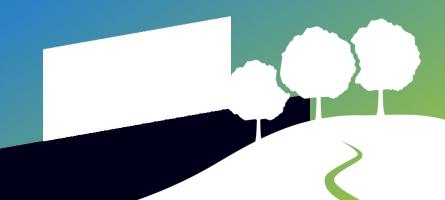


Welcome to Autumn 2025 Census for Secondary Schools with Post 16 Learning Aims



Who is presenting today?

ICT Schools Team

Carrie Paul & Sheryl Everett

SIMS Queries, 1:1 Pre booked Workshop Assistance

Children's & Traded Services Amy Mitchell

Funding Queries, Data Queries, Learning Aim Checking Service, Free School Meal Checking Service

Key Dates Thursday 2nd October 2025

Checking by Children's & Traded Services (formerly SMST)

LA Maintained Schools ALL - Friday 3rd October 2025 @ 5pm Primary Academies – Friday 10th October 2025 Post 16 Schools – Monday 3rd November 2025

DfE COLLECT by: Academies ALL – 1st Submission to COLLECT Direct Wednesday 29th October 2025

Schools are required to check COLLECT Reports on a weekly basis following submission to check duplicate data and validation errors.

This does not have to be the final version, as it can be removed and replaced until the final submission deadline date.

COLLECT Closes to Amendments/Resubmissions on: Wednesday 26th November 2025

Fileset 3102

Please note all DfE validation involving the census date ranges will operate incorrectly until Fileset 3102 has been provided and imported.

Final stage of testing and will be provided shortly. We will notify all schools as soon as the Fileset is available.

New Data Items

For 25/26 academic year, it will identify pupils:

• In receipt of tutoring (NLM code 01)

For the School Census, tutoring is defined as an intensive one to one or small group targeted academic support, used to improve the attainment of pupils. Schools should only report tutoring that is funded by the school

Resitting or retaking up to one yar 16 to 19 funding provision

Applicable to secondary, all-through and PRU or AP Schools with sixth forms.

Where student learning has been disrupted by exceptional circumstances outside the control of the student or institution, such as a period of long-term sickness or good educational reasons then the retake delivery hours for individual students may be included in the funded study programme hours.

You must record all eligible pupils repeating all or part of their year in your Census.

• English and Maths Minimum Hours

From 25/26 academic year, the additional requirements to be compliant are:

- Students without a GCSE grade 9-4 in English or Maths must be enrolled in approved qualifications
- Students planned hours for English or Maths mut meet the minimum teaching hours via the required mode of delivery

Students recorded as enrolled in an approved qualification will be included in the Maths and English condition of funding calculation as non-compliant if:

- their planned hours for the subject are below the minimum teaching hours
- they do not comply with the required mode of delivery
- their planned hours meet the minimum, but the qualification is not eligible

The DfE are collecting data to indicate whether the student has at least the minimum teaching hours planned for an eligible Maths or English qualification.

Schools must use the appropriate (FAM) codes for each student. Schools must ensure that the data submitted reflects the teaching hours planned for each relevant student for their Maths and English qualifications.

This data is not required for students who do not have a level 2 qualification as described in the Maths and English condition of funding guidance but are not studying an eligible qualification, as they may be covered either by exemptions or the tolerance.

This data is not required for students who have already achieved a GCSE grade 4 in English or Maths who may be continuing to study these subjects to improve their grade.

Work Placements

• Employer ID - removed.

T Levels

• T Level Transition year has been replaced by T Level Foundation programme.

FAM Type	FAM Code	Description
ЕМН	02	Student has at least the minimum classroom teaching hours planned for an eligible English qualification
EMH	03	Student does not have at least the minimum classroom teaching hours planned for an eligible English qualification
ММН	04	Student has at least the minimum classroom teaching hours planned for an eligible maths qualification
ММН	05	Student does not have at least the minimum classroom teaching hours planned for an eligible maths qualification

- Exclusions
 - Make sure Exclusions recorded correctly, don't just add E codes to Attendance area
 - Don't add Exclusion records unless the pupil has been asked to leave the school premises
 - Internal isolations do NOT count as a suspension
 - Make sure that exclusions sessions for Suspensions match E codes recorded for absence
 - Still very large numbers of issues on Secondary returns for Exclusions information on the Census each term
 - Permanent Exclusions can be recorded as cancelled by the Headteacher again
 - These must not be changed to a suspension

- Exclusions
 - Remember to be careful with E codes for permanent exclusions – keep using E codes until the pupil starts attending another school, use code D from the start date there
 - Do not assume the pupil has started somewhere else after 5 days.
 You are still responsible for them until they do so check with the exclusions team to see where they are placed!
 - Permanent exclusions only collected if upheld by Governors or Independent Review panel
 - Ensure that copies of all documents are sent to the Exclusions team.
 - Take care with information on documentation. Lots of issues where dates are incorrectly recorded

Attendance Collection for 21/04/25-31/07/24

D codes - Dual Registered - at another educational establishment

- Contact with Aspire must be regular to ensure accuracy of days
- Do not assume pupils are attending there full-time
- D codes can't be used if going to an Alternative provision that isn't a school.

Attendance Collection for 21/04/24-31/07/24

B codes - Dual Registered – Educated off site

- Contact with the other establishment should be frequent to ensure accurate recording of attendance marks.
- Do not assume pupils are attending there full-time
- Absences should be recorded as such if they do not attend the provision.
- It is THE SCHOOL'S responsibility to get this information

Attendance Collection for 21/04/24-31/07/24
 Split into two reports:

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21/04/2024-25/05/2024 (YR-Y11)
26/05/2024-31/07/2024 (YR-Y10)
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- S codes for Y11's only
- Check number of possible attendances
- No N codes (now have five days to establish the reason for absence)

October Census – Important Dates

- Census day Thursday 2nd October
- If you want data checking, please submit returns and send COLLECT exports by 3rd November via AnyComms Plus.
 - Learning Aims only checked once it's up to schools to correct.
 - If data not sent, pupil data only will be checked.

Census – action to be taken

- When final return ready
 - Upload to COLLECT, add correct notes then submit
 - Check all reports
 - Keep checking duplicate reports every week until end of census period (8 weeks)
 - Resolve duplicates with other school, don't assume the other school will sort it. You may lose half the funding for a pupil if it's not done.

Census – action to be taken

- Just because there are no errors or queries in SIMS, this doesn't mean there are no data errors on your return
 - The DfE do not check everything, they assume that schools have been actively checking their data for most items collected
- Checker Spreadsheet will be available again this term.

Learning Aims

- Programme Eligibility
 - Must demonstrate educational progression for students
 - If students are still studying only level 2 courses in year 12 make sure you have evidence of good educational reasons
 - Resits and Retakes can only be funded if due to reasons beyond the control of student & school
 - Evidence must be kept in case of an audit
 - Exam only resits not recorded on return at all
 - Retakes not due to exceptional circumstances must not be recorded and programme hours not included in total for year
 - Planned hours cannot be over 40 hours per week
 - Timetables & attendance to be kept as evidence for funding claim

Learning Aims

- The DfE have increased the funding for several areas of the funding formula this year –
 - Funding bands
 - Disadvantage block
 - Programme Cost Weightings

Table 1: National funding rates for study programmes (excluding T Levels)

Band	Annual planned hours	Applicable students	National funding rate per student		
5	580+ hours	16 and 17 year olds and students aged 18 and over with high needs [footnote 4]	£5,105		
4a	485+ hours	Students aged 18 and over who are not high needs	£4,223		
4b	485 to 579 hours	16 and 17 year olds and students aged 18 and over with high needs	£4,223		
3	385 to 484 hours	All students	£3,434		
2	300 to 384 hours	All students	£2,715		
1	Up to 299 hours	All students	£5,105 per full-time equivalent (FTE)		

- Incorrect QN
 - Check with the teacher for the correct specification
 - Check DfE they are approved for funding
 - Overview List of Qualifications approved for funding (education.gov.uk)
- Subject Classification Codes
 - Still large numbers of incorrect codes recorded
 - Be careful to use P16 code if courses used for KS4 as well

- Transferred Courses
 - Should only be recorded if pupil changed immediately to another course
 - If they didn't start another course, must be withdrawn
 - Pupil's transferred to exactly the same QN/SCC
 - Incorrect status recorded and pupils still studying the course
 - Transferred courses but showing as completed in less than 6 weeks
 - New courses not equal to number of transferred courses

- Incorrect Programme start and end dates
 - Start date must be equal to earliest start date for all of pupil's learning aims
 - Planned End date must be equal to latest planned end date for all pupil's learning aims at start of programme
- Incorrect Learning aim end dates
 - Filter the detail report in excel to find unexpected end dates
 - these would generally be last day of Summer Term 2025 or 31st July 2026

- Missing information
 - Learning aims not recorded for current year at all
 - Learning aims recorded on previous year's census but missing from current return
 - Usually because
 - Pupil left before end of previous year
 - Entered in error in previous year
 - Incorrect changes made to current pupil's records
 - Maths & English retakes often missing
 - Needed for funding so care needed
 - Use the COLLECT report to identify where courses are missing
 - Pupils sometimes missing completely, not just their courses
 - Check detail reports against registers / with Head of Sixth form

- Incorrect Completion status
 - Two-year courses recorded as two one-year courses, with first year completed
 - Makes the second year look like a retake which shouldn't be recorded (AS levels are exception)
 - Continuing courses with planned end dates last year
- Core Aims
 - Should only be for vocational courses
 - Should not be recorded as an academic course
 - GCSE
 - A levels
 - Should not be recorded at all if only Academic programme

Leavers

- Year 11 not returned to Sixth form 27/06/2024
- Years 7-10 & 12 not returned in September and Parents advised – End of summer term
- Year 13 Date of last examination or attendance in school if no examination.
- Students not returned in September without advice
 CME or date that you located pupil.

LEAVING DATES MUST BE ON A DATE THE SCHOOL IS OPEN TO PUPILS.

Youth Services Support Agreement

YSSA - You have a statutory obligation to issue a Privacy Notice to all pupils on arrival at your school and this information should be included in that notice. It is best practice to re-issue to Year 12 who can now consent themselves.

- Sought (Yes)
 - Gives consent to share all information mentioned
- Sought no reply (SNR)
 This response is now acceptable and ALL data included in your Privacy Notice may be shared.
- Refused (No)
 Refusal to share all but the statutory required information
- Unsought (Unsought)

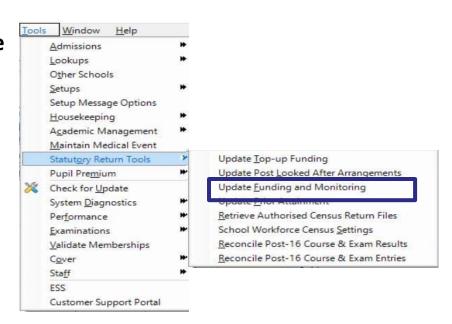
This is <u>not an acceptable response</u> as it assumes you have not carried out your **statutory obligation** to notify parents of their right to object to their child's data being shared.

Funding & Monitoring

Available in School Census Panel (5)



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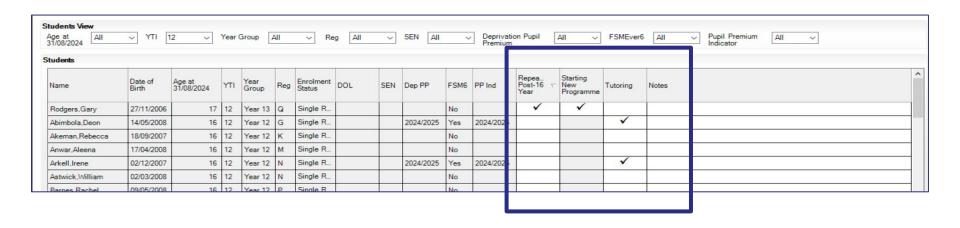


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Funding & Monitoring

Post 16 students who are

- Receiving tutoring
- Repeating a post 16 year
- Whether they remain on the same programme or are starting a new one



Preparing Post 16 Data

Correcting Last Year's data

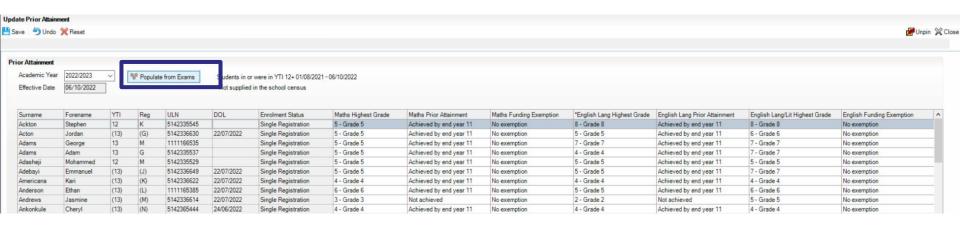
- Errors relating to students in Year 12 or 13 last year that have been noticed after the return was closed can be amended in this return.
- THIS IS NOT THE AREA TO EDIT WITHDRAWALS OR LEAVERS

Update Prior Attainment

- Maths and English Prior attainment is a condition of funding for Post 16 Learners
- CTF from all previous schools where a CTF is available – SIMS Schools will include GCSE Results

Update Prior Attainment

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Import Catalogue files

- This should have been completed for Examinations
- Contains all Post-16 approved qualifications and their Subject Classification Code.

Post 16 Programme of Study

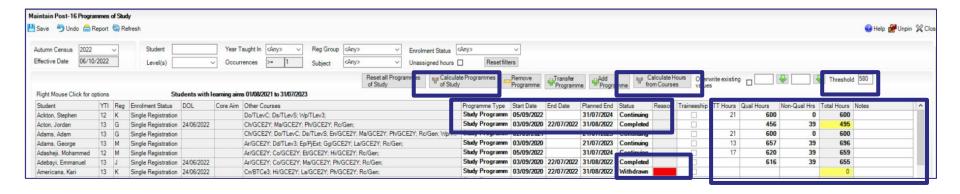
Annual Hours that count towards a course of study

- Qualification Hours
 Planned Learning Hours
- Non-Qualification Hours

 Planned Employment, Enrichment and Pastoral Hours
- Planned Hours MUST BE timetabled within your school's normal working pattern.
 - Lessons after school do not count as planned hours (unless you have timetabled 'twilights' as normal working pattern)
 - must be no more than 40 hrs a week
 - Any Private Study that is timetabled for home learning should not be included
- Required for 2024/2025 and 2025/2026
 - Do not change last year's unless they were recorded incorrectly the emphasis is on the word PLANNED.

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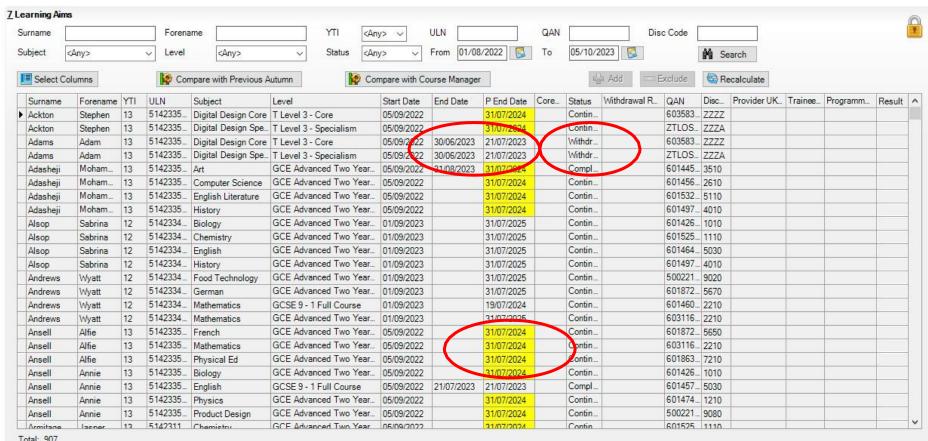
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Producing the Census

Learning Aims Panel in Census

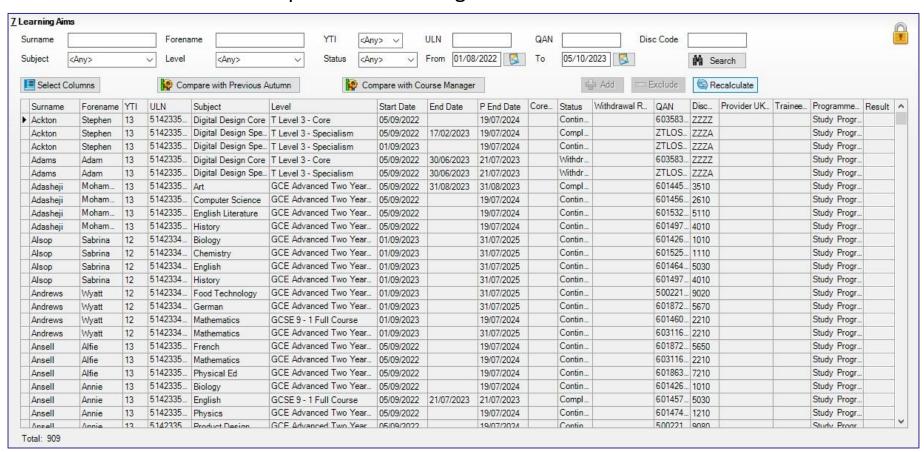
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Learning Aims Panel

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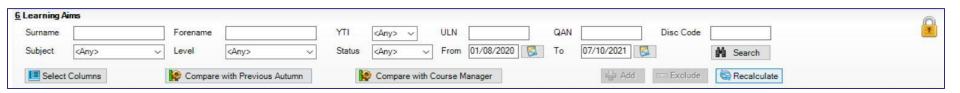
Learning Aims Panel

Lock and Unlock to edit





Search Individual Pupils or by QN



Learning Aims Panel in Census - using Built in Reports

Compare with Course Manager

Compare with Previous Autumn

Before Submission

- Check, check and check again Learning Aims they fund your sixth form
- Use the Learning Aims Checker either from DfE or the one provided on Schoolsweb by Amy. (They both do the same job)
- Learning Aims checking either:
 - Submit the XML of your Census via Anycomms plus
 - Upload to Collect
- General data check respond to Amy's queries (or do not use!)

Help and assistance before submission

- Pupil Data workshops no post 16 data will be investigated
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- Workshops available: Bookwhen.com/bxq3n

Thank you for your time

