New Cycle
Year 7 form
with SIF



### **OVERVIEW**

You can design your form to capture Supplementary Information, make offers to parents and then collect full data for those who are offered a place.

### Our default template is designed to run as follows:

- Parents self-register (September to October)
- Parents complete their verification and log in to complete your SIF
- You review the submissions, commence the ranking process and submit these to the LA (November to January)
- You receive your offer list and import it, then use the Offers function to make offers to parents
   (March)
- Parents who have been made an offer log in, respond to the offer and complete your full admission form
- You transfer the completed data to your MIS

# How to see 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:

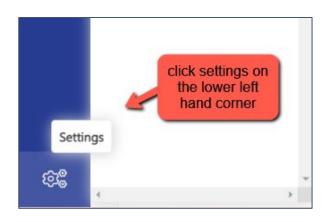
Your new form will already have been created for you (cloned from your previous cycle) and you will see it in this area. Turn the toggle switch on to make it active - it needs to be active to enable importing/exporting with your MIS.



# How to close your old form

Now that the previous cycle has finished, you don't want parents completing anything on that form.

On last year's form:

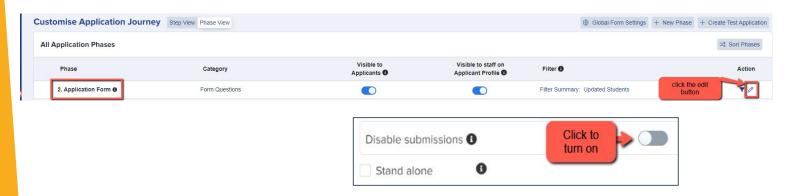




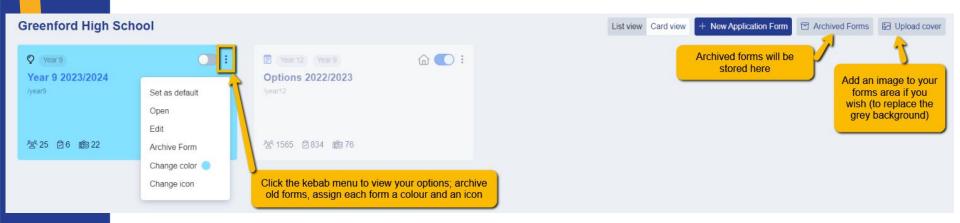


Then go to "phase view" and click the pencil icon for your application form; turn on "disable submissions"

This will ensure no existing forms can be edited - that data is now all managed within your MIS



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

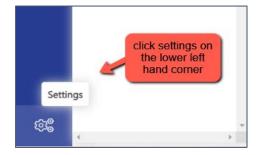


### **Editing your Landing Page**

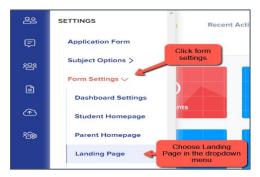
Navigate to settings > form settings > landing page

Click the **"edit"** button to make changes

Here you can edit your initial message to parents by clicking "customise texts and buttons"



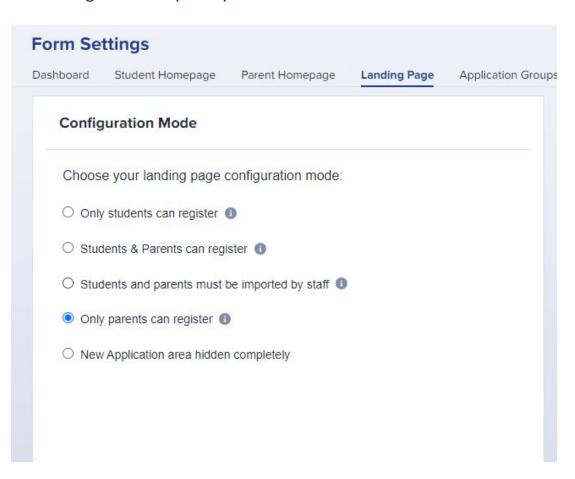
You can also add a pop-up notification - perhaps to tell them when the new cycle will open or give them information about forthcoming events?



You can also update any images here as needed, under "general settings"



On your landing page, you should also ensure the form is set to allow parents to register, so they can create their own accounts and log in to complete your SIF!

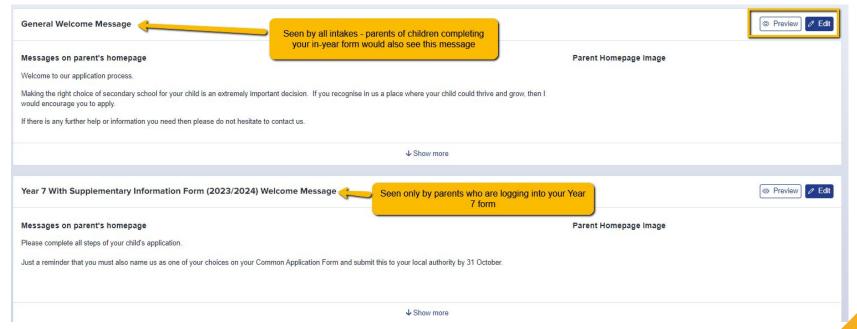


### **Editing your Parent Homepage**

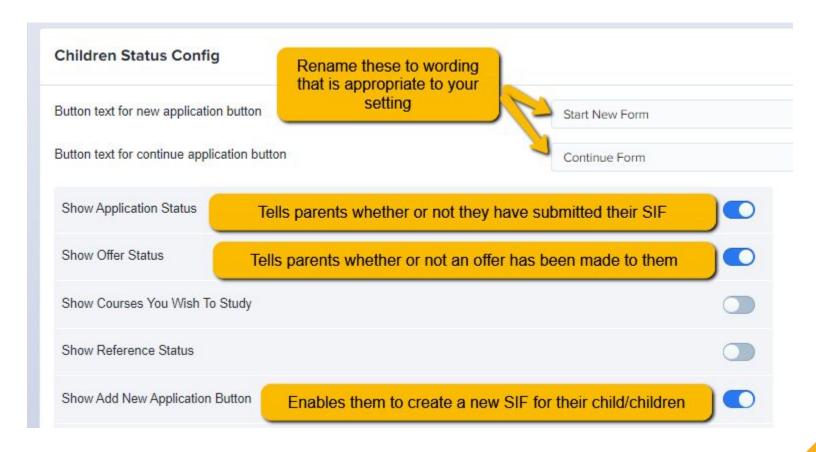


### (settings > form settings > parent homepage)

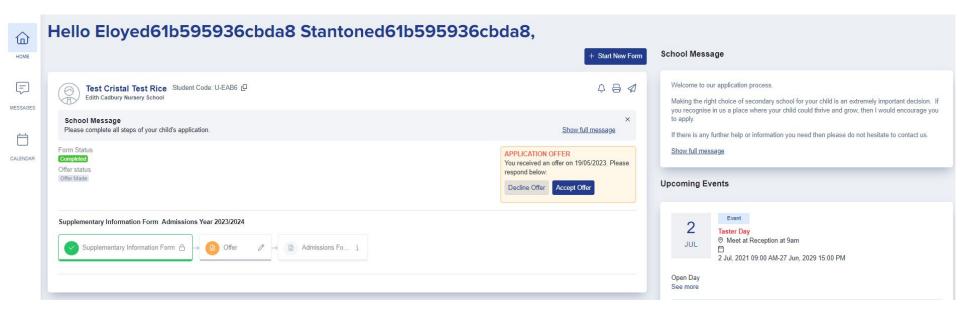
On the Parent Homepage you can add a general message, and a welcome message specific to the intake you are currently working on.



You should also ensure your settings are as follows, at the bottom of the page:

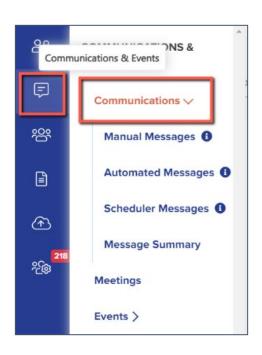


#### What parents will see:

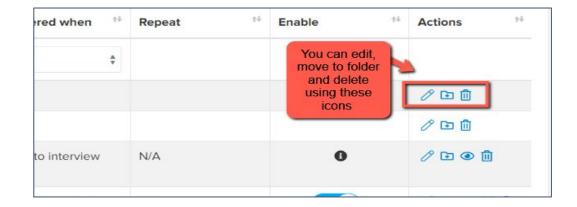


### **Checking your email templates**

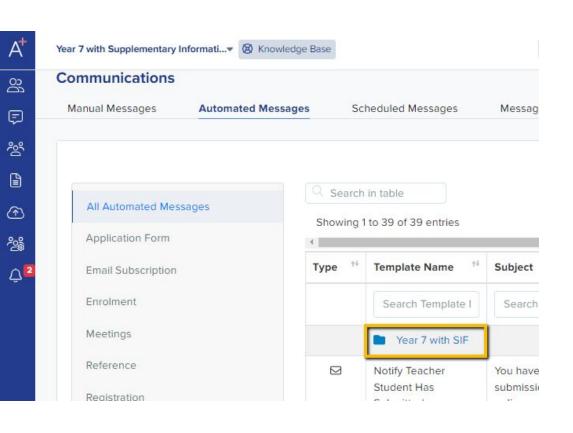
The email templates area is really useful and can automate a lot of your processes!



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



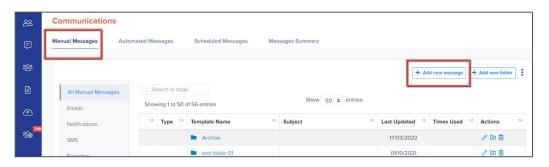
### Priorities for checking ahead of launch:



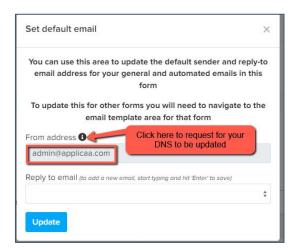
Type **	Template Name	Subject **	
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	Parent Welcome	Welcome to our school	
	Make offer to student	Your Offer	
	Parent Confirmation Instructions	Welcome to our Online Application Form	
	Notify Parent SIF Complete	Supplementary Information Form received for {{STUDENT_FIRST_N AME}} {{STUDENT_LAST_N AME}}	
Ø	New Password	Your New Password	

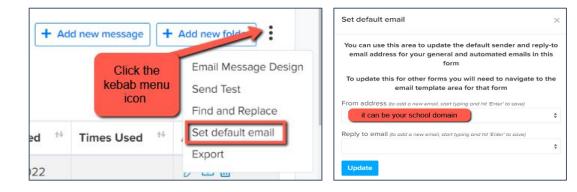
#### **Manual Messages:**

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



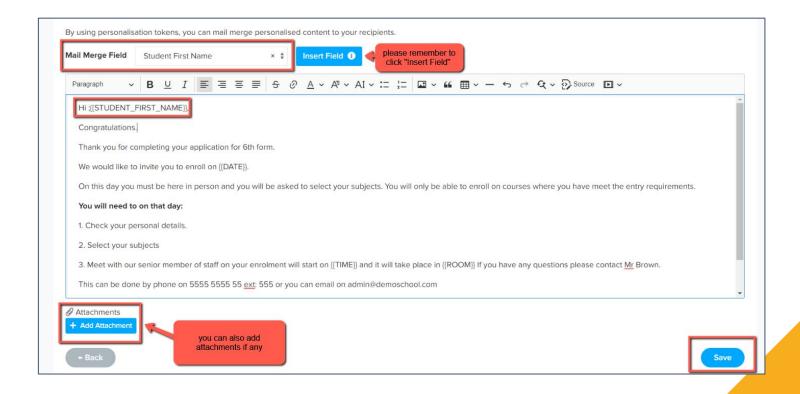
Check who the emails are being sent from and who the replies will come to - set your defaults here:



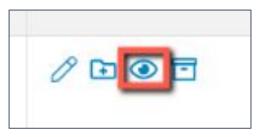


If you are seeing "admin@applicaa.com" in the From address, this means you have not requested a DNS update. You can request this by clicking this icon and adding the details for your IT Manager - it will then mean you can send emails from your own school domain!

# 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 the layout



Preview Communication ×

Dear ([CONTACT\_FIRST\_NAME]) ([CONTACT\_LAST\_NAME]),

I am pleased to learn from the Local Education Authority that your child has been allocated a place at {{SCHOOL\_NAME}}} from September.

The next step now is for you to complete our online data collection form. This provides the school with all the information required ahead of your child joining the school.

Please use the log in details and link below:

Below is your login details for [[SCHOOL\_NAME]]

Email: {{CONTACT\_EMAIL}}

Password: {{CONTACT\_PASSWORD}}

Website: {{LINK}}

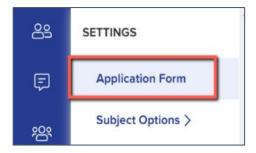
We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

## Your application phases and settings

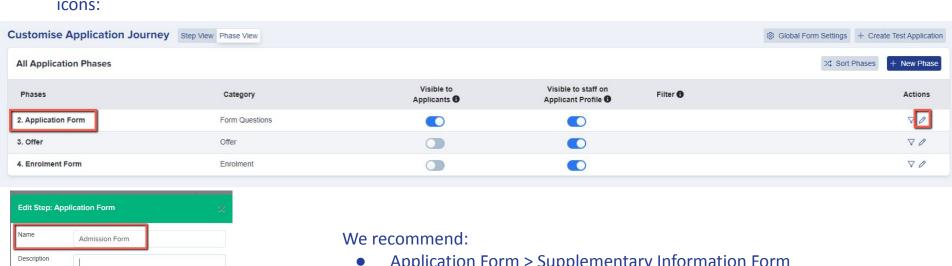
Navigate to settings > application form > phase view and turn on all three phases (visible to applicants)







You should also check the names of your phases to ensure they are appropriate to your intake. If you are using our default form, these will already be customised for you, or you can customise them yourself by clicking the pencil icons:

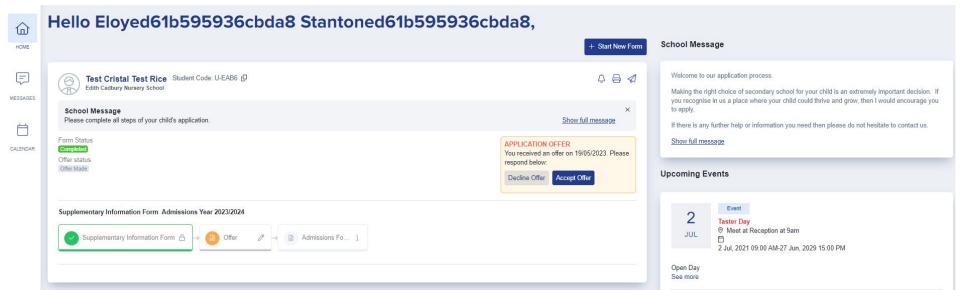


#### Internal Applicants Lock form after submission 6 Disable submissions 6 **External Applicants** Lock form after submission 6 Disable submissions 6 Stand alone Trigger by condition

- Application Form > Supplementary Information Form
- Offer (same)
- Enrolment Form > Admissions Form



#### what parents will se



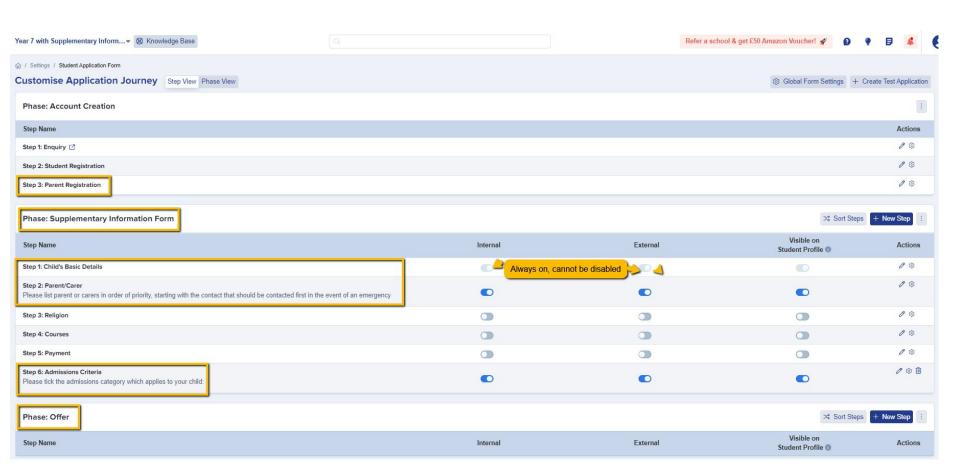
### **Application Form Area**

#### **Settings > Application Form**

Our default template is already customised based on recommended best practice, but of course you can customise each phase to suit your own needs.

#### The default setup is:

- Parents complete Parent Registration step this creates their account
- Parents log in and complete your SIF phase completing Child's Basic Details, Parent/Carer and Admissions Criteria only
- You review the forms and complete and submit your rankings
- You receive the offer list in March and can import this into Admissions+
- Work through your offer list and make offers to the correct parents, using the "make offer" template
- Parents who receive an offer log in, respond to the offer and then complete all of the steps on your
   Admissions Form
- Once data has been collected, you transfer that data to your MIS



Step Name	Internal	External	Visible on Student Profile (1)	Action
tep 1: Child's Basic Details				0 0
tep 2: Parent/Carer lease list parent or carers in order of priority, starting with the contact that should be contacted first in the event of an emergency	•	•	•	0 \$
tep 3: Child's Welfare and Support Information		•	•	0 1
tep 4: Parental Agreement and Consent	•	•	•	0 0
tep 5: Child's Education		•		0 0
tep 6: Additional Information				0 0
tep 7: Religion				0 0
tep 8: Courses				0 0

Any data completed in your SIF phase will auto-populate into your Admissions Form phase, so parents can see the answers previously given and make any amendments as necessary.

Within step view, make any changes to questions/fields - have you got new User Defined Fields 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 click on the name of a step to open it.

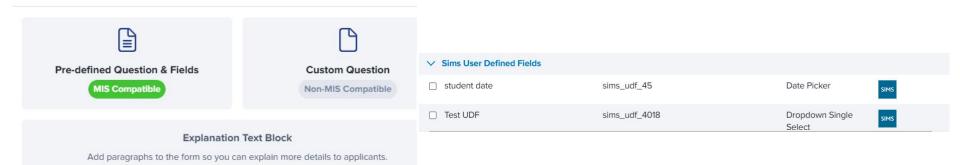
Click "+ New Question" and you will be prompted to choose what you would like to add.

UDFs can write back to your MIS, so they are great for capturing extra data that you don't have to manually input - you'll find them under "Pre-defined questions and fields".

You can also add questions in as "Custom Questions" - these will NOT write back to your MIS.

Here is a link to our form customisation guide.

#### Add a new question

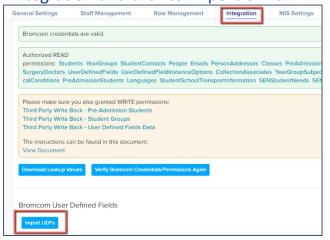


Not seeing your **User Defined Fields**? This will mean you need to make an update in your MIS first and then refresh!

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+

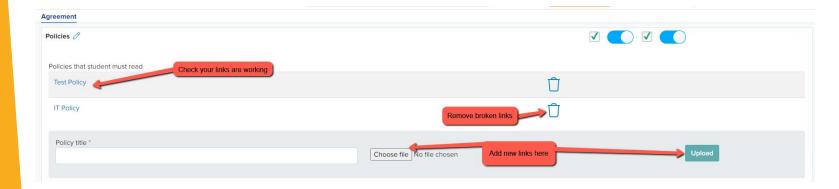
For cloud-based MIS, go to settings > school settings > integration and click to Import UDFs



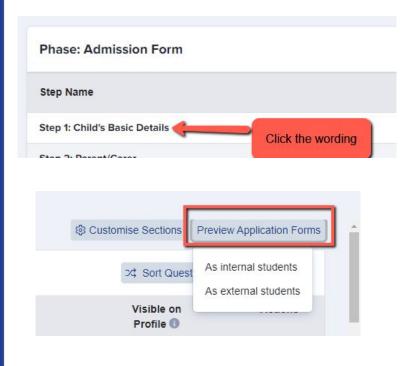


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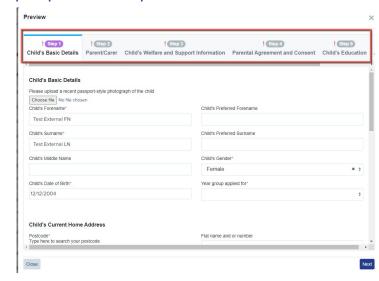
Check the links to any policies in your **Parental Agreement and Consent** step - sometimes it is necessary to remove old policies and add new ones to ensure the links are accurate



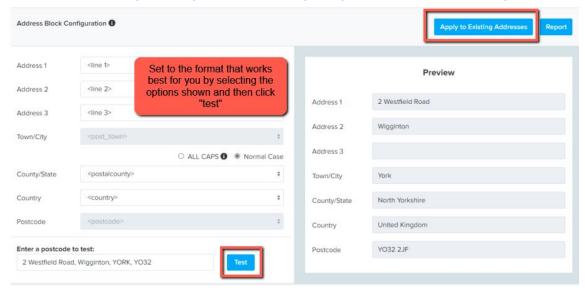
### Preview the whole form and check if it is all working as expected!



Preview the application form as **external students** (students who are not currently on your school roll) to see the whole form from the perspective of a parent



# There is the option to 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

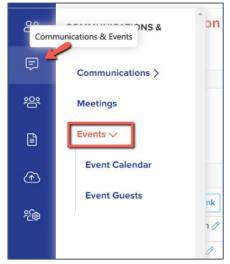
You will see the option to configure your address format, test how it appears and apply it to all addresses already in your system to ensure they are formatted correctly ahead of your import!

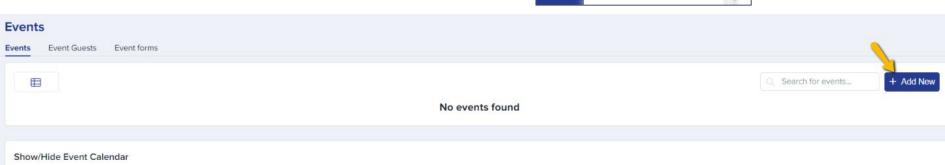
## Setting up open evenings and events

You may want to set these up in one of two ways: for attendees to register for a place, or just to show on a calendar for applicants to be aware of the event taking place

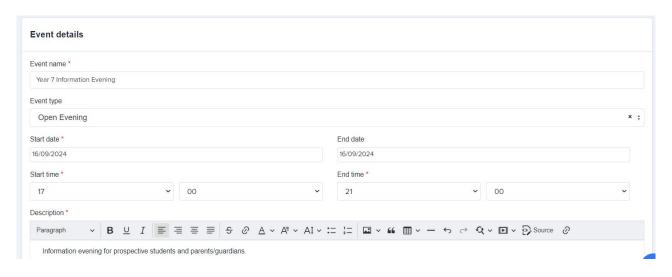
Navigate to **communications and events > events > event calendar** 

Show event calendar on landing page





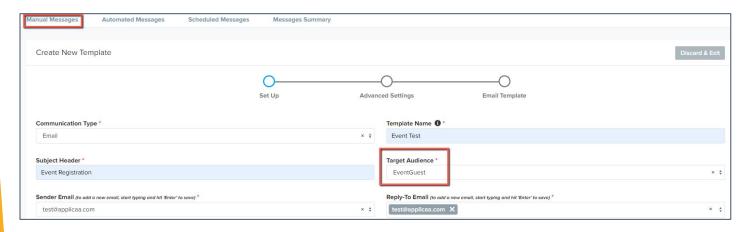
### Click to create a new event and set your parameters:



Specify settings - where would you like to display the information about this event? Are there limited places?

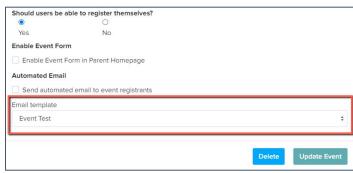
If you would like to email registrants to confirm their booking you can do so - this is covered on the next slides.

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 recipient is "event guest"



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

event



### **Chasing Incompletes**

You can chase **incomplete** forms by sending reminders to parents - either manually, or by scheduling an email to go to

Overview

Tiles

200

**(1)** 

them every few days.

Showing 1 to 7 of 7 entries 7 rows selected

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Student Code

NU7M

JQNX

852X

Click on the word "incomplete" to view the list of students in this status.

Select them all and click "communications" > "send email".

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Change Offer Status

**First Name** 

Deesha

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This will enable you to send an email the parents of the selected students.

Change Enrolment Status

**Last Name** 

Assani

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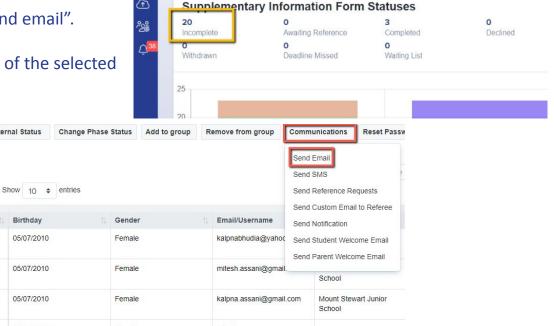
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Change Internal Status

Birthday

05/07/2010

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Recent Activities

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SAMPLE

Application Groups

Tasks

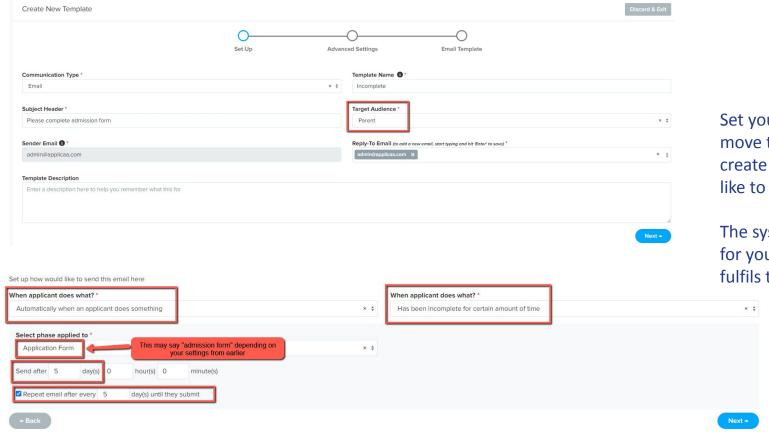
Calendar

**23** 

Registered Students

All Activities

To schedule an email to go to them every few days, navigate to **communications and events > communications > manual messages** and click **+ New Message**:



Set your parameters and move through the wizard to create the email you would like to send.

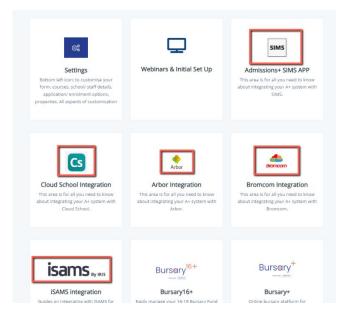
The system will then send it for you to anyone who fulfils the criteria.

### **IMPORTING DATA TO YOUR MIS**

The process of importing your completed data into your MIS varies, depending which MIS you use.

Check the relevant guide on our <u>Knowledge Base</u> to follow the steps specific to your MIS.

If you have any difficulties please call us on 0208 762 0882

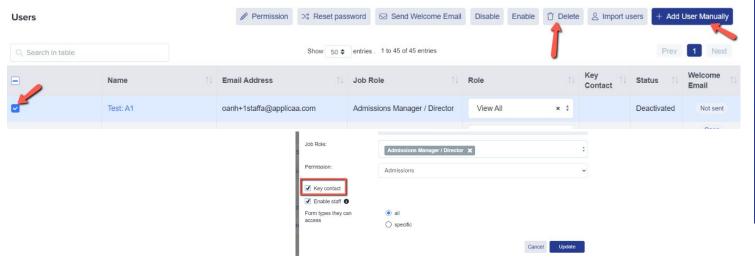


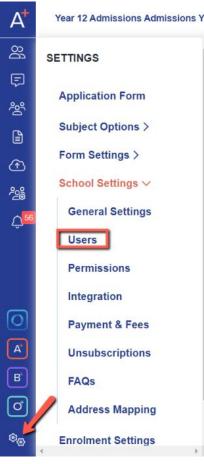
### **Update Staff Users**

Check your list of staff users, particularly if you have had a change in personnel over the summer.

Ensure any staff who no longer work there are removed, and that new colleagues are added.

Set your Key Contacts - anyone set as a Key Contact will receive information from us such as important system updates, invitations to events etc (we send these by email).





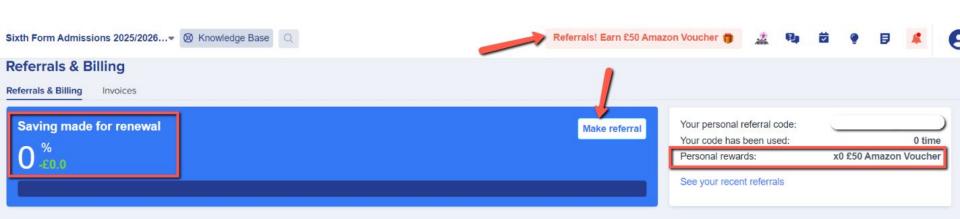
### **Earn Rewards**

Use your Referrals button to introduce us to other schools, and we will reward you!

For every school you refer, who then joins us:

Your school will receive 10% discount on their next renewal, and the school you refer will receive a 10% sign-up discount.

You will personally receive a £50 Amazon voucher







# **THANK YOU**