

# **Lesson Monitor**

# **Accessing the Register and Entering Marks**

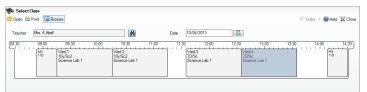
# Accessing the Register via the Focus Menu



Select Focus | Lesson Monitor | Take Register or click the Take Register button to display the Select Class browser.

### **Registration Tutor/Teachers**

Ensure that the required **Date** is displayed then double-click the required session/lesson on the timeline to display the associated register.



Clicking the Browse button again returns you to the Select Class browser.

### Staff Covering for Registration Tutor/Teachers

If you are covering for a registration tutor/teacher or you are, for example, an administrator who wishes to view registration groups:

- 1. Ensure that the required **Date** is displayed then click the **Search** button adjacent to the Teacher field to display the Browse for Lesson dialog.
- Enter all or part of the required name and/or select the period you are covering then click the Search button.
- Double-click the required session/lesson or highlight it then click the  ${\bf OK}$ button to display the associated register.

# **Accessing the Register via the Home Page**

If you are a registration tutor/teacher and the system recognised you as such when you logged into SIMS, your timetable for today is displayed in the My Timeline panel on the SIMS Home Page.

Double-click the required period. Alternatively, right-click the period then

select Take Register from the drop-down list to display the Take Register page, where registers for the selected day are displayed.

The right-click option also enables you to select the Student List.

Marksheets, Class Photographs and Class List Report.



# **Adding Additional Identification Columns**

Additional identification columns can be added and removed from the register, if required. These additional columns apply to the current register only.



Right-click any identification column header, e.g. Name or **Reg**, then select (or deselect) the required column from the pop-up menu. The register expands (or contracts) automatically. Other additional columns can be added by repeating this process.

Only the additional identification columns set up via Tools | Setups | Attendance Setup | Module Setup are available for selection.

# **Entering Lesson Registration Marks**

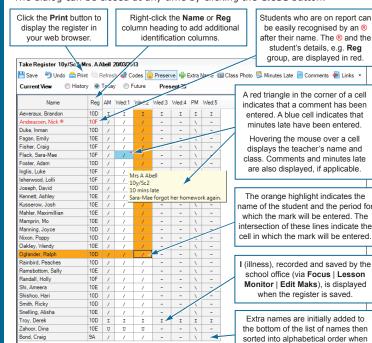
### **Entering a Mark Using the Keyboard**

Click the required cell then enter a mark using the keyboard. As each mark is entered, the highlight moves down automatically ready for you to enter a mark for the next student.

### Selecting a Mark from a List of Available Codes

Either right-click the cell in which you wish to enter a mark then select Display Codes from the pop-up menu or click the Codes button to display the Codes dialog.

Double-click the required code, which is then displayed in the current cell. The dialog can be closed at any time by clicking the Close button.



TIP: To enter mark(s) using the keyboard while the Codes dialog is open, click the register where the next mark is to be entered (this returns the focus to the register) then enter the required mark via the keyboard.

sorted into alphabetical order when

the register is saved.

### **Entering the Same Code for All Students**

- 1. Click the column heading for the current period. The cells within the column are highlighted.
- 2. Using the keyboard press / or \ to flood fill the entire column.
- 3. Individual marks can be edited by clicking the applicable cell then entering the required mark using the keyboard or **Codes** dialog.

### **Entering the Same Code for a Block of Students**

- 1. To select students who are listed sequentially, click the first cell in which you want to enter the mark. Hold down the **Shift** key then click the last cell in which you wish to enter the same mark. The selected cells are highlighted.
- 2. Enter the required mark using the keyboard or Codes dialog.

### **Editing or Deleting a Mark before Saving**

Ensure that the cell displaying the mark you wish to change is highlighted, then enter the correct code using the keyboard or Codes dialog.

Alternatively, press the **Delete** key to display a dash (-), representing a missing mark. Students with missing marks are marked as unexplained absence (N) when the register is saved unless you choose not to proceed. You are then returned to the register where missing marks can be entered before the register is saved.

### **Editing or Deleting a Mark after Saving**

Ensure that the **Preserve/Overwrite** toggle button displays **Overwrite**.

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### Adding Extra Names to the Current Register

- 1. Click the Extra Name button to display the Add Extra Names dialog then Search for the required student.
- 2. Highlight the required name then click the **OK** button. Alternatively, double-click the name to return to the Take Register page.
- 3. Confirm that you wish to add the student to the registration group/class for this session/lesson only.

The extra name is added to the bottom of the list already marked as present. When the register is saved, the list of names is sorted into

4. Additional names can be added by repeating this process, if required.



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# **Using the Register's Additional Features**

# **Recording Behaviour Incidents and Achievements**

### Creating a Basic Record (quick method)

Creating a record using the following method takes very little time, enabling the registration tutor/teacher time to concentrate on the current situation. The newly created record is not visible from the register but can be viewed and edited later via **Focus | Behaviour Management**.

- Select the names of the students involved in the event. Multiple students can be selected by holding down the **Ctrl** key then clicking the individual names. Selected names are highlighted in orange.
  - NOTE: Students cannot be selected by clicking the body of the register where the marks are entered.
- Right-click the highlighted name(s) then select either Add Behaviour |
  <behaviour type> | <behaviour status> or Add Achievement |
  <achievement type> from the pop-up menu.



A message is then displayed confirming that a record of the applicable type has been created automatically for the selected student(s).

3. Click the **OK** button to return to the register.

### Creating an In-Depth Record

This method of creating a behaviour incident or achievement displays the relevant dialog, enabling you to add and edit the event details.

- 1. Select the names of the students involved in the event.
- Click the Links button down arrow then select Behaviour or Achievement from the drop-down list to display the Achievement (or Behaviour Incident) Details dialog.

NOTE: Clicking the body of the **Links** button displays the **Student History** page from where an individual's details can be viewed.

- Select the event **Type** from the drop-down list (mandatory).
- Add additional details, if required, then click the Save button.



## **Viewing Student Photographs**

## Viewing and Printing the Class Photograph

The class photograph is a composite display of individual photographs stored in the SIMS database.

- Click the Class Photo button to display the Class Photo dialog.
- 2. If information about the SIMS Schools Photography Licensed Partners is required, click the Click for Photographers link at the bottom left-hand side of the dialog to open the Capita SIMS web page, which provides



 $information\ about\ accredited\ school\ photographers.$ 

A hard copy of the class photo can be printed by clicking the **Print** button. Ensure that your printer setting are correct before continuing.

### Viewing an Individual's Photograph

On the register, highlight the student's name then select **Photo** from the **Links** drop-down list or **Links** panel, if shown.

## **Recording Minutes Late and Comments**

### **Recording Minutes Late**

A registration tutor/teacher can record the number of minutes that a student arrived late for registration. Where minutes late have been recorded, the background colour of the cell is cyan.

- Locate the required student then click the associated cell for the current session/lesson.
- Enter a late code, i.e. L (before registers closed) or U (after registers closed), to activate the Minutes Late button.
- 2. Click the **Minutes Late** button to display the **Minutes Late** dialog then enter the number of minutes that the student arrived late.
- 3. Click the  $\mathbf{OK}$  button to return to the register.
- 4. To run the Minutes Late report, select Reports | Lesson Monitor | Selected Student Reports | Minutes Late Report.

NOTES: If the **Group Type** is changed, the **Search** button must be clicked to refresh the display. If **Show Lessons** only is selected, specify one or more **Subjects** to be included in the report. The report is displayed in your web browser, from where it can be printed.

### **Recording a Brief Comment**

Where comments have been added, a red triangle is displayed in the top right-hand corner of the cell.

NOTE: An in-depth record can be recorded via the **Links** button or panel.

- Locate the required student then click the associated cell for the current session/lesson.
- Click the Comments button to display the Comments dialog then enter a brief comment, e.g. John forgot his homework again.
- 3. Click the **OK** button to return to the register.
- 4. To run the Comments report, select Reports | Lesson Monitor | Selected Student Reports | Comments Report.

NOTES: If the **Group Type** is changed, the **Search** button must be clicked to refresh the display. The report is displayed in your web browser, from where it can be printed, if required.

# **Editing Historical and Future Marks**

### **History View**

Historical marks for up to ten instances of the selected session or lesson can be viewed and edited. A student's pattern of attendance can be reviewed and any errors on past registers can be corrected.

Select the **History** radio button. The current session or lesson is displayed in the right-hand column and can also be marked in this view.

To return to the register for the selected date and period, select the **Today** radio button.

### **Future View**

The future view enables you to view and edit future marks for up to ten instances of the selected session or lesson. For example, if a family holiday has been approved or a doctor or dental appointment is known, marks can be entered so that interested staff have visibility of forthcoming events.

Select the **Future** radio button. The current session/lesson is displayed in the left-hand column and can continue to be marked in this view.

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