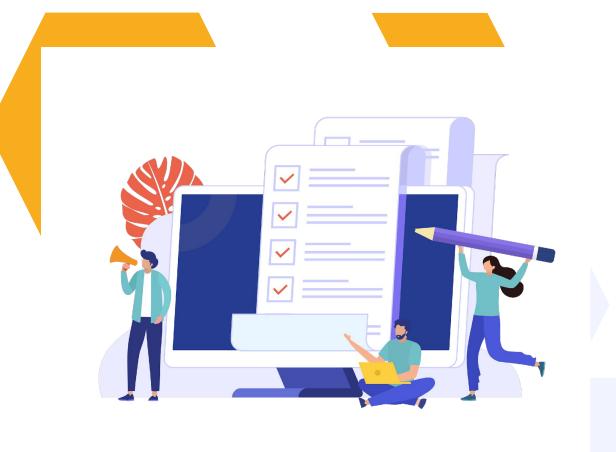
Setting up your new cycle

Sixth Form



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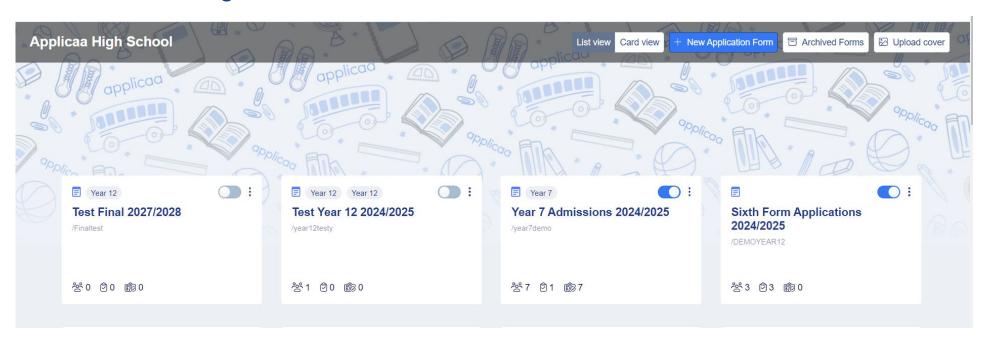
1 How to create your new form

Click on the blue wording in the upper left of your dashboard and then click "forms area/multiple forms"



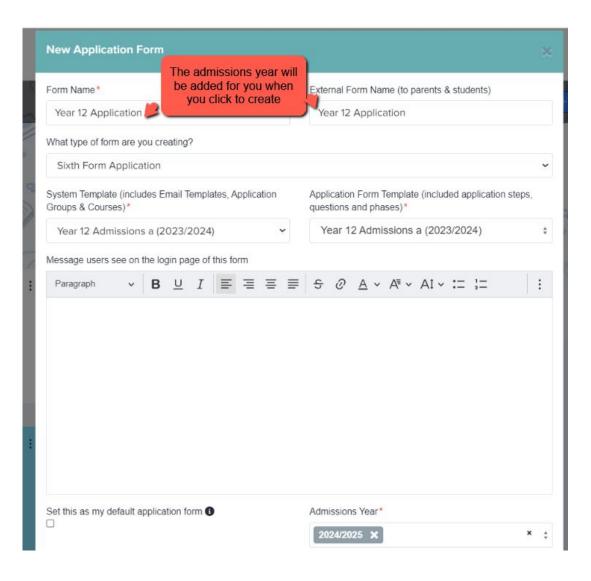


Your tiles area will appear and will look something like this:



Click "new application form" and set it up with the right information for your intake





Set your new form up with the correct configuration for your intake - clone last year's form to carry over all settings, email templates and questions!

Turn the toggle switch on to make it active - it needs to be active to enable importing/exporting with your MIS

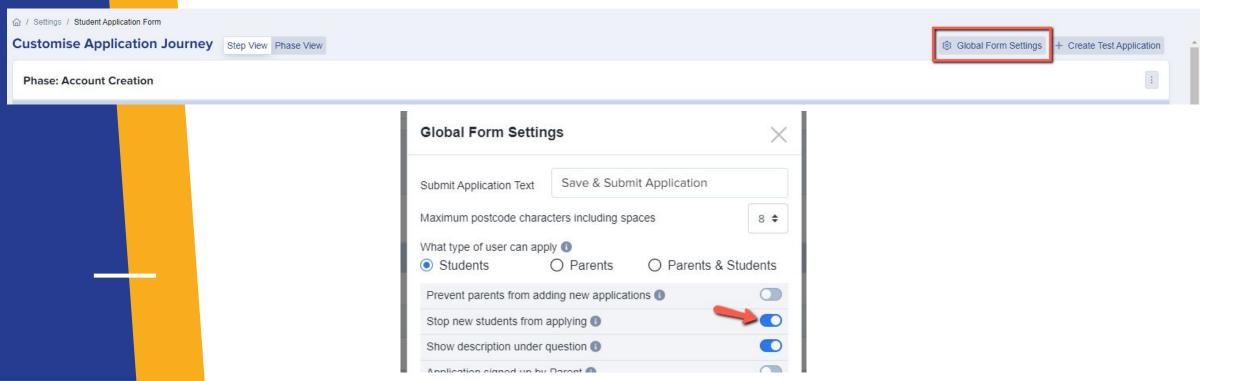


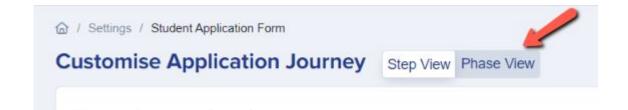
2 How to close your old form

Now that the 2023 cycle has finished, you don't want applicants completing anything on that form

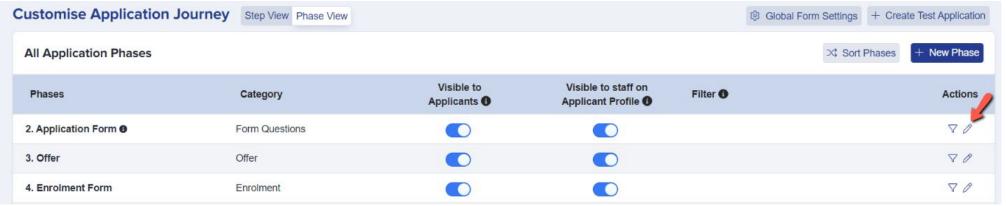
Navigate to settings > application form > global form settings and turn on "stop new students from applying"



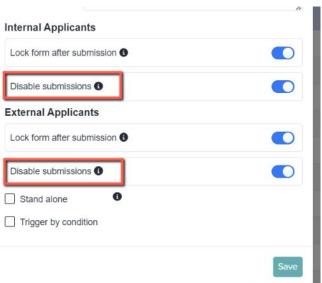




Then go to "phase view" and turn on "disable submissions"



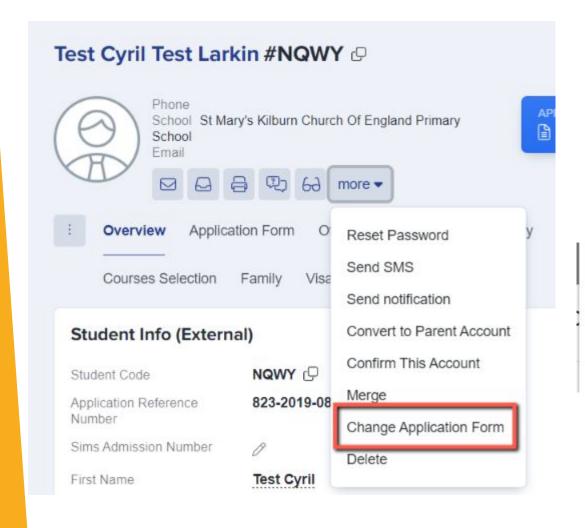
This will ensure no new applications can be started, and no existing ones can be edited

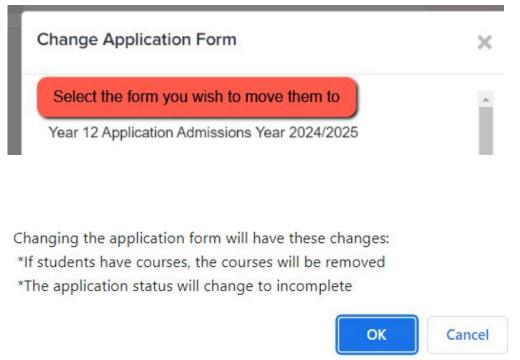


You can also archive old application forms in your forms area if you wish to keep your main forms area tidy



If any applicants for 2024 have registered on your 2023 form before you had the chance to close it, you can **move them to the correct form** instead.





3 Editing your landing page and other messages

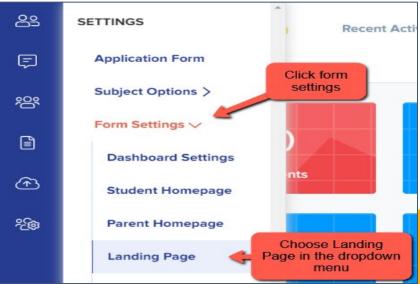
Navigate to settings > form settings > landing page

Here you can edit your initial message to students

You can also add a pop-up notification - perhaps to tell them when the new cycle will open?

You can also update any images here as needed

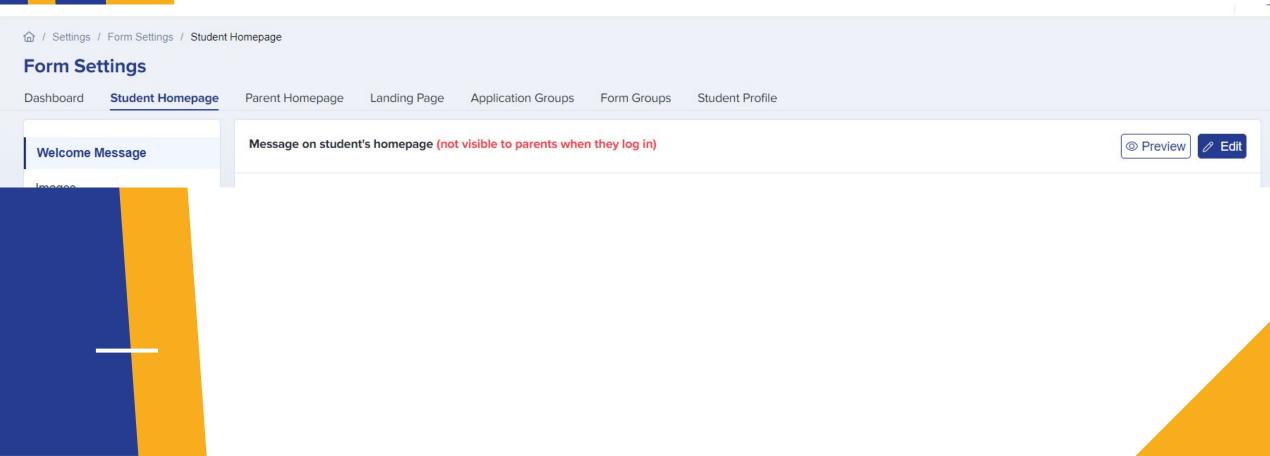






Navigate to "student homepage" to edit those messages, update your settings and change any images - this is what they will see when they first log in!

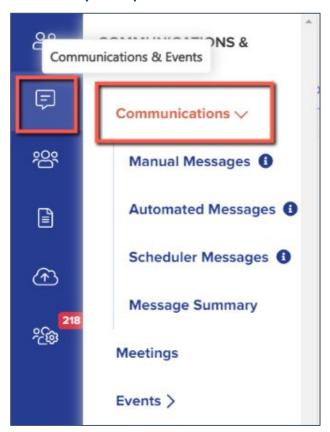
You can use the "preview" function to see it from their perspective



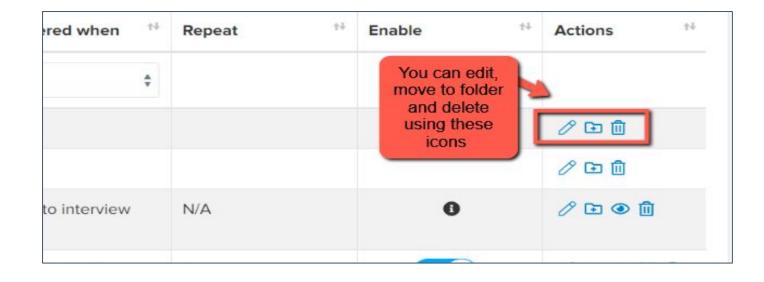
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Checking your email templates

The email templates area is really useful and can automate a lot of your processes!



There are several automated emails you will need to check - you can preview and edit them by scrolling right on the table



Top Tip: check all active emails to make sure the wording is appropriate for your setting and cycle - especially if you used any date-specific wording last time!

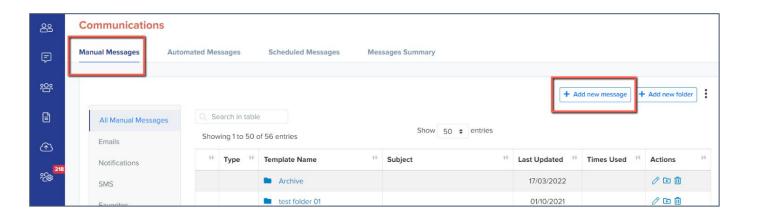
Priorities for checking ahead of launch:

Student Welcome	Welcome to Green Abbey School	admin@applicaa.com	Student	Staff	Registration
New Password	Post 16 Green Abbey School Your New Password	admin@applicaa.com	Student		
Student Confirmation Instructions	Welcome to Putney High School's Online Application Form	admin@applicaa.com	Student	Applicant	Registration

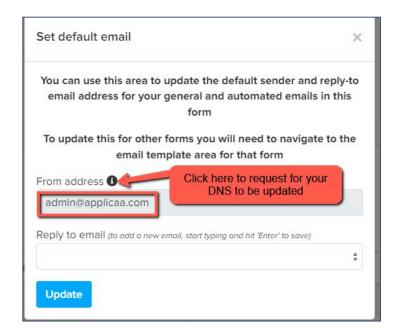
Student Welcome is the email sent to INTERNAL applicants; it contains their username and password which have been generated when you import them into A+ from your MIS.

Student Confirmation Instructions is the email sent to EXTERNAL applicants; it contains their verification link so they can confirm their details once they have registered to create an account.

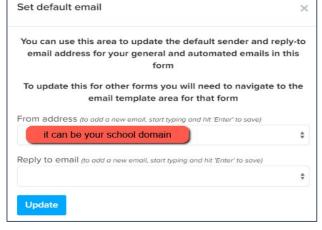
Create any manual templates now so they are set and ready to use later on in the cycle - future you will be grateful!



Check who the emails are being sent from and who the replies will come to - set your defaults here:

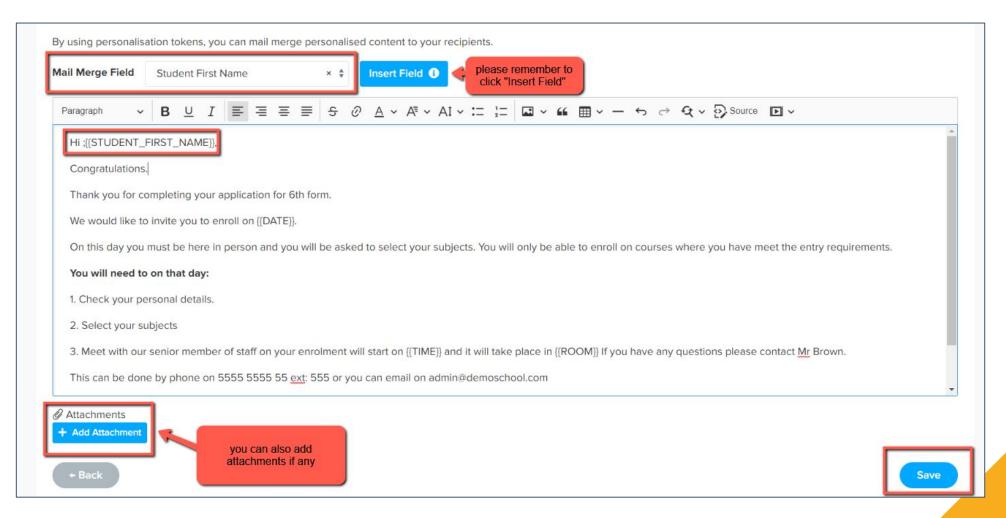




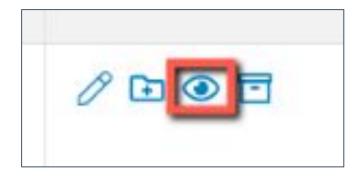


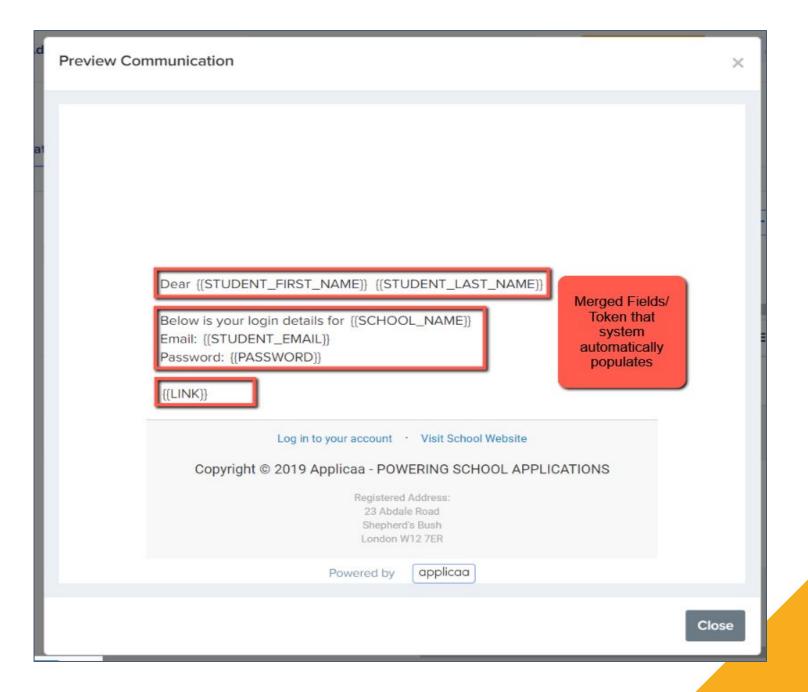
If you are seeing "admin@applicaa.com" in the From address, this means you have not requested a DNS update. You can request this by clicking this icon and adding the details for your IT Manager - it will then mean you can send emails from your own school domain!

Insert mail merge fields and add attachments as required to personalise your messages.



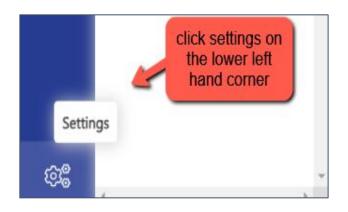
You can also preview the email template if you want to see how it looks





Your application phases and settings

Navigate to settings > application form > phase view and turn off any phases not in use at this point in your cycle (enrolment, offers, taster days, bursary)

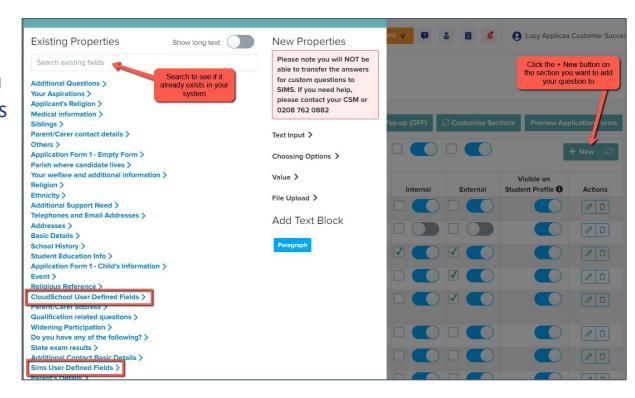






Within your application form, make any changes to questions/fields - have you got new UDFs to add in? Are there questions you wish you'd asked applicants last cycle? Now is the time to add those in!

Navigate to settings > application form and open whichever step you wish to add questions to. Click "+ New" and you will see your UDFs on the left of the window



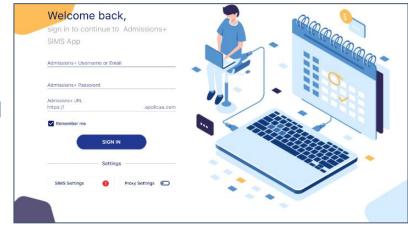
Here is a link to our <u>form customisation guide</u>

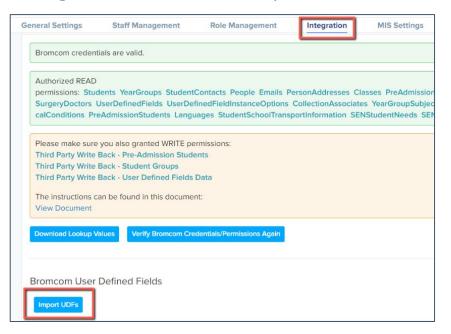
Not seeing your **User Defined Fields**? This will mean you need to make an update in your MIS first and then re-integrate!

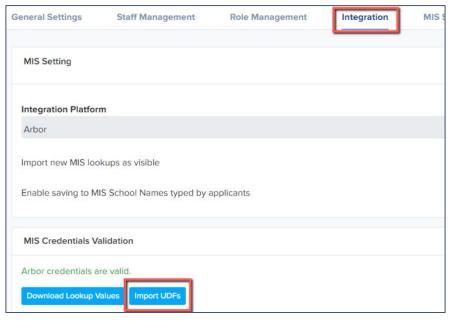
Add your UDFs in your MIS, then:

For SIMS, log into the A+ SIMS App - it will scan for updates and ask you to carry the updates over into A+

For cloud-based MIS, go to settings > school settings > integration and click to Import UDFs







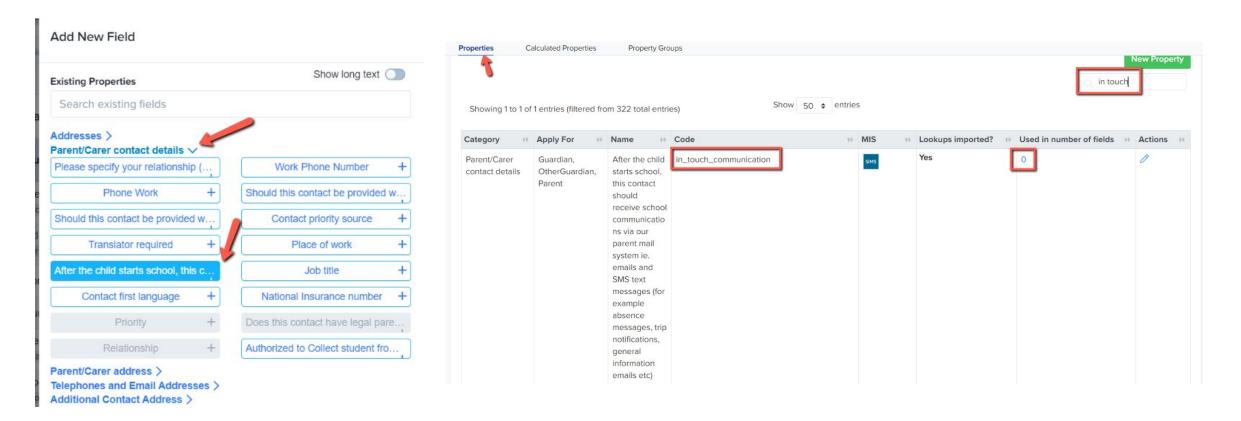
SIMS In Touch:

This field is NOT active by default on Admissions+

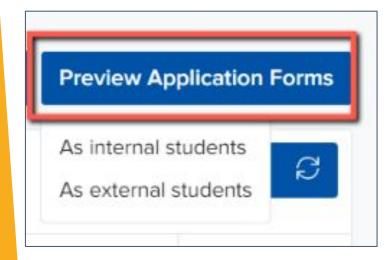
If you use In Touch and would like to activate that field so it writes back to SIMS:

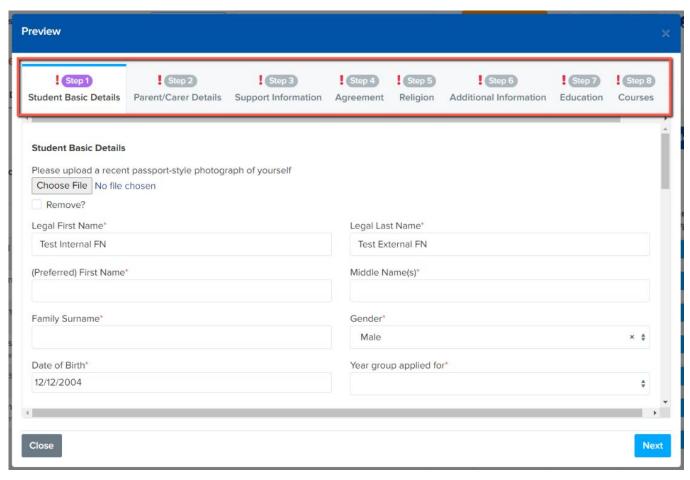
- go to the Parent/Carer step of your application form
- Click + New Question
- Click parent/carer contact details and select the In Touch question to add it to your form

Check in settings > properties > properties to see what the name of your In Touch field is, and whether it is already active in your form

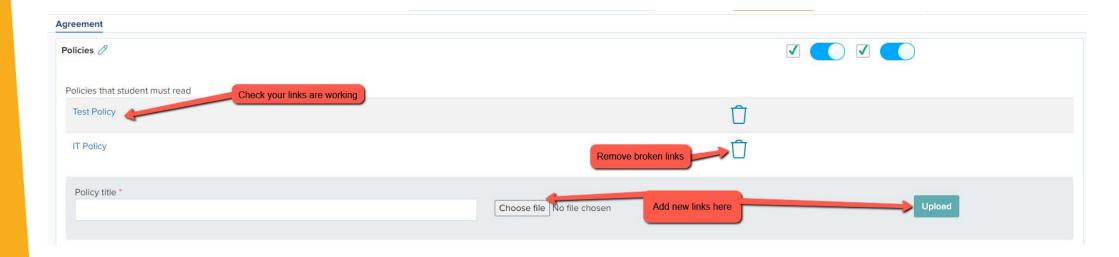


Preview the whole application and check if it is all working as expected

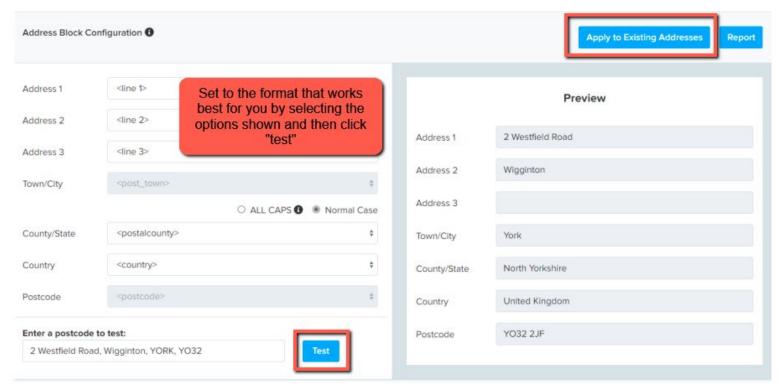




Check the links to any policies in your Agreement and Consent step - **sometimes it is necessary to** remove old policies and add new ones to ensure the links are accurate



Configure your **address settings** so they migrate correctly into your MIS as per your school's setup



Navigate to settings > school settings > address mapping

Here is a link to our guide

You will see the option to configure your address format, test how it appears and apply it to all addresses already in your system to ensure they are formatted correctly ahead of your import!

6 Setting up open evenings and events

We have updated the Events area significantly and the new functionality is now available.

See our updated guides <u>here</u>

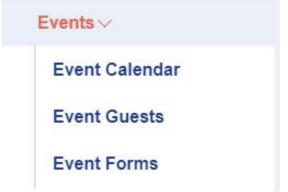
Key features include

Set sessions within Events
Cover multiple times and days
View registrants
View total attendees
Track which events are published/ unpublished
Customisable question on registration
Filter based on question responses
Email templates & automated emails

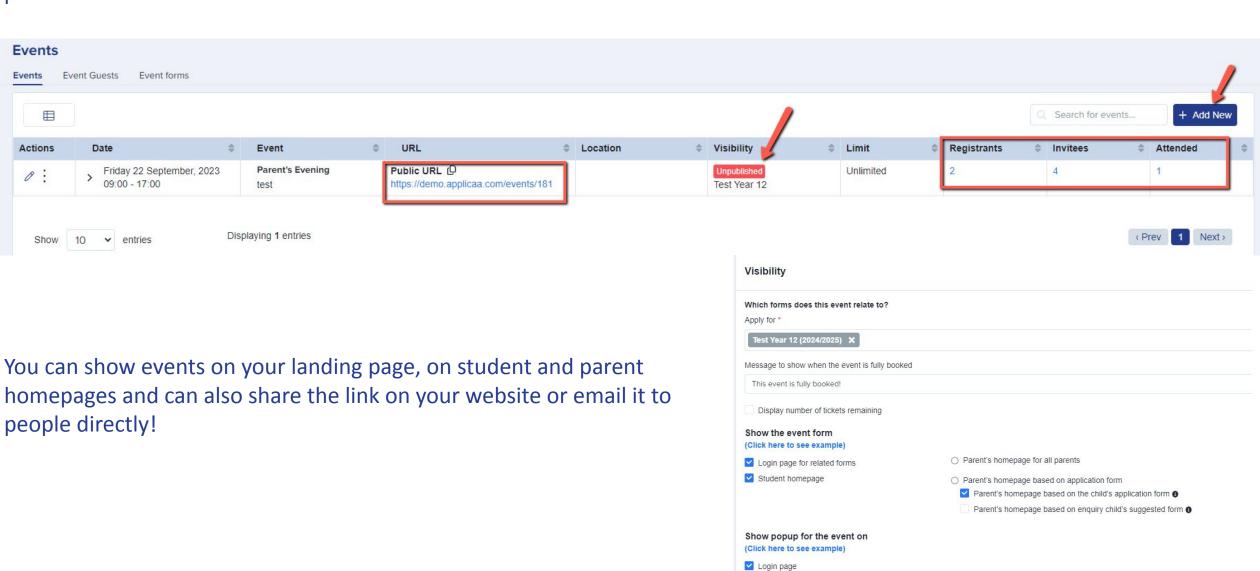
Accessing the Events module

Navigate to communications and events > events



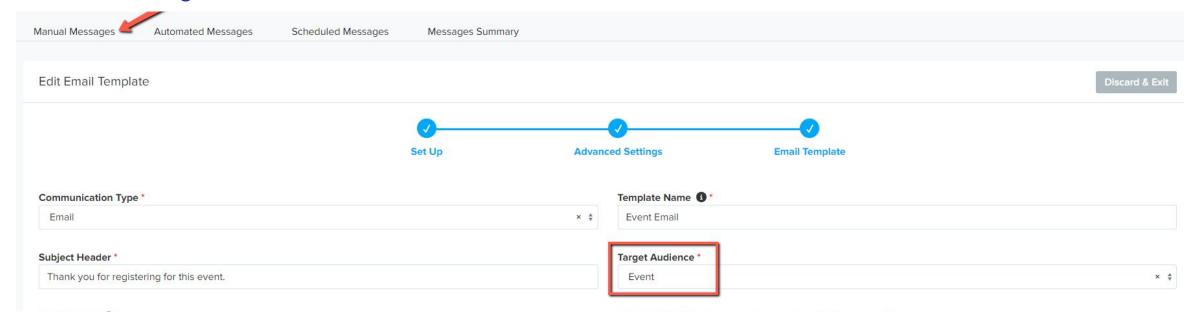


Click to create a new event and set your parameters: are you ready to publish the event and share the URL?

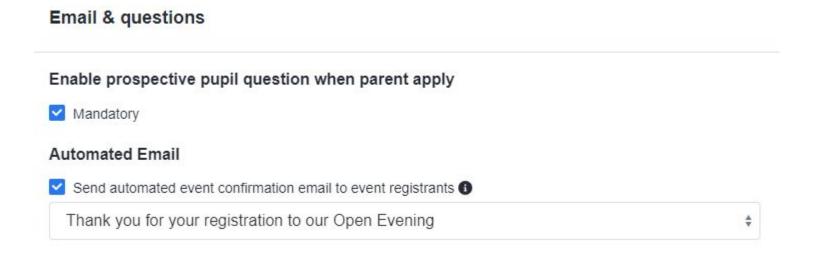


Student homepageParent homepage

To link an email to your event, navigate to your email templates area and go to "manual messages". Create a new message and ensure the target audience is "Event"



Then, go back into your events area and you will be able to link the email template to your event



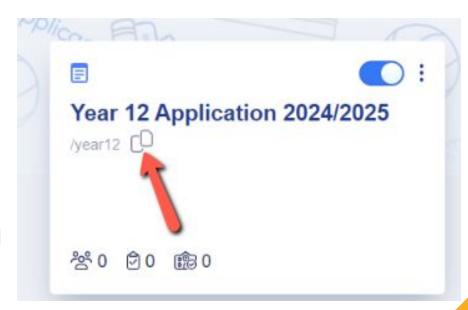
7 Adding the new link to your website

You can obtain the link to your new form and add it to your school website - this will be particularly helpful for EXTERNAL applicants

Navigate to the blue wording in the upper left hand corner and click to access your forms area



Here, you can click to copy the link and share as needed



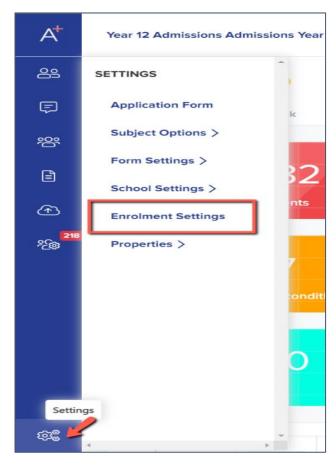
Turning off enrolment settings in your new form

To ensure applicants can fill everything in as desired on their applications, you'll want to turn OFF some of the things you had active for enrolment last cycle

Navigate to settings > enrolment settings and turn off "prevent internals from editing grades" - this will enable them to add their predicted grades during their application

Turn off your enrolment messages

You may wish to disable entry requirements at the application stage - sometimes it is good to get an idea of what they would like to study, and then discuss it with them at interview before making them an offer



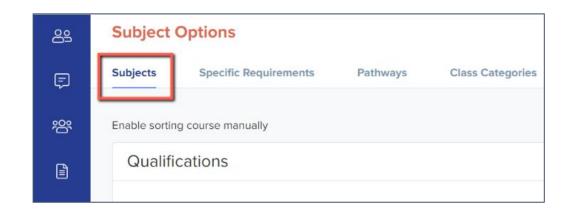


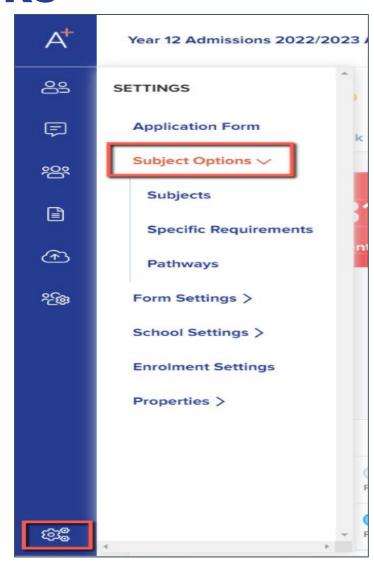
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Reviewing your courses, classes and blocks

Are you offering any new courses this year? Do you need to remove any which won't be running?

Navigate to settings > subject options > subjects



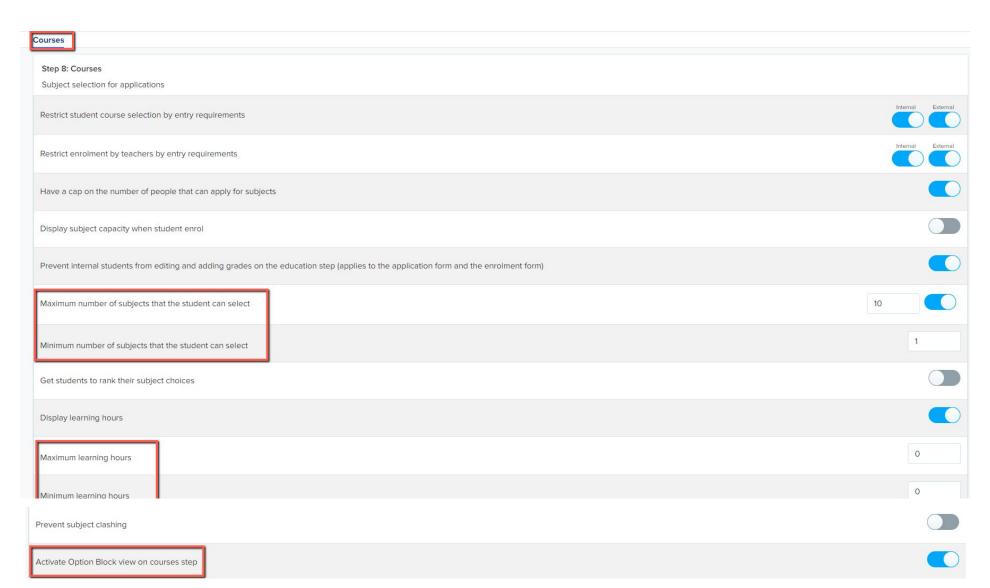


Here, you can edit existing courses, delete and add new ones - have you got links on your school website which you can direct your applicants to?

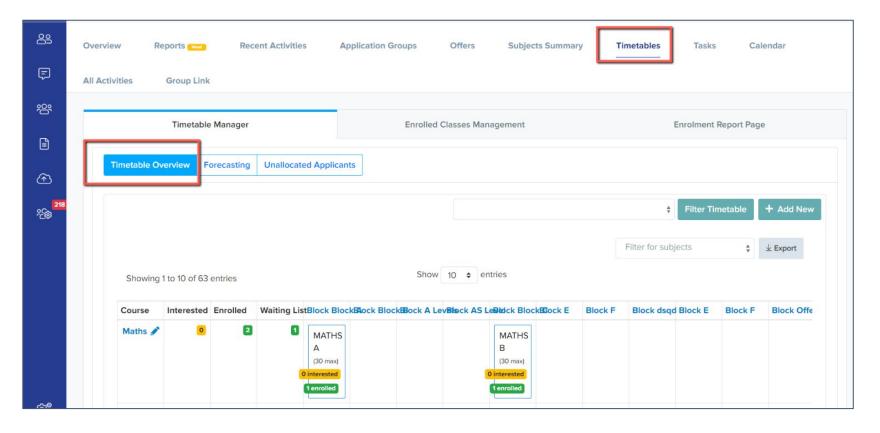
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Navigate to settings > application form > courses

You can set the minimum and maximum number of courses and learning hours required for an application, and decide whether to have your option block view turned on at this stage



Some schools will have the option blocks in place from the outset, which can make things more straightforward if your blocks do not tend to change much each year. Alternatively, you can leave them inactive and then use our Options module to work out the best fit of classes and create the option blocks for you later in the year.



You can update the blocks and class codes from the main dashboard if you click "timetables"

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Importing your internal applicants

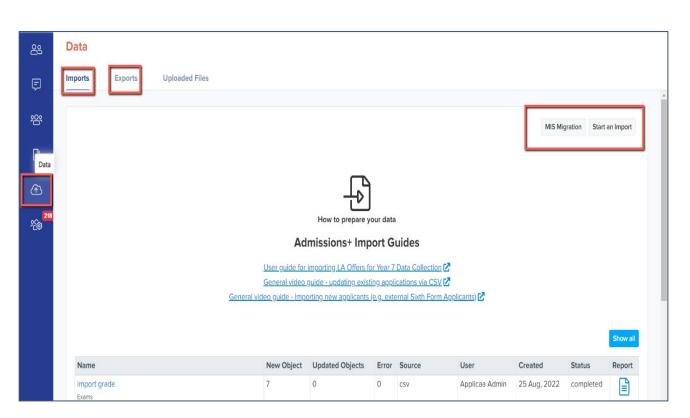
You MUST import your internal Year 11 students into Admissions+

It means they are tagged with their MIS number (makes importing results in summer much easier)

It also means students have an easier job - their data is imported in, so they don't have to fill it all out from scratch - they just check and update it as they work through!

You import them into Admissions+ and then send them the welcome email (which will contain a system-generated password)

Each MIS has slightly different rules for re-importing internal data. In Bromcom, you can't update data for existing internal students.



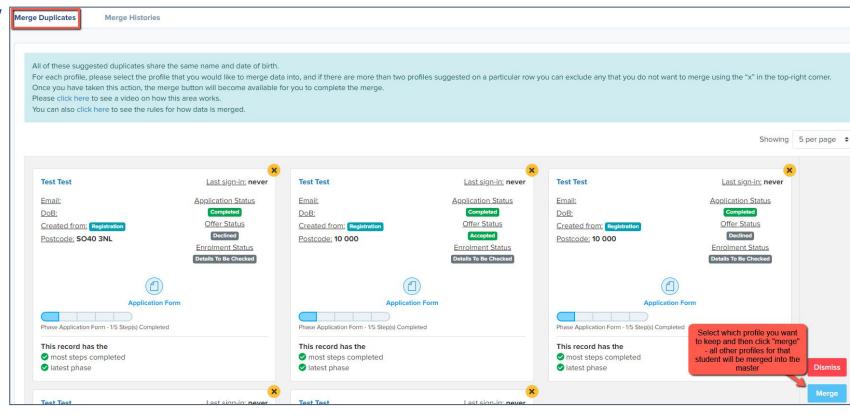
You can prevent your internal applicants from making a new application by turning on this setting in settings > application form > student registration



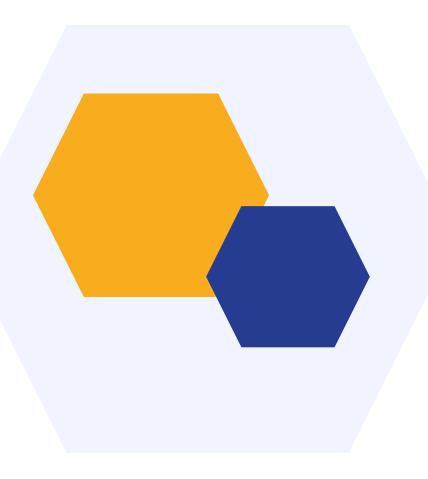
account, or if your external applicants register multiple times, the system will detect this as a duplicate!

You can manage duplicates by clicking on manage users > manage duplicates





Do you have any questions?



THANK YOU