Furlong

IN OTHER NEWS

Howard's Blog

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Medical

Certain areas of the system currently appear as confidential for select members of staff (e.g. Treatment history on the pupil record). There are new open args when creating menu items for the treatment form, as to whether or not confidential treatments should be visible. If you are able to access confidential items, you are now able to mark these as confidential as well. By default all treatments are

Training courses

Our summer training courses are fast approaching, with our first course, SchoolBase for Teachers on Thursday 18th April. We have a wide range of courses available, including some exciting new ones over the summer months, starting with Examinations Officers, Administration, Registrars/Admissions and Timetable and Curriculum in April.

We have also released our autumn course dates, along with some exciting new dates in August, all of which can be found **here**.

As you are probably aware by now, we recently re-launched our website, and training courses can now be booked directly through it, or alternatively by downloading our booking form from the website, and once completed sending it to **Georgina Heath**.

We look forward to seeing you on one of our courses over the next few months.

Data Management

The Database Manager takes responsibility for everything that happens within SchoolBase after a user reaches the log-on screen. Many schools find it difficult to find a suitable person with the right kind of background, experience and knowledge

ALSO OF INTEREST

Gadgets now available for SchoolBase 5

Licence Checker

Tells you how long until your licence expires, and if it has expired, how many days until we kick you out!

Am Pm Unmarked Register Gadget

Displays all the unmarked registers depending upon the default registers type of a school.

Today's Events

Lists all events happening today, you are then able to open them directly from the gadget.

Pupil Finder

Finds pupils within the database. You can then view their pupil record,

not confidential. Thus within the Medical Treatments area, there are now two ways to manage treatments - one deals with all treatments and one with just the non confidential treatments.

Sports

SchoolBase will soon have a new sports system, allowing the creation and management of tryouts, squads and the fixtures themselves.

Exams

Clashes in external examinations has often been an issue – no more! We have changed the examinations module to allow you to set the actual start times of every paper, to automatically see and fix any clashes and distribute the information to parents, pupils and staff. This is a great new feature that will be available in 5.2.2 or later releases – worth checking it out.

of SchoolBase to take on the role.

Often the Database Manager role is not a full time position – maybe the equivalent of one, two or three days per week. Thus the task is heaped onto an existing member of staff who already has a busy 'day job' risking job overload! In response to several requests from schools we have launched a new service that will address these issues and provide your school with a dedicated, experienced, named Furlong staff member to undertake this (part time) role.

Operating from our Andover office, but with agreed days spent in the school, your 'SchoolBase® Database Manager' will become an adjunct to your staff team. They will work to an agreed annual contract, will be available remotely to ensure that your system is working smoothly, and at agreed times in the school to meet with staff, deliver training, etc. The service is charged on the basis of a fixed annual fee related to the number of days per week that their services are required.

For more information, please contact **Graham Hall**.

Avoid 2013

If you were thinking of switching to Office 2013 we would be grateful if you held off for a while. Put simply, version 4.6 of SchoolBase will not work with the Access part of Office 2013. SchoolBase 5 does not care what version of office you have UNTIL you come to reports and if you have parental reports constructed in Access, which most schools do, then again, this needs Office 2010 or earlier. We are working to resolve this issue but we are not there yet!

Conferences

emergency contact information, timetable, pupil photograph, roll number and today's registration marks.

Birthdays

There are two birthday gadgets available, one for Pupils and one for Staff. They both display upcoming birthdays, and birthdays that have passed are marked in red.

Gadget Manager

Don't forget you can now decide which gadgets you want on your own version on SchoolBase!

Consortium Meeting

We are pleased to confirm that our consortium meeting will now be held on Tuesday 18th June. For more details or if you would like to attend, please email Laura Carey.

Steve James, our intrepid international sales manager rushed back from China straight to the **ECIS Conference** in Berlin earlier this month. He managed to meet a lot of new faces, many giving positive feedback about SchoolBase.

This is the first time Furlong have participated in this event and we hope to be going again next year.

For more information on the ECIS conference or any of our upcoming events, please contact **Laura Carey**.

New Furlong faces

We are delighted to welcome a new face to the Furlong team. Raju Partel joins us this month and will be working for Stuart in the development team.