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Elevating Assessment and Progress Tracking with Sisra Analytics

Key Takeaways

- Sisra Analytics aids in accurately measuring student attainment and progress across Key Stages 4 and 5.
- The platform enables precise and efficient assessment tracking, reducing time spent on manual analytics.
- It provides immediate access to data broken down by various demographics, facilitating more informed teaching strategies.
- Teachers and school leaders can use the platform to analyse gaps and inform future teaching approaches.
- Sisra Analytics has played a significant role in The Sittingbourne School achieving a 'Good' Ofsted inspection report.

Implementing Sisra Analytics: A Game Changer

Nick Smith, the headteacher of The Sittingbourne School in Kent, has been a proponent of Sisra Analytics since his time as a deputy headteacher at a secondary school in London. Upon joining The Sittingbourne School, Nick and his SLT worked to ensure all leaders and teachers fully embraced Sisra Analytics maximising its impact across key stages, making it the seventh institution within Swale Academies Trust to use this game-changing tool.

In March 2023, almost two years after the implementation, the school earned a 'Good' Ofsted inspection report. The report highlighted the school's effective use of various assessment methods and their ability to adapt teaching to address gaps in pupils' knowledge, partly attributed to the use of Sisra Analytics.

Assessment is used precisely across a number of subject areas, where leaders carefully review the gaps in pupils' knowledge so that future teaching can be more specifically targeted to help fill these gaps.

- Ofsted inspection report of The Sittingbourne School, March 2023

Enhancing Assessment Tracking and Analytics

Before implementing Sisra Analytics, the school relied on an alternative assessment tracking and analytics system. Sisra Analytics provided a more streamlined and user friendly system offering easy data breakdowns by various demographics, accessible with just a few clicks. Nick praised the system, stating:

"What I loved about Sisra is that whether you're a classroom teacher, subject leader, or an SLT member, you can click to filter the different demographics and groups of students. Within seconds you've got data broken down by ethnicity, gender, free school meals or whatever you need."



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Empowering Teachers and Leaders

Sisra Analytics offers transparent access to comparative data points to all staff. This feature has allowed all teachers to observe and evaluate their students' performance about their peers. Nick explains:

"I like the simplicity of the charts and graphs in Sisra Analytics; they clearly and concisely summarise our student progress data,"

"What I like about Sisra is that every teacher has access to it; they can look and compare how their child is doing in their class compared to another class."

Closing the Gap with SPI

Nick is particularly impressed with the Student Progress Index (SPI) feature, which provides a Progress 8 score for all subjects, allowing them to assess progress beyond STEM subjects. The SPI feature has enabled the school to progress significantly at Key Stage 4.

"Sisra Analytics allows us to carry out a gap analysis between our students and the students at all the other Sisra schools...it allows us to break down the gaps by subject and class and begin to look at strategies to address these gaps."

Advancing Towards a Brighter Future

While The Sittingbourne School continues to learn and discover more about Sisra Analytics, it has already proven its worth by enabling staff to identify specific progress information and enhance their teaching accordingly.

Nick concluded:

"We've got 300 students coming into year seven next academic year. From the first time we enter data we will be able to make comparisons to their peers in other SISRA schools through the SPI function. We don't have to wait for a Progress Eight figure at the end of year 11 to find out how they are doing as part of the national picture."

Join a growing number of schools enhancing their assessment and progress tracking with Sisra Analytics. Book a demo today and discover the transformative potential of this tool for your institution.





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