

Arbor Roadmap

Summer 2025



A note from our Chief Product Officer

Welcome to our Summer Product Roadmap!

This roadmap guide lays out the key features and improvements we're currently developing, and looks back at some of our releases from last term.

We listen to the Arbor community to decide which areas we can develop to have the biggest impact, and we add these to our termly roadmap.

Please note that this roadmap reflects our current plans. As we test and refine our solutions, the specific features we release may differ from what's outlined here. This guide doesn't include pricing information, and some features may incur additional costs or be available only within specific MIS packages.

Our team is continuously working to deliver major innovations and ongoing improvements to Arbor. The focus in this guide is on the major changes - don't forget, you can find all our releases in our Change Log.

All the best,



Bex Campbell
Chief Product Officer at Arbor



How we plan the **Arbor Roadmap**

At Arbor, we're always looking for new ways to help schools and trusts work better. Our Product Team divide their time between two types of work:

1. **Strategic:** Powerful new features that often require work over multiple school terms, and have a transformative impact on how you use your MIS
2. **Responsive:** Continuous improvements based on your feedback and ideas

We work in this way to make sure we're balancing our long-term goals on transforming the way you work, with the ability to react quickly and proactively to your needs.



What we *released* *in Spring*



68

features released in
the last term

Click on each month's tile to see our
strategic releases from Spring Term:

January
Product Update

February
Product Update

March
Product Update

April
Product Update

What we *released* *in Spring*

Just some of our responsive releases from Spring Term:

Search in MAT MIS

Candidate count on the Candidate List and Exam Registers

Copy an existing Custom Report Card setup

Attendance fine tracking and monitoring

Suspension statistics in MAT MIS

Share product ideas straight from your MIS

School-defined suspension sessions lost

Printable venn diagrams in Arbor Labs

New PowerBI dashboard templates

Push down Custom Report Writer templates from MAT MIS

Mark assignments as complete in the Student App

[Click here to stay up-to-date with releases on the Arbor Change Log](#)

What we're *working on in Summer*



Five things we need to get right for you:

1. Automate away repetitive tasks
2. Remove wasted time wherever we can
3. Connect workflows and data across systems
4. Live data that informs action
5. Empower groups of schools

Automate away repetitive tasks

We don't want you to be bogged down by busywork. Let Arbor take care of the tasks and admin that can be automated and off your plate, so you have more time for the work only you can do.

This term we're focused on automating time consuming, repetitive tasks. We're using the power of Arbor AI to help you get to the information you need quickly and easily, and automate processes across your school.



✦ Automate your data retention policy

More flexibility and control over which records you can bulk delete and when.

✦ Ask Arbor

Find answers faster, and carry out your daily tasks in moments.

Spotlight on:

Ask Arbor

? Ask Arbor a question about any information in your MIS and get an answer in seconds

 Find student attendance, behaviour, or demographic data in just a few clicks

 Locate free rooms, view timetables, and make decisions quickly

[< Back](#) **Ask Arbor** 

Ask a question or select a sample prompt to get started

Create a report with behaviour by gender and year group for Year 10

I need to find the location of a student

What has the attendance been like for boys and girls this term?



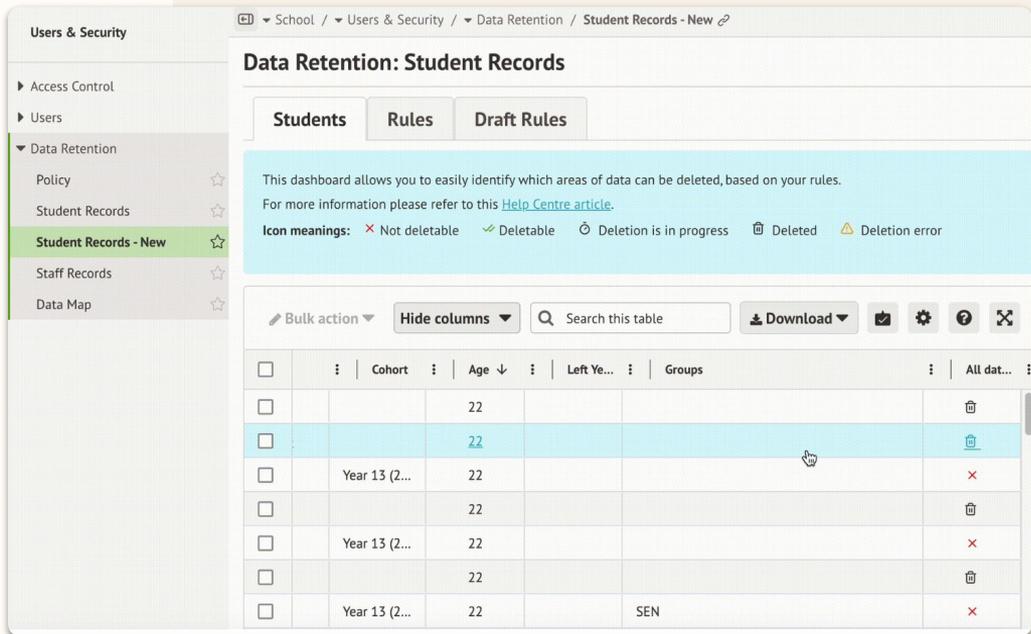
Spotlight on:

✦ Automate your data retention policy

 Set data retention rules for different groups of students or different types of data

✦ Create rules yourself, or use Arbor AI to turn the language from your policy into rules in Arbor

 Easily export and share rules between schools



Data Retention: Student Records

Students Rules Draft Rules

This dashboard allows you to easily identify which areas of data can be deleted, based on your rules. For more information please refer to this [Help Centre article](#).

Icon meanings: ✗ Not deletable ✔ Deletable ⦿ Deletion in progress 🗑️ Deleted ⚠️ Deletion error

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Remove **wasted time** wherever we can



Where we can't automate a task completely, we want to speed it up wherever we can - whether that's fewer button clicks, making data easier to understand, or simplifying a process.

This term we're working on speeding up and simplifying some essential workflows, such as helping you write longer pieces of text for report cards, feedback and analysis. We're also in the initial planning stages of our new Assessment module.

New Assessment module

A flexible and intuitive assessment platform, with simple set up and powerful built-in analysis.

✦ Suggest Text

Combine student data with written prompts to help you craft text that matches your tone guide.

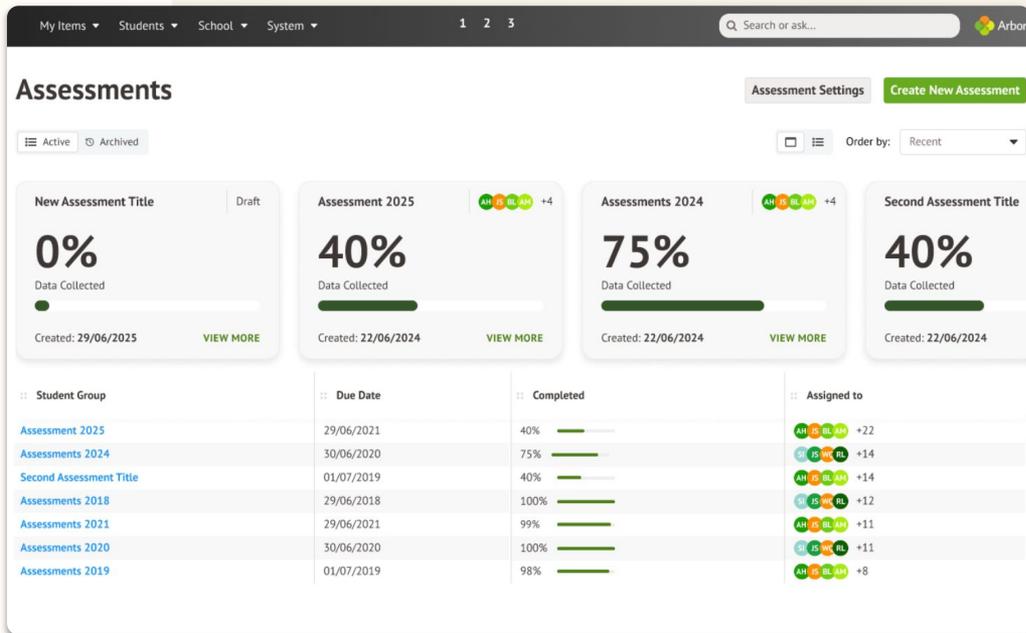
Spotlight on: New Assessment module

 Simple and time-saving setup, tracking, and reporting

 Focus on clear data and easy benchmarking and analysis

 Built with MATs in mind

 Designed to work with the broader Assessments ecosystem



Spotlight on:

✦ Suggest Text

📄 Save time and get Arbor to help you write longer, personalised pieces of text

📅 Pick the student data you want to include, add a feedback note, and Arbor will create a report card in seconds

✍️ Craft text in line with your school's tone guide for consistency across your comms

The screenshot shows the 'Markbook - Reading Age' interface in Arbor. A 'Suggest Text' dialog box is open, allowing users to generate personalized text for a report card. The dialog includes options to include default and contextual information, a text input field for a summary, and a 'Suggest text' button.

Markbook - Reading Age

11 Feb 2025 | Reading Age (Over Defined Assessment) | Form 2P | Ages 4 to 14

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Student	Academic Year	Autumn Term	Spring Term
<input type="checkbox"/> Apperall, Helen	Baseline	Reading Age	Reading Age
<input type="checkbox"/> Allen, Zach		7.06	7.07
<input type="checkbox"/> Baker, Craig		6.11	6.11
<input type="checkbox"/> Bellamy, Jordan		6.06	6.08
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheaman, Edward		6.07	6.08
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheaman, Lisa		7.08	7.06
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper, Samantha		7.05	7.07
<input type="checkbox"/> Ellis, Faye		6.01	6.01
<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter, Tiffany		6.06	6.08
<input type="checkbox"/> Khan, Evelyn		7.05	7.05
<input type="checkbox"/> Lloyd, Molly		6.03	6.03
		6.02	6.04

Showing 28 results

Please Note: You can only edit marks when the date applied in the filter falls within the date range for the assessment period that you would like to edit the mark for.

Suggest Text

What do you want to include?

Default information, such as:

- Select/deselect all
- Attendance
- Behaviour

Contextual information, such as:

- Select/deselect all
- Big Form
- EAL
- Academic Year Baseline
- Autumn Term Reading Age
- Spring Term Reading Age
- Spring Term Comment
- Academic Year Year Target

Summarise what you want to say (You can edit the tone guide here)

Ellis really hard. Has read The Philosophers Stone in lesson. Needs to be more confident reading in class.

Cancel | Suggest text

Connect workflows and data **across systems**

We believe we can have a real, transformative effect on your school or trust if we can bring together disparate systems and connect both the data and workflows of those systems.

This term we're working on more ways for data to flow between your systems - like our Microsoft, Smartgrade, and TimeTabler integrations. We're also creating a Data Connector from SAMpeople Recruit to the Arbor Data Warehouse, giving you access to your recruitment and applicant data in your BI tool of choice.



Microsoft integration

Join up Teams with your MIS for more seamless class management.

Smartgrade integration

Combine Smartgrade and student data for richer assessment analysis.

Improved TimeTabler integration

Make TimeTabler your source of truth, and easily make changes during the year.

SAMpeople Recruit data in your BI tool

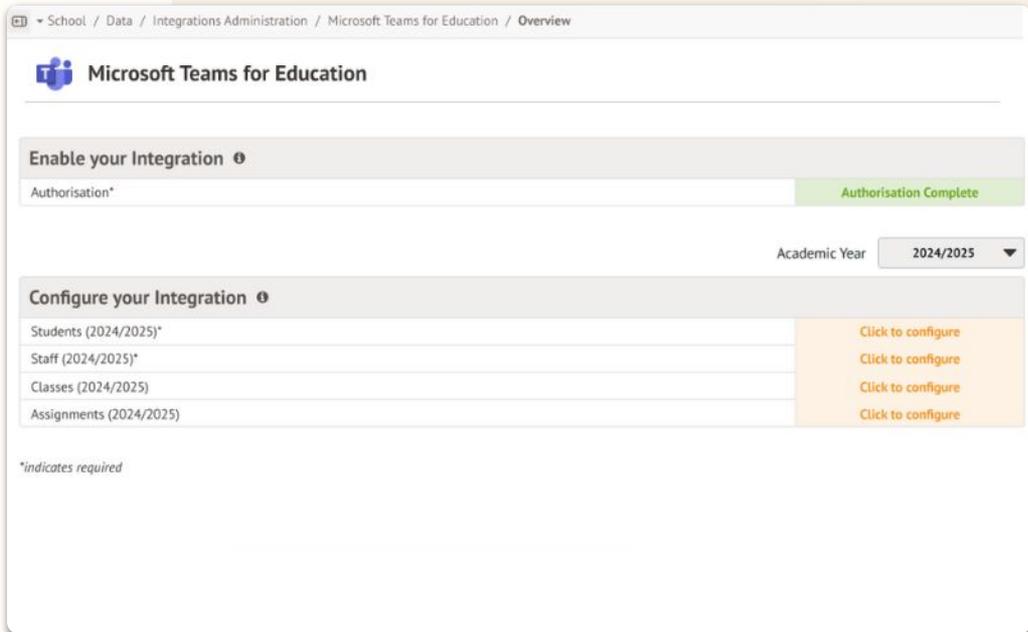
See your recruitment, HR, and MIS data all in one place.

Spotlight on: Microsoft integration

 Update your users and classes in Arbor, and it'll automatically flow into Microsoft Teams

 See the full picture of your student's progress with Teams assignments and homework in Arbor

 Give teachers, students, and parents one place to see homework and assignments - Arbor, regardless of the system it's been set in



The screenshot shows the 'Microsoft Teams for Education' configuration page. The breadcrumb trail is 'School / Data / Integrations Administration / Microsoft Teams for Education / Overview'. The page title is 'Microsoft Teams for Education'. Under the 'Enable your Integration' section, the 'Authorisation*' status is 'Authorisation Complete'. An 'Academic Year' dropdown menu is set to '2024/2025'. The 'Configure your Integration' section contains a table with the following items:

Students (2024/2025)*	Click to configure
Staff (2024/2025)*	Click to configure
Classes (2024/2025)	Click to configure
Assignments (2024/2025)	Click to configure

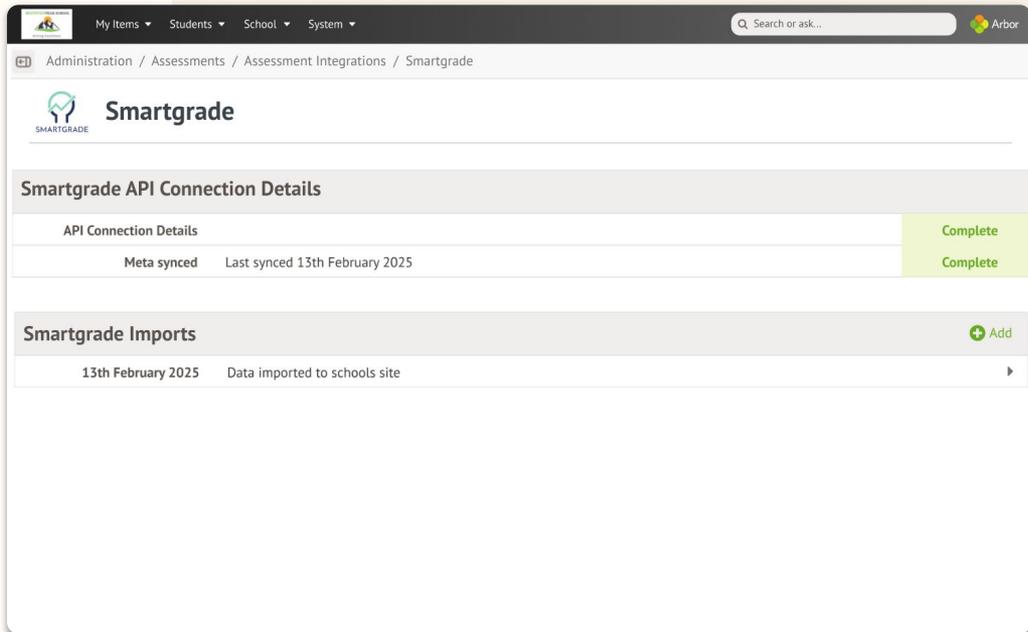
*indicates required

Spotlight on: Smartgrade integration

 Smartgrade assessment data flows directly into Arbor

 Automatically pull data into MAT MIS and push down to your schools

 Get richer analysis and insights by combining Smartgrade data with other student data already in Arbor



The screenshot shows the Arbor user interface for Smartgrade integration. The breadcrumb trail is Administration / Assessments / Assessment Integrations / Smartgrade. The page title is Smartgrade. Below the title, there are two main sections: Smartgrade API Connection Details and Smartgrade Imports.

Smartgrade API Connection Details		
API Connection Details		Complete
Meta synced	Last synced 13th February 2025	Complete

Smartgrade Imports		+ Add
13th February 2025	Data imported to schools site	

Spotlight on: Improved TimeTabler integration

 Easily push changes through to Arbor, reducing duplication and errors

 No need to end all timetable slots and re-important the entire timetable for small in-year changes

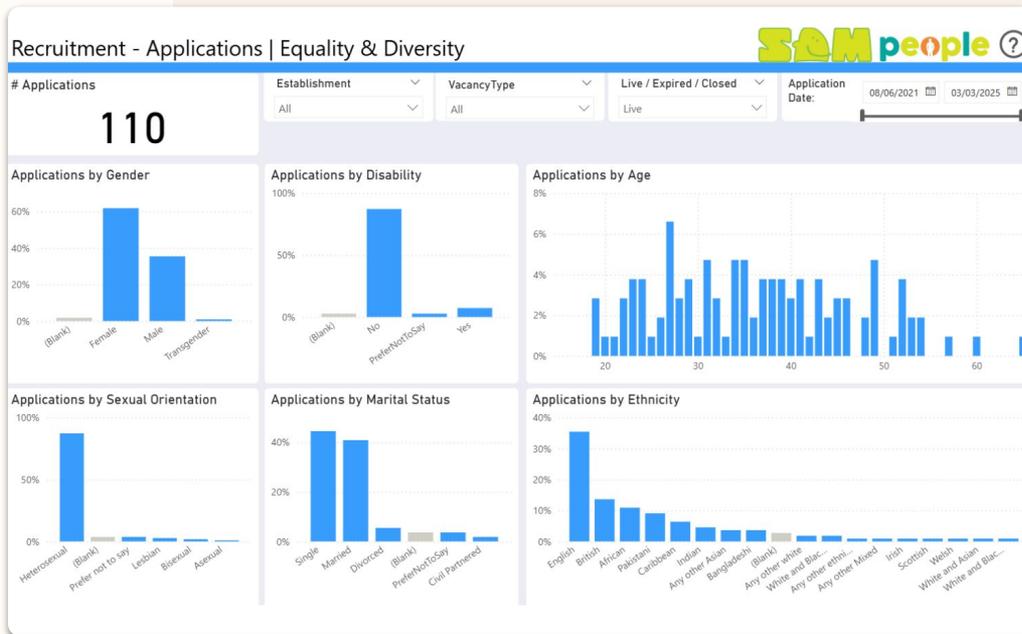
Ending (8)	New (53)	Changes (405)	Excluded (2228)	Errors (0)		
This tab shows course timetable slots that were not found within the imported data, which can be ended in bulk if they are no longer active.						
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> Hide columns ▼ <input type="text" value="Search this table"/> Download ▼ 📧 ⚙️ 🔍 ✕ </div>						
Status	Day	Effectiv...	Time Slot	Event	Staff	Room
Complete	Monday	16 Sep 202...	15:15 - 16:45	English Lan...		
Complete	Thursday A	02 Sep 202...	11:30 - 12:30	Drama: KS5...		
Complete	Thursday A	02 Sep 202...	11:30 - 12:30	Science: KS...		
Complete	Thursday A	02 Sep 202...	12:30 - 13:30	Maths: KS3...		
Complete	Thursday A	02 Sep 202...	12:30 - 13:30	Maths: KS3...		
Complete	Friday A	02 Sep 202...	10:05 - 11:05	Maths: KS3...		
Complete	Wednesday B	02 Sep 202...	09:40 - 10:40	Science: KS...		

Spotlight on: SAMpeople Recruit data in your BI tool

 Recruitment and applicant data flows into the Arbor Data Warehouse, and your BI tool of choice

 See your recruitment, HR, and MIS data all in one place

 Make informed and impactful hiring and recruitment decisions



Live data that informs **action**

Making reporting as simple and real-time as possible can have a tangible impact on student outcomes. It means you can take action right there and then, using the data at your fingertips.

This term we're making sure powerful, visual reporting is in the hands of those who need it. We're focused on shortening data latency with analysis tools built into MAT MIS, as well as AI powered reporting that crunches huge amounts of data in moments.



Flexible data visuals

Gain deeper insight into trust-wide data with powerful new visuals and charts.

Ask Arbor Canvas

Build reports and get insights from written prompts or questions.

Spotlight on: Flexible data visuals

💡 Gain a deeper understanding of your schools with powerful trust-wide analysis and insights - directly in your MAT MIS

🏠 See multiple data visualisations in just one Arbor dashboard, with more granular filtering options

🏠 Compare your schools or any group of students across your trust to Arbor's National Benchmarks, at-a-glance



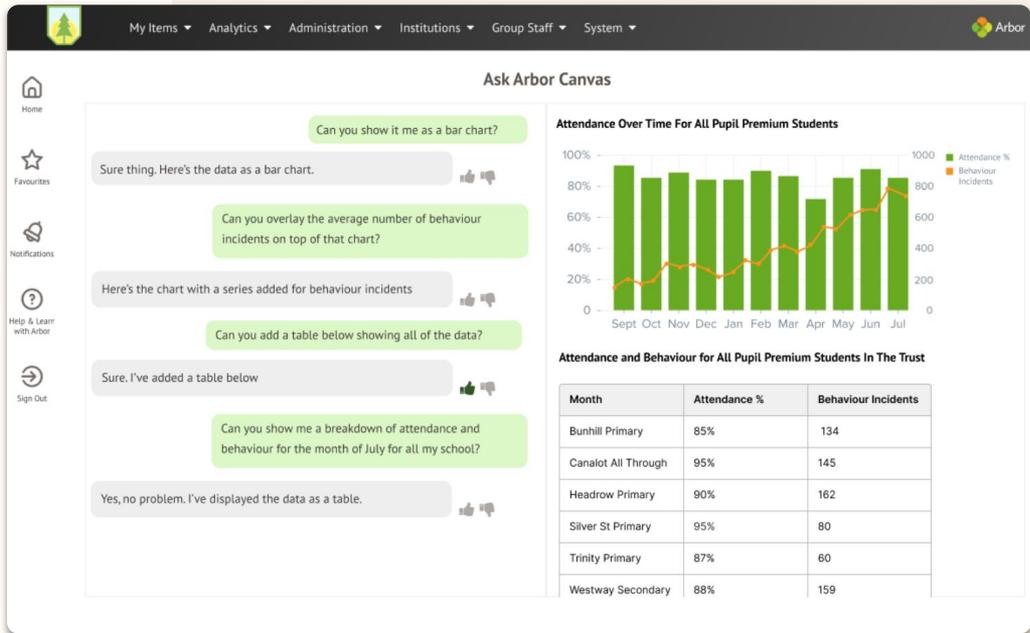
Spotlight on:

Ask Arbor Canvas

 Co-create detailed, share-able reports and analysis with Arbor AI

 Build visual charts and graphs from written prompts or questions

 Save time, with no need to be a whizz at Excel or PowerBI



The screenshot shows the 'Ask Arbor Canvas' interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with icons for Home, Favourites, Notifications, Help & Learn with Arbor, and Sign Out. The main area contains a chat window with the following messages:

- User: Can you show it me as a bar chart?
- Arbor AI: Sure thing. Here's the data as a bar chart.
- User: Can you overlay the average number of behaviour incidents on top of that chart?
- Arbor AI: Here's the chart with a series added for behaviour incidents
- User: Can you add a table below showing all of the data?
- Arbor AI: Sure, I've added a table below
- User: Can you show me a breakdown of attendance and behaviour for the month of July for all my school?
- Arbor AI: Yes, no problem. I've displayed the data as a table.

On the right, there are two data visualizations:

Attendance Over Time For All Pupil Premium Students

A combined bar and line chart showing Attendance % (green bars) and Behaviour Incidents (orange line) from September to July. The left y-axis represents Attendance % (0-100%), and the right y-axis represents Behaviour Incidents (0-1000).

Attendance and Behaviour for All Pupil Premium Students In The Trust

Month	Attendance %	Behaviour Incidents
Bunhill Primary	85%	134
Canalot All Through	95%	145
Headrow Primary	90%	162
Silver St Primary	95%	80
Trinity Primary	87%	60
Westway Secondary	88%	159

Empower **groups** of schools

Everything we're working on becomes even more powerful when we expand it to groups of schools. Whether that's MATs or LAs, we want to empower central and support teams with tools that make an impact.

This term we're working to get information out of the school level and into the central level, such as finance data for Local Authority teams. We're also building more trust-level pushdowns, and AI tools to help you take data driven action across your trust.



LA MIS

Understand what's going on across your LA with a real-time view of your schools.

MAT MIS Pushdowns

Tailor settings and role permissions across your whole trust in just a few clicks.

Arbor Finance Data Views and Assets

See Arbor Finance data for groups of schools, and manage assets.

✦ Ask Arbor and Canvas in MAT MIS

Harness the power of Arbor AI across your entire trust.

Spotlight on:

Ask Arbor and Canvas in MAT MIS

🔮 Harness the power of Arbor AI across your entire trust, tapping into all your schools' data at once

🕒 Save hours of time, with no need to pull each school's data individually - Ask Arbor will compile and analyse for you

The screenshot displays the 'Ask Arbor Canvas' interface. On the left, a chat window shows a conversation where the user asks for a bar chart, and the system responds with a bar chart and a table. The chat messages are:

- User: Can you show it me as a bar chart?
- System: Sure thing. Here's the data as a bar chart.
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The main interface shows a 'Canalot Overview' dashboard with the following data:

- Whole School Attendance: 94.76%
- Persistent Absentees (DfE): 7.74%
- Total Number of Suspension: 46

The 'Attendance Over Time For All Pupil Premium Students' chart shows attendance percentages from September to July. The 'Attendance and Behaviour for All Pupil Premium Students in The Trust' table is as follows:

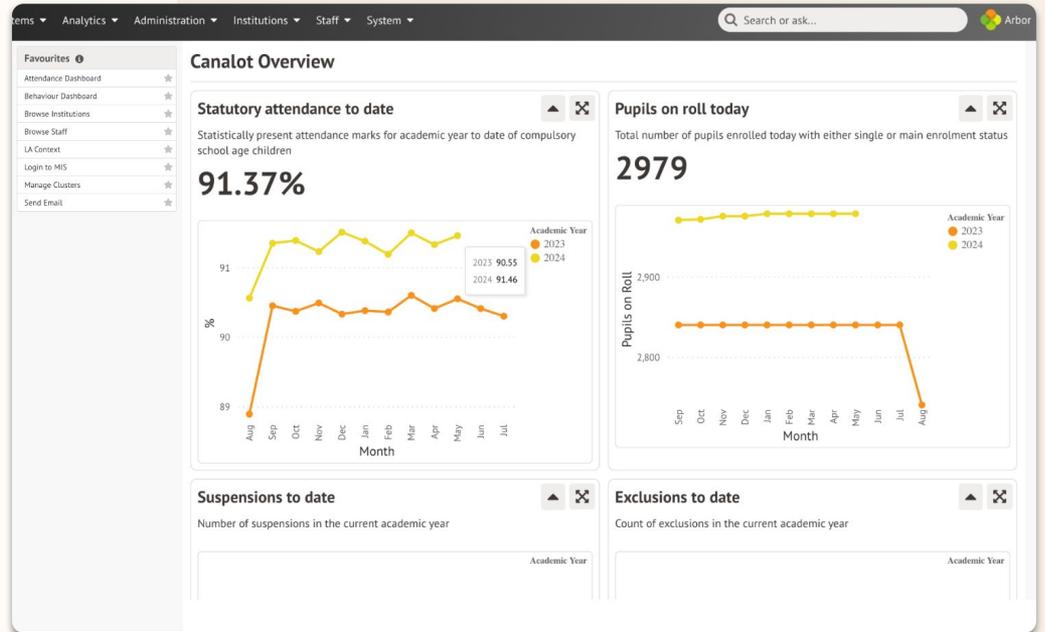
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Spotlight on: LA MIS

🕒 Get real-time access to school data and insights with our brand new MIS, specifically designed for Local Authorities

🤝 Built-in data sharing agreements that control the level of data sharing with your schools

📁 Log in to your schools' MIS to provide fast and efficient support and troubleshooting



Spotlight on: Business Role and School Settings Pushdowns

🔒 Customise the permissions of specific business roles across your trust, then implement in just a few clicks

🖋️ Get better visibility of the existing permissions across your trust, and edit them in bulk

🏠 Manage school security settings to support trust-wide roll outs, including SSO, 2FA, Parent Portal and Student App settings

Pushdowns / Pushdowns / Business Roles / Teacher

Teacher - Overview

Business Role Overview

Name	Teacher
School staff	Yes
Teaching staff	No
Permissions management	Managed by Gotham City MAT

All Extra Curricular Finance School Staff/HR Student Profile

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Permission Category	Permission	Access Type	Access	Description
Extra Curricular	Send Communications All	Action	✓	Send emails and letters to participants of :
Extra curricular	Send Communications Assigned	Action	✗	Send emails and letters to participants of :
Staff/HR	Receive Communications All	View	✓	Receive emails and letters to participants :
Staff/HR	Receive Communications Assigned	Policy	✓	Receive emails and letters to participants :
Staff/HR	Deny Communications All	Setup	✗	Deny emails and letters to participants of :
School	Behaviour: Administer	Action	✗	Administer school behaviour setup
School	Behaviour: Log behaviour incident	Action	✗	Log a behaviour incident

Education 332 security

Spotlight on: Arbor Finance Data Views and Assets

➔ Data flows into the Arbor Data Warehouse, allowing Local Authorities to view Arbor Finance data for groups of schools

🕒 Spend less time exporting, manipulating, and sharing data to focus on the day-to-day

💰 Record and monitor assets, link assets to purchases and manage contracts easily

The screenshot displays the 'Asset Management' section of the Arbor Finance software. It features a search filter panel on the left and a main details area on the right.

Search Assets Panel:

- Type: Tangible
- Sub-Type: Computers
- Location: [Empty]
- Goods Received Date: [Empty]
- Assigned to: [Empty]
- Department: [Empty]
- Serial No.: [Empty]
- Asset Code: [Empty]
- Written Off?: No
- Supplier: [Empty]
- PO number: [Empty]
- Invoice number: [Empty]

Asset Details: Dell Laptop

Description: Dell Laptop bought as part of a bundle of 50, originally intended for Year 10s as part of 2023 STEM initiative.

Picture:

Details Table:

Type	Tangible	Sub-Type	Computer
Initial Value (inc VAT)	£350.99	Current Value (calculated)	£190.00
Depreciation Start Date (same as Goods Received Date)	28 Jun 2023	Years to Depreciate	4
Notification Alert Send Date	28 Mar 2027	Notification Alerts Send to	E Stavros Smythe, E Digby
Department	Science	Location	Room 172a - Science Lab
Assigned to...	Jodie Pertwee (Student, Year 6, 6AF)	Written Off?	No
Bought?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Goods Received Date	28 Jun 2023

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Coming soon

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