

More HTML Web-pages



Last year we introduced an easy way of making Web pages of your final timetables.

This year we have extended these Web exports to include the 'master' Staff Timetable and the 'master' Class Timetable.

Some examples are shown at

<http://www.timetabler.com/users.html> (select item 6)



Better printouts

The 'inclusive' Class Printouts have been improved, so that they are more compact.

In this example, you can see that the Maths for 9AB is now shown across Class 9A and 9B, rather than being shown for 9A and repeated for 9B:

	Period 1 9.00-9.50	Period 2 9.50-10.40		Period 1 9.00-9.50	Period 2 9.50-10.40
9A	R.REYNOLDS Hist Rm15 J.CLARKE Geog Rm9	J.HARRISON Maths Rm9 J.MASON Maths Rm7 F.HICKSON Maths Rm1	9A	R.REYNOLDS Hist Rm15 J.CLARKE Geog Rm9	J.HARRISON Maths Rm9 J.MASON Maths Rm7 F.HICKSON Maths Rm1
9B	R.PALMER Phys Rm32 R.PARTINGTON Chem Rm33	J.HARRISON Maths Rm9 J.MASON Maths Rm7 F.HICKSON Maths Rm1	9B	R.PALMER Phys Rm32 R.PARTINGTON Chem Rm33	

OLD ❌

NEW ✅

The 'set' labels have now been extended to be more useful than just for labelling Maths sets, etc.

As well as the standard labels you can now enter free-form labels (of up to 5 characters). These can be used for labelling practical classes as 1p1, 1p2, 1p3, etc., as in this example:

Wed
period1
R.PALMER Phys U32 1p1
R.PARTINGTON Phys U36 1p2
R.CHADWICK Chem U33 1p3
G.WALKER Biol U35 1p4

These pages show only the latest features. If you have missed out on earlier Upgrades, you can see more details illustrated at:

<http://www.timetabler.com/new.html>

This 2006 Upgrade includes all the features of all the upgrades.

Other new features

Many other features have been added or improved, including:

- The Free Staff & Rooms printout has been improved.
- If you use 'Global DayBlocking' then you'll know that it is sometimes difficult to keep track of the symbols that you have used for different activities in different years. There is now a summary report to tell you where you have used this DayBlocking.
- On the Priority Screen, when you have 'ignored' items on the Ignored List, you can now restore them selectively.
- On the Edit Details Screen the 'Sort' has been improved.
- The Batches of activities can now be sorted (by the schedule that they are linked to), so that the list of Batches is better organised.
- On the Staff Timetable Screen, and the Class Timetable Screen, a new 'Style' button allows you to customise the appearance.
- The Class and Staff Timetable Strips (reached by double-clicking on the Priority List) have been improved, with more information about the quality of each position.
- In addition to all these new features, all reported bugs have been fixed.

A BIG Upgrade for TimeTabler

Dear TimeTabler,

We have a BIG Upgrade for you this year ...lots of new features to make your scheduling easier and smoother, and help you to get a better quality timetable.

Another 'must-have' Upgrade, to save your time.

Have a look here, and over the page.

If you have any queries, please email us.

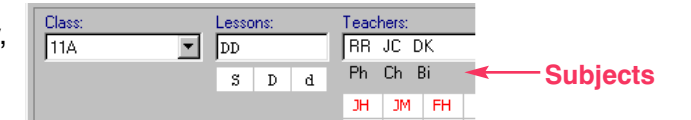
Best wishes for your next timetable,

Keith Johnson Chris Johnson



The Activities Screen

The Activities Screen has now been improved so that each teacher's Subject is shown explicitly, below each Teacher's initials:



The Subject shown is either the teacher's Main Subject, or if you have entered a 'Second Subject' for this particular lesson, then that Subject is shown. This makes it much easier for you to identify Activities in the list of Activities.

The FIT Screen

The FIT Screen has been improved again, to help you to analyse the results even more quickly. Now you can see the previous placements at a glance, to choose a FIT solution that gives a good pattern to your timetable.

No.	St	Class	Lesson Description	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
33	1	11AB	D JH JM FH JV VH	AA				
	2	11A	D AS AB SM			AA		
	3	11A	D RR JC DK			AA		
34	1	11AB	D JH JM FH JV VH	AA				
	2	11A	D AS AB SM			AA		
	3	11AB	D AJ JR SG CN WT		SS			

On the new screen,

- Green / blue / red highlighter identifies the periods more quickly,
- Previous assignments of the activity are shown, by o so that you can see the overall rhythm and pattern of the lessons.
- In addition (not shown), red solutions where 2 singles could form a double are labelled.

TimeTabler - with this latest upgrade it is now even more friendly ... and faster

More colour on your displays and printouts

On the Subjects Screen, a new Colour-Swath allows you to choose a much wider variety of colours. These help you to identify Subjects more easily, including when your staff teach second or third subjects.



These colours are used on the new **Class Timetable Screen**:

Class TimeTable for: Trial 1		Class: 11AB with the following Team: AJ Eng. set1 Rm14 JR Eng. set2 Rm13 SG Eng. set3 U10 CN Eng. set4 U31 WT Eng. se																								
	Mon	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tue	3	4	5	6	7	8	Wed	3	4	5	6	7	Thu	3	4	5	6	7
11A	AS	GM	BP	LM											JD	SG	RR	FH	LM							
11B															DA	FH										
11AB																										

The colours help you to see the rhythm and pattern of the students' lessons more clearly.

The new **Staff Timetable Screen** uses the new colours and also has clearer labelling than before:

Staff TimeTable for: Trial 1		FH F.HICKSON: 11C for Mathematics set1 in U1																								
	Mon	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tue	3	4	5	6	7	8	Wed	3	4	5	6	7	Thu	3	4	5	6	7
JH	10AB																									
JM	10AB																									
FH		9A																								
JV																										

PPA periods can now be easily labelled on your final printouts. After you have chosen the best times, you can label them with a simple click of your mouse. Then they appear on your final printouts:

Span L8	PPA	French L9	French L9
11A		9A	8a

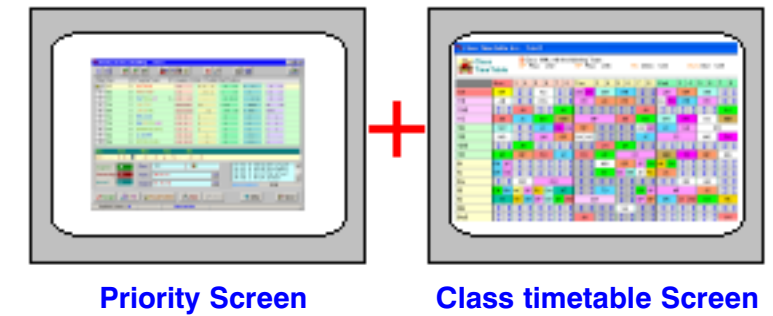
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Dual Monitors

TimeTabler now supports dual-monitors. Simply plug another VDU Monitor into your laptop or desktop machine and see **two** of TimeTabler's screens at the same time.

It is particularly useful to have:

1. The Priority Screen on one VDU, where you make decisions and assignments, while
2. On the other VDU you can see the Class Timetable Screen, showing the result of each decision.



And if you use automatic scheduling you can see the Class Timetable Screen filling up quickly, as each placement is made. **Magic!**

For a long timetable cycle, you can stretch the Priority Screen over the combined width of the 2 screens.

The Visual Builder Screen

This new screen allows you to visibly drag-and-drop your lessons from the Priority List to either the Class Timetable or the Staff Timetable.

To see the screen, you click on a new button on the Priority Screen:



Just follow boxes 1 to 4 below to see how it works:

1. The list at the left hand side shows the usual 'top-ten' Priority List. Click with your mouse to select any of them. It turns yellow to show it has been selected.

2. A Class Timetable Strip and a Staff Timetable Strip are displayed, showing the Class & Staff needed **for the lesson that you have selected**. Interlinking classes are also shown. The relevant Class row is highlighted in yellow.

3. A row near the top of each strip shows the possible periods in green. The numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 show the quality as usual. The dots show impossible periods. To find the reason for a dot, click on the dot to get a Report of the reason.

4. Just drag the lesson (with your mouse) to where you want it to be, and let go. **As simple as that.**