

Capita SIMS Partnership Schools' Programme 2013 - 2014

The Partnership Schools' programme is for schools that are expert in their use of data, supported by SIMS, and happy are to share their experiences with other schools and work closely with Capita.

Partnership School status is awarded for one academic year and reviewed annually.

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Partnership Schools to Capita SIMS	Capita SIMS to Partnership Schools
<p>Sharing best practice With support from Capita, each school will feature in a detailed best practice tool kit focussing on one area of their expertise. The tool kit will include a case study and the school's contact details. These will feature online within an 'ask-the-expert' section of SupportNet and the SIMS website for other schools and local authorities to access.</p> <p>Schools will be happy to speak to other schools and local authorities about their use of SIMS.</p>	<p>Personal account management Schools will receive personal account management from the Partnership Schools' Manager</p>
	<p>Provision of new software One piece of software; in 2013 to 2014 this will be either FFT Estimates or SIMS Agora. In addition to this, independent school customers can choose SIMS Multiple Timetable</p>
	<p>In-school consultancy Two days of bespoke, in-school consultancy will be provided to each Partnership School. The days will be booked via Claire Ashton and be dependent on consultant availability</p>
<p>Hosting SIMS in Action Events With support from Capita, each school will organise and host termly meetings for other SIMS schools, focusing on an element of SIMS or SIMS related issues. Where possible, a representative from Capita will attend.</p>	<p>Out-of-school training Five places on out-of-school training courses will be given to each Partnership School. These places will be made available up to five working days in advance. View courses at www.capita-sims.co.uk/training</p>
<p>Working closely with particular schools Where it is not practicable to organise SIMS in Action events, schools will share their expertise in a detailed way with specific schools, for example, through multi academy trust working.</p>	<p>Partnership Schools' Annual Conference Each Partnership School is entitled to one free of charge place at this two day event. All expenses at the event are covered. The event brings together key Capita staff and the Partnership Schools</p>
	<p>Discounts at Capita Conferences Capita Conferencing is another arm of Capita plc. Partnership Schools are entitled to a 20% discount on all their events. Please quote you are a SIMS Partnership School when making your booking through www.capitaconferences.co.uk</p>

Optional commitment	<p>Presenting at events Partnership Schools will have the opportunity to present at SIMS (or other) events, this could include the BETT show, a SIMS sales conference or an event for another organisation such as a local authority</p>
	<p>Twitter and blogging Schools will have the opportunity to participate in ‘ask the expert’ or themed sessions on Twitter and to contribute to a blog</p>
	<p>Work with Capita SIMS departments Partnership Schools will be given priority to be involved with market research, new product development and testing</p>
	<p>Featuring in newspaper and magazine articles Partnership Schools will be given the opportunity to feature in PR activity such as newspaper and magazine articles. This will be dependent on the requirements of the specific publications</p>
	<p>Contact with other leading schools from all phases Schools are encouraged and supported to develop networks with the other Partnership Schools. The annual conference is one way of doing this</p>

Further Information

For further information about the programme please email Lia Worthington-Ellis, Partnership Schools’ Manager on Lia.worthington-ellis@capita.co.uk or telephone 01234 838080 or 07889 592877.