



The Magna Carta School

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To whom it may concern,

Magna Carta is a school in Surrey UK, with an enrolment of around 1250 students.

The school has traditionally used SIMS, with the integrated timetabling module Nova T6. On learning there may be an alternative timetabling module which may be significantly better than the SIMS module, the school elected to trial the Edval timetabling system. It was noted that while Edval appeared capable of totally replacing the Nova T6 module of SIMS, it could equally be used in conjunction – by generating a solution which is then transferred into SIMS quite easily.

Edval's high level planning tools were also of benefit, covering areas that SIMS doesn't have, such as complex auto-staffing and other algorithmic tools.

Together with Edval, the school prepared a collaborative case study, which outlines the experience of comparing SIMS / Nova T6, and Edval.

As Assistant Headteacher at the school, I have had many years of timetabling experience using SIMS, and consider myself reasonably advanced in this module, and capable of detailed comparisons.

During the case study, it was found that Edval produced solutions much faster – but also much better quality than Nova. This was measured in financial and educational areas – and showed Edval could produce better elective option lines, better staffing and better specialist room occupancy rates.

The school is happy with the excellent technology, training and support provided by Edval, and enjoying a better timetable as a result.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss any aspect of this study, if any other school was interested.

James Thorpe
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