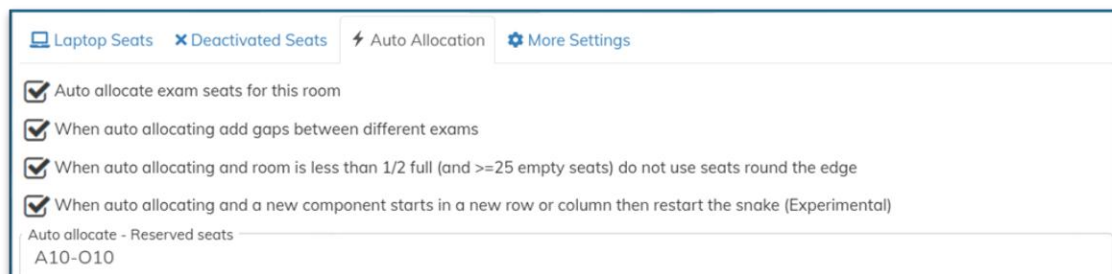# SchoolWorkSpace - What's New January 2026
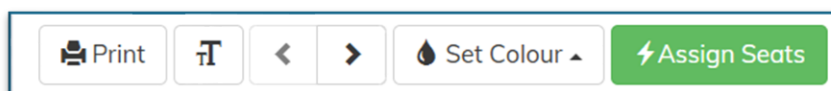
Feature 1 – Room Settings.

A new **Auto Allocation** subtab has been added to **Room Settings**. All settings related to automatically allocating candidates to seats in exam rooms can be found here.

Feature 2 – Assign Seats Button.

An **Assign Seats** button is now available when a room is selected for seating. This allows the Centre to automatically assign candidates to seats and then make manual adjustments using the **Edit** button if required.
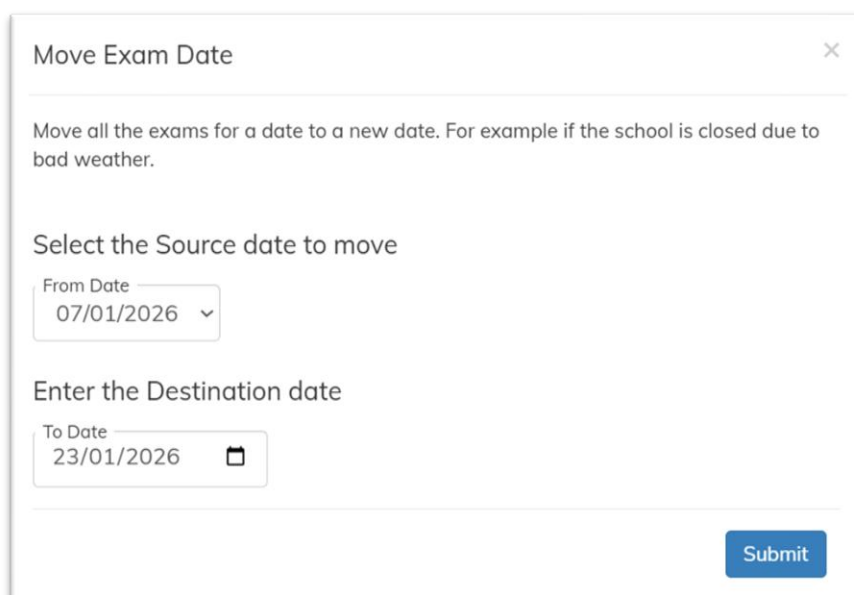

Feature 3 – Move Exams due to a School Closure.

The Centre can now move an entire day of exams in the event of a school closure. To use this feature, go to **Timetable and Seating | Actions | Move Exams to a New Date**.

Select the **source date** to be moved, enter the **new exam date**, then select **Submit**.

Feature 4 - New Auto Seating Option - Component, Duration then CandNo

When Auto Seating Candidates, a new option has been made available – Seat by Component, Duration then Candidate Number. When selected, the candidates will be sat by component, however the Extra Time candidates will be seated first followed by the other candidates based on the Candidate Number. Any Candidates that require a laptop will be assigned to a laptop seat.

Feature 5 – New Manual Seating for setting No snake sort order for selected Seats.

When manually seating candidates for mock exams, the Centre can assign candidates to selected seats by resetting the seating order so it is **not snaked**.

This allows the room's default snake order to remain in place for **external exams**, while being temporarily overridden for **mock exams** when seating a room manually.

Feature 6 – Invigilator Availability Overview - Now Supports a 3 Session Day

The **Invigilators Availability Overview** has been updated to support a **three-session day**. Previously, the overview by date or across all dates displayed availability for **AM and PM sessions only**. This has now been extended to support Centres that operate a **three-session day for mock exams**.

Feature 7 – Multi-Select Seated Candidates

Once candidates have been seated, when a plan is edited, Centre's can now multiselect a group of these candidates, by selecting a seat and then double clicking on the opposite seat.

Once selected, candidates can be:

- **Moved as a group** by dragging and dropping them into empty seats.
- **Removed** from the plan using the **red X.**
- **Pinned or unpinned** together, depending on their current pin status.

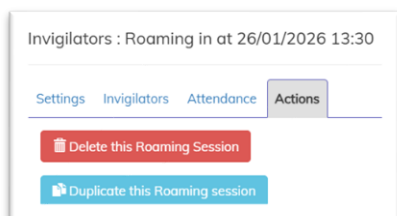## Feature 8 – Deselecting AA Used/Not Used

If the Centre has accidentally marked an **Access Arrangement** as **Used** or **Not Used**, hold **Shift** and click the selected option to deselect it. This will clear the selection.

Feature 9 – New Data item for ISAMS – Address

ISAMS Centres can enable Exams Assist to import Candidates and Parental Home Address using the ISAMS API.

Feature 10 - New option in for candidate portal

Added the ability to hide the component details in the exam entries. Navigate to the Overview Tab | Edit Season | Details Tab and select Hide the Component Details in the Exam Entries.

Feature 11 - Duplicate roaming session function

Added the ability to duplicate a roaming session in the Schedule Tab. Once a Roaming Session has been created, the Centre can edit this session, then in the Actions Tab select Duplicate this Roaming Season.

New/Updated Reports

Examination Register - Oral

for printing the oral start times

Statement of Entries

Exam Skeleton Timetable By Subject