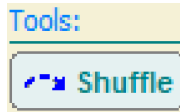


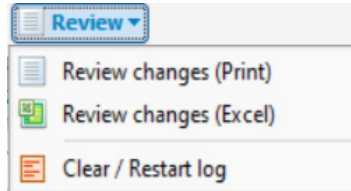
New Features in *Options 2025*

Shuffle: Log of Changes

After using **Shuffle** (in Current Pattern \Rightarrow Tools) to move individual students between groups on your Pattern :



... you can now see a **log** of the changes. Just click on **Review** then **Review changes (Print)** or **Review changes (Excel)** :



| Date | Time | Student | Step | Choice | From | To | New size |
|----------|-------|----------------|------|--------|------|-----|----------|
| 28/10/24 | 16:09 | Daniel Flowers | 1 | Fo | A-4 | B-5 | 23 |
| | | | 2 | Gg | D-5 | A-5 | 10 |
| | | | 3 | Fr | B-4 | C-2 | 24 |
| | | | 4 | Art | C-4 | D-4 | 19 |
| 28/10/24 | 16:09 | Paul Hurst | 1 | Fr | B-4 | C-2 | 25 |
| | | | 2 | Fo | A-4 | B-5 | 24 |
| | | | 3 | Art | C-4 | D-4 | 20 |
| | | | 4 | Gg | D-5 | A-5 | 11 |

Please note, 'New size' is the Group size immediately after that student moved into the Group. You can clear the log at any time, if you only want to see the changes from now on, via **Review** then **Clear / Restart log**.

Improved Exports to Excel

All the exports to Excel have been improved so that:

The colours in the Excel file are now the same as the colour in the software.

For example, at **Print** \Rightarrow **Pattern Design** \Rightarrow **Export** \Rightarrow **to Excel**

you now see subject colours in the Excel file :

| Block A | | Block B | | Block C | | Block D | |
|---------|---------|---------|----|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| IT | 39 (-1) | PE | 18 | De | 24 | Dr | 13 (-1) |
| Mu | 18 (-1) | Hi | 15 | Gra | 16 (-1) | Te | 16 |
| Fo | 24 | Fo | 16 | Sp | 17 (-1) | Fr | 18 |
| CD | 19 | Fr | 33 | Fr | 12 | IT | 34 (-1) |
| | | Art | 15 | Gg | 11 | Gg | 20 |

Recently Viewed Patterns

The patterns you have viewed or worked on most recently are displayed at the bottom of the opening screen and present the information more clearly including the number of students missing a choice (they show in brackets as a negative number). Any flag you have put against the pattern in the Pattern Library is also shown and there are two extra colours: orange and purple :

| Recently viewed Patterns: | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| | More science (-4) | | Second trial (-5) |
| | Y10 trial 1 (-8) | | With more Maths (-15) |
| 28/11/24 | 96.0% | 11/11/24 | 95.0% |
| 10/10/13 | 92.0% | 7/11/24 | 85.1% |

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Review & Counsel : Student Inspector

If you want to look at a particular student and can't easily find him/her, you can now ask **Options** to find them.

Click on **Find** (top-left of the screen) and enter the start of the student's forename or surname (as many letters as you wish) :



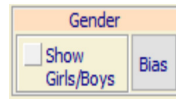
Pattern Library: Flags

Any flags you have selected / turned on, are now square rather than circular and you are reminded on the right-hand-side :

| Pattern name | Flag |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Y10 trial 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Another try for Y10 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Solution 71 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| With more Maths | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Second trial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| More science | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Clash Table: Improvements

i) **Gender Bias** monitoring is now more prominent, in a new section:



To allow the selection of Show Girls/Boys, first enable the tracking of Sex/Gender by going to **Customize** ➡ **Record Sex/Gender**

ii) Using **Compact** the program will now try to autosize rows and columns to make them as small as possible. This is useful if you have lots of subjects and are struggling to see them all on one screen :



Miscellaneous

including features added late into *Options 2024*, taken from requests to the WishList.

Current Pattern : TGNs ➡ **Import student assignments** has been improved so that it doesn't require one line per student; your students can be on separate lines.

Import Students & Choices : improvements have been made to the logic it uses for matching.

Swap-in reserves:

- no longer swaps-in a reserve of *Free*.
- improvements have been made to the pop-up reports.

Insist on 1st Choice : now obeys the Strict rules better.

Other news

- The free **Gold-Start** Support for New purchasers continues, and in addition Users in existing schools can purchase this enhanced support, or **Gold-Start PLUS**.
Details at: www.timetabler.com/gold-start and on the Upgrade Order Form.
- The HelpScreens have been updated.
- Free Timetabling & Options booklets are available at: www.timetabler.com/timetabling-ebooks/
- If you have your own ideas for the WishList, please send them to us.