options module can be used to manage the student options process. It is designed to enable delegates to:-

- Create a new options implementation and import both the curriculum from Nova-T6 and the students from SIMS
- Enter and analyse student choices
- Create classes and place them into a blocking structure
- Allocate students to classes, modifying the structure as appropriate
- Transfer the final solution to Nova-T6 and to SIMS
- Print the final solution and produce reports

Course Requirements:

Ideally delegates will have an understanding of the relationship of Options to the timetabling process although this is not a requirement.

Date	Time	Venue
28/11/17	1.45pm – 3.00pm	3BM

SIMS Advanced Reporting/Reporting Workshop

Target Audience:

Expert users of SIMS Reporting, wanting to extend their knowledge. The afternoon session will be a SIMS Reporting workshop. This workshop will enable school staff to work on their own school data, via a remote connection, to design SIMS reports, following on from the training in the morning session. 3BM staff will be on hand to assist and answer questions.

Duration: Full Day (9.15am to 3.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration), or ½ day 9.15am to 12.30pm/12.45pm to 4.00pm

Lunch will be provided and tea/coffee will be available all day.

Course Outline:

- Sub-reports
- Creating report templates
- Mailmerge labels and letters
- Using RTF Output to create letters and forms
- Analysis

Course Requirements

Delegates should be familiar with the day to day use of SIMS and understand the range of data which is stored within SIMS. Delegates will have attended the SIMS Reporting - Introduction course or have a good understanding of the SIMS Reporting programme. Remote access to your school's data is only available if you buy support from 3BM. Delegates should have a clear idea of the reports they would like to create. Reports created during the training can be exported for you to take back to school.

Date	Time	Venue
30/11/2017	9.15am – 4.00pm/9.15am – 12.30pm/12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM
25/01/2018	9.15am – 4.00pm/9.15am – 12.30pm/12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM

Word 2016 – Intermediate/SIMS Reporting Workshop

Target Audience:

Staff who are familiar with creating, saving, formatting and printing a basic Word document and would like to add enhancements. The afternoon session will be a SIMS Reporting workshop. This workshop will enable school staff to work on their own school data, via a remote connection, to design SIMS reports using Word, following on from the training in the morning session. 3BM staff will be on hand to assist and answer questions.

Duration: Full Day (9.15am to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration), or ½ day (9.15am to 12.30pm/12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- Apply and customise Styles, Headings and Themes
- Creating a table of contents
- Adding columns to your document
- Page Numbering
- Insert Page and Section breaks
- Controlling page appearance such as margins, page numbering, page and section breaks, headers and footers
- Creating Reports
- Modifying existing reports
- Report management

Course Requirements:

Delegates are required to be able to create, save and print a basic word document.

Date	Time	Venue
06/12/2017	9.15am – 4.00pm/9.15am – 12.30pm/12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM
27/02/2018	9.15am – 4.00pm/9.15am – 12.30pm/12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM

Student Options

Target Audience:

This one-day course is aimed at enabling those members of staff involved in Options to manage the whole process. It is particularly relevant for staff from schools that operate a system where Option Blocks are created, to some degree, on the basis of students' subject choices but it is still useful even where students simply make their choices from pre-determined blocks.

Duration: Full Day (9.15am to 3.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- Create a new options implementation and import both the curriculum from Nova-T6 and the students from SIMS
- Enter and analyse student choices
- Create classes and place them into a blocking structure
- Allocate students to classes, modifying the structure as appropriate
- Transfer the final solution to Nova-T6 and to SIMS
- Print the final solution and produce reports.

Course Requirements:

Ideally delegates will have an understanding of the relationship of Options to the timetabling process although this is not a requirement.

Date	Time	Venue
23/01/2018	9.15am – 3.30pm	3BM

Exam Entries Workshop

Target Audience:

This workshop is suitable for new or experienced Examination Officers.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Workshop details:

This workshop allows you to work on your own SIMS database with SIMS staff on hand to assist and answer questions.

Schools will need to bring details of which examination boards they are using, subject-specific course information and which students are going to be entered for the examinations.

Date	Time	Venue
31/01/2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM

SIMS Cover

Target Audience:

Staff involved in the Cover process in a Secondary school

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- To learn how to manage classroom staff absence within the Cover module of Sims
- Links to SIMS Personnel module
- Managing supply cover
- Recording teaching absence and arranging cover
- Managing room closures (e.g. due to examinations, or other reasons)
- Informing other staff of the cover arrangements
- Cover statistics and impact summaries

Course Requirements:

Staff who are involved in the day to day recording of staff absence and who have a basic understanding of SIMS.

Date	Time	Venue
02/02/2018	9.15am –12.30pm	3BM

Behaviour Management Overview

Target Audience:

Senior Leadership Teams (it may be useful for Administrative Staff to attend alongside a member of SLT)

Duration: PM Overview (1.45pm to 2.45pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Outline:

- Recording behaviour incidents and/or achievements for pupils
- Report cards
- Detentions
- Reports and letters
- Lookup tables for recording behaviour and achievement

Date	Time	Venue
21/02/2018	1.45pm – 2.45pm	3BM

SIMS Housekeeping Routines Workshop

Target Audience:

School staff who are responsible for using and maintaining the pupil database

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm and 12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Workshop details:

This workshop is an opportunity for schools to have a good “tidy-up” of their existing data and to learn some useful routines for helping to maintain accurate information.

School staff can work on their own school SIMS data via a remote connection to check, amend and update various pupil data in SIMS.

- Checking contact details are correctly linked to Pupils
- Making sure addresses are correctly linked so the “little house” appears where it should
- Updating Parental Salutation and Addressee fields
- Address tidying routines
- Updating Parental Mailing Points
- Adding “Favourite Reports” to your Home Page

Date	Time	Venue
02/03/2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM
10/05/2018	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM

SIMS Admission Groups and Applications

Target Audience:

Day to day users of SIMS responsible for new pupils/admissions and users responsible for preparing the new academic year in SIMS.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm and 12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- Creating Admission Groups
- Entering Applications
- Managing offers and accepted places
- Generating Application Lists
- Generating Letters
- Admitting pupils

Course Requirements:

Delegates should be familiar with the day to day use of SIMS and understand the range of data which is stored within SIMS.

Date	Time	Venue
06/03/2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM
26/04/2018	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM

Excel 2016 – Intermediate

Target Audience:

Staff who wish to build on their basic knowledge of Excel and wish to analyse data, improve their formatting skills and create charts.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- A brief review of Excel essentials
- Freezing and unfreezing panes
- Advanced formatting and editing such as conditional formatting, cell style and paste special.
- Writing formulas to Count, Sum and Average cells
- Filtering data and generating Subtotals
- Create, modify and format charts

Course Requirements:

Delegates must have attended Excel Foundation or have equivalent knowledge

Date	Time	Venue
09/03/2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM

SIMS Personnel

Target Audience:

This Course is aimed at new users and day to day users of SIMS Personnel

Duration: ½ Day (12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- Add new and edit existing personnel records
- Add pay and contractual related data
- Maintain personnel data including absences
- Produce standard reports in Personnel
- Overview of contracts

Course Requirements:

This course is aimed at staff in school with responsibility for updating and maintaining personnel records in SIMS with Personnel Officer permissions. Knowledge of SIMS and school personnel procedures is desirable.

Date	Time	Venue
26/03/2018	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM

SIMS Attendance Analysis and Reports

Target Audience:

Attendance Officers, staff who need to produce attendance letters to parents and produce pupil level and analysis data relating to attendance

Duration: Full Day (9.15am to 3.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Lunch will be provided and tea/coffee will be available all day.

Course Outline:

- Individual Pupil Reports
- Whole group Pupil Reports
- Attendance Analysis of groups of Pupils
- Selected Pupil Reports
- User-defined groups of Pupils
- Attendance Letters and Certificates
- Displaying Attendance summary information on the Home Page
- 3BM Attendance Report

Course Requirements:

Users should have a basic understanding of procedures for recording attendance in Schools.

Date	Time	Venue
19/04/2018	9.15am – 3.30pm	3BM

SIMS Assessment, Primary Statutory Data Collections – Briefing

Covering: Key Stage 1 and 2, Phonics for Year 1 and Year 2, EYFS Profile

Target Audience:

Assessment Co-ordinators and all staff involved in the collection of Teacher Assessments. Staff, new to the process are welcome and staff familiar with the process will also find it useful as it will include updates from last year.

Duration: Briefing (9.45am to 11.30am and 1.45pm to 3.30pm, including 15mins for coffee and registration)

Outline:

- Importing and setting up the Wizard Manager
- Entering Assessments into Marksheets
- Sending the data to the LA
- Reports

Date	Time	Venue
30/04/2018	1.45pm – 3.30pm	3BM
01/05/2018	9.45am – 11.30am	3BM
09/05/2018	9.45am – 11.30am	Venue to be confirmed

SIMS Personnel Workshop

Target Audience:

School Business Managers, School Administrators, Personnel and Finance Officers

Duration: ½ Day (12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Workshop details:

This workshop will enable school staff to work on their own school SIMS data via a remote connection to check that their Service Terms are correct and that the Contract data in Personnel matches the data from your payroll provider, focussing particularly on Scales, Weeks Paid and Hours worked. SIMS staff will be on hand to assist and answer questions.

Schools will need to bring contract and pay information with them or have access to their payroll provider's database to enable checking.

Date	Time	Venue
15/05/2018	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM
07/06/2018	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM

Excel 2016 – Advanced

Target Audience:

Staff with a good grounding in Excel that wish to further their knowledge of formulae and Pivot tables.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- Working with multiple sheets and workbooks, linking cells and formulae
- Absolute cell referencing and naming cells
- Pivot tables and Charts
- Advanced Formulas to check and reference a variety of criteria
- Using Formulas to combine or reformat cells and text
- Protecting/Locking Sheets and Workbooks

Course Requirements:

Delegates need to have a good understanding of Excel functionality and be able to write basic formulas. It is advisable to attend the Intermediate course prior to the advanced, as it will prepare you for the in-depth content.

Date	Time	Venue
18/05/2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM

SIMS Assessment, Primary Statutory Data Collections - Workshop

Covering: Key Stage 1 and 2, Phonics for Year 1 and Year 2, EYFS Profile

Target Audience:

Assessment Co-ordinators and all staff involved in the collection of Statutory Assessments.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm and 12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Workshop details:

This workshop is an opportunity for school staff to prepare their Assessment data returns on their own SIMS system via a remote connection, with experts on-hand to assist and answer any questions. You will also be able to generate Individual pupil reports and school level reports.

You will need to bring along the following information:

- Your School's Year 2 KS1 TAs
- Your School's Year 6 KS2 TAs
- Your School's Reception End of Foundation Stage results

You will have access to your school network so this info can be accessed from a shared drive. Help will also be given to prepare for the Year 1 Phonics and Year 2 Phonics re-test data entry.

Course Requirements:

Suitable for Assessment Co-ordinators and all school staff with responsibility for preparing and submitting Assessment data collections.

Date	Time	Venue
12/06/2018	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM
14/06/2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM

Nova-T6 Workshop

Target Audience:

This Workshop is suitable for experienced Timetablers and those who are writing their first timetable provided that basic Nova-T6 training has been undertaken.

Duration: All Day (9.15am to 3.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Staff will be available to assist you throughout the day. There is no formal structure to the day although features of Nova-T6 can be demonstrated as required.

Lunch will be provided and tea/coffee will be available all day.

Workshop details:

This Workshop allows you to work on your own partially written School Timetable with experts on hand to support you and answer any questions.

Schools will need to bring a copy of their timetable that can be loaded onto the training machines.

Date	Time	Venue
26/06/2018	9.15am – 3.30pm	3BM
10/07/2018	9.15am – 3.30pm	3BM

SIMS Exam Results

Target Audience:

Secondary school staff that are involved in the download and analysis of exam results. Staff new to the process are welcome and experienced users may find it useful as a refresher.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am to 12.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- Importing result files
- Adding non EDI results
- Creating and using results marksheets
- Updating and Calculating PI (Performance Indicator) information
- Running standard reports and analyses
- Exporting results to Excel
- Producing Candidate Statement of Results

Course Requirements:

Suitable for staff who will be working in school on exam results download and publication days.

Date	Time	Venue
05/07/2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM

Course Manager Briefing

Target Audience:

Secondary school staff with a responsibility for the management of Course Manager. It will also be useful for members of staff who are involved in the preparation of the Post-16 Census.

Duration: Briefing (1.45pm to 3.30pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Course Outline:

- To provide an overview of the changes required in Course Manager as a result of the phased introduction of the new 9-1 GCSE and two year A level qualifications
- To highlight and discuss the changes to the functionality of Course Manager
- Question and Answer session

Date	Time	Venue
11/07/2018	1.45pm – 3.30pm	3BM

SIMS End of Year Procedures - Workshop

Target Audience:

School staff responsible for carrying out the SIMS Year End processes. **NB** This workshop is suitable for users familiar with the Year End process only.

Duration: ½ Day (9.15am - 12.30pm and 12.45pm to 4.00pm, including 15 mins for coffee and registration)

Workshop details:

This workshop is an opportunity for school staff to prepare the new Academic Year on their own SIMS system via a remote connection, with experts on-hand to assist and answer any questions.

You will need to bring along the following information:

- Your School's 2018/2019 Term Dates
- Your School's 2018/2019 pastoral structure e.g.
 - Names of new Registration Groups
 - Names of Class Teachers to be assigned to Reg Groups (including details of new staff)
 - Details relating to Vertical and Horizontal grouping
- Year 6 Leavers' destinations
- Promotion details e.g.
 - 2018/2019 Pupil Lists
- New intake details e.g.
 - Dates of admission
 - New Pupils

Date	Time	Venue
12/07/2018	12.45pm – 4.00pm	3BM
17/07/2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	3BM

Course Bookings

All bookings should be made online.

Click the following link to book <https://www.thelillahuset.com/>

Contact for further information (course content):

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Venue Details

3BM:

3BM Training Room

See attached address & map

Please note that the easiest way to travel to this venue is by public transport as the traffic is busy and parking is short-stay and expensive. There are lots of stations and buses close to the venue, please contact a member of 3BM support team (020 7605 8322) if you'd like any further advice on the best way to get there.

West Acton Primary School, Ealing (WA PS):

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Shepherd's Bush (Central Line)
Goldhawk Road (Hammersmith & City Line)

Rail: Shepherd's Bush or Olympia

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