

# Student Systems Programme bulletin

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## Update on progress over the summer

Summer has been a busy period in the Student Systems Programme. Importantly, Oracle Student Systems (OSS) has now been fully replaced with eVision, concluding the Admissions project.

Over 2,800 undergraduate offers were processed in eVision during A-Level results week. In order to support this process, email notifications and a new confirmation checking report were added to eVision. Final changes to the graduate admissions process include the integration of fee payment into the graduate student application form, and the new [Graduate Applicant Self Service](#), allowing applicants to track the status of their references, manage referee details, upload supporting documents and edit their contact details.

On 1 July 2016, eVision functionality to manage individual student financial support required for the annual Student HESA (Higher Education Statistics Agency) return was made available to colleges, departments and divisions.

View Student screens were added to eVision on 7 July 2016 to enable staff to look up individual student details, such as contact details and examination results. Over 800 people have since used the screens, receiving positive feedback. *"...This is a good way to see the important information relating to a student quickly, as it's easier to digest than dataviews"* (Eleanor Wilson, Graduate Entry Course Administrator, University of Oxford Medical School).

Yesterday, 15 September 2016, saw the launch of eVision College Records, a new shared system that participating colleges will use to manage local academic records. The functionality was developed in close partnership with a User Group, comprising representatives from the fourteen participating colleges.

## Student Systems Programme renamed Education IT Programme

The remit of the Student Systems Programme has widened to include all projects commissioned by the [Education IT Board](#). In addition to projects sponsored by Student Systems the programme now incorporates Academic IT projects related to teaching and learning, such as the recent WebLearn upgrade and the forthcoming Virtual Learning Environment review. To reflect the change, the programme has been renamed the Education IT Programme.

The Education IT Programme is responsible for improving the IT systems that support education at Oxford, including learning technologies and academic administration systems.

The programme's aim is to strengthen Oxford's role as a world leader in teaching and learning through IT improvements for applicants, students, and staff. This work is carried out through a rolling programme of Student Systems projects to support student administration, and Academic IT projects related to teaching and learning.

### **Governance**

The programme reports to the Education IT Board. The [Student Systems Steering Group](#) assists this board in setting priorities for student systems projects. The Learning Technologies Advisory Group sets priorities for teaching and learning projects.

The programme team comprises staff in the Academic Administration Division (AAD) and IT Services, working closely with colleagues in divisions, departments, and colleges.

### [Changes in contact details](#)

The name change will result in a change of contact details.

- *Email*  
As of today a new programme email address will be in use: [edu-it@it.ox.ac.uk](mailto:edu-it@it.ox.ac.uk). Emails addressed to the old programme account ([ssp@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ssp@admin.ox.ac.uk)) will be redirected to the Education IT Programme inbox for six months.
- *New bulletin*  
This is the final issue of the Student Systems Programme Bulletin. It will be replaced later in Michaelmas term 2016 by a new termly Education IT Programme Update.
- *New website*  
Later in the 2016/17 academic year we aim to release a new programme website. In the meantime we have made some interim changes to the [existing programme webpages on the AAD website](#).

### [Student Systems projects](#)

The Education IT Programme includes the following Student Systems projects:

- ADSS 2016 Updates: ADSS upgrade and enhancements, including ADMIT system replacement. Expected delivery 24 October 2016.
- Fee Calculation: Calculating applicant specific fees in eVision. Delivery Michaelmas term 2016.

- Online Examination Timetables: Online student timetables in Student Self Service and eVision screen for colleges. Pilot in November/December, rollout in 2017.
- SITS:Vision and eVision upgrade: Upgrade required for continued vendor support, which will result in design changes. Implementation December 2016.
- Graduate Training and Progression (GSS replacement): Review of systems which support graduate supervision and skills training, to include GSS and new skills tool. Expected delivery in 2017/18.
- Assessment Results Management: Platform to support 'marks management' and return of results data to SITS:Vision. Will replace MarkIT database used by some department. Expected delivery in 2017/18.
- OSS Decommissioning: Project to decommission the now obsolete student records system. Expected during 2016/17.
- Student Systems Improvements: Stabilising and enhancing eVision functionality and improving helpdesk responsiveness by tackling common problems. Delivered throughout 2016/17.

Further details on these projects are included on the [Education IT Programme](#) website.