

KEY INFORMATION:

FFT Live 3.0 is the new version of FFT Live which will give schools and LAs access to a greater range of online reports.

We are currently planning to make FFT Live 3.0 fully available to LAs and schools on 15 September 2008.

We are also planning to make an early test version of FFT Live 3.0 available to all LAs at the start of September.

The new version of FFT Live will include:

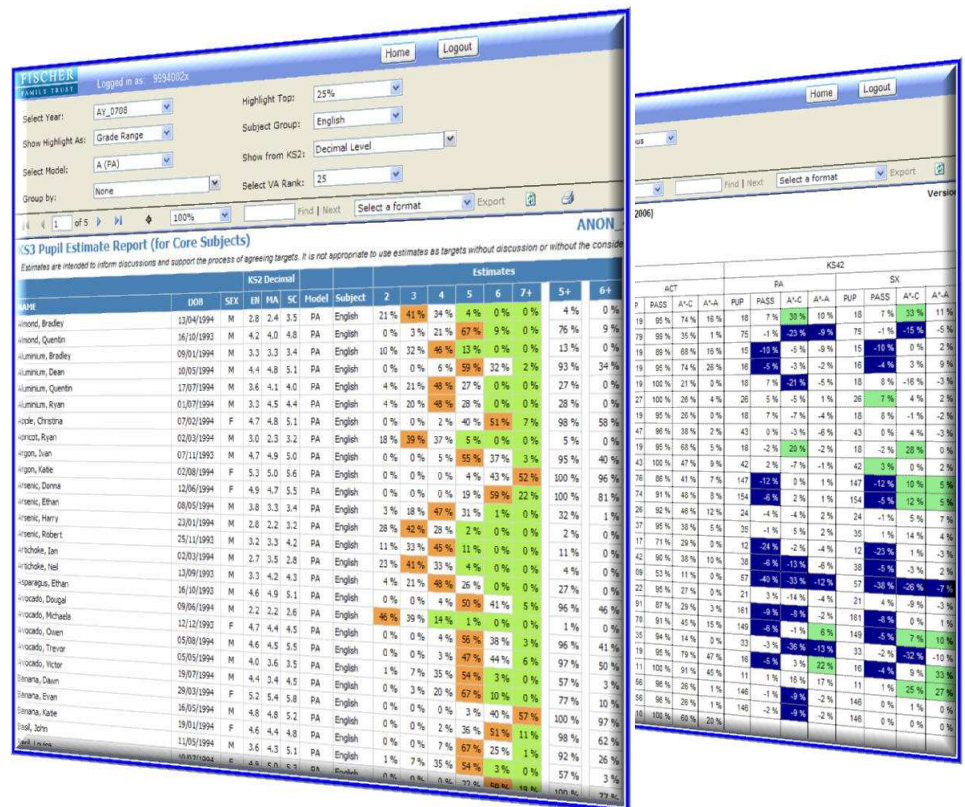
- an extended set of reports to support self evaluation and target setting;
- direct access to LA/school Analyses to Support Self-Evaluation booklets;
- additional reporting functionality;
- improved exporting and printing facilities;
- online access to guidance and help;
- administration facilities allowing LAs and schools to create additional logins for colleagues;
- improved look and feel.

The main FFT database will still be available to LAs and schools, and the next release will be in late September 2008.

Regular briefing notes will be sent to LAs over the next 2 months keeping you informed of the latest developments.

Accessing this factsheet and further information

For further information about FFT or to access this factsheet please go to the main Fischer Family Trust website at: www.fischertrust.org.



Summary

In September 2008, FFT will be launching a new version of FFT Live. The launch of **FFT Live 3.0** follows consultation with LAs at this year's regional meetings where there was overwhelming support for the increased development of online FFT reports. Further consultation with LAs and schools has also shown similar support.

This short factsheet provides LAs with early details of our current plans for the new version. We hope this will help you to plan for the 2008/09 autumn term.

Whilst we hope that you will find the new version of FFT Live useful, please be reassured that you will still continue to receive your FFT Access database as normal. The database will include all current reports and functionality (e.g. printing/export reports and producing school databases) and will also include new features such as 'Virtual Schools'. FFT Live 3.0 will include some reports and interactive features which are not included in the database.

What will be available in FFT Live 3.0?

The new version of FFT Live will include:

- an extended set of reports to support self evaluation and target setting
- direct access to LA/school Analyses to Support Self Evaluation booklets
- additional reporting functionality
- improved exporting and printing facilities
- online access to guidance and help
- administration facilities allowing LAs and schools to create additional logins for colleagues
- improved look and feel

Details of each area are shown below.

An extended set of reports to support self evaluation and target setting.

The current version of FFT Live has a relatively small number of reports for schools. The new version of FFT Live will have an extended set of reports and will allow a school or LA to undertake basic self evaluation and target setting using the online system (rather than reports from the FFT database). In reality, of course, schools and LAs should always use a range of data (FFT and non FFT) to support self evaluation and target setting. The new FFT Live will simply give schools and LAs a greater choice.

Critically, FFT Live 3.0 will include the new style pupil estimate reports (which display a range of probabilities for all levels/grades) that have recently been added to school logins. Please note that the old style pupil estimate reports will remain in the database.

A table showing the planned FFT Live 3.0 reports is shown on the following page:

Planned Reports for FFT Live 3.0

| FFT Live 3.0 Report | Key Stage | Pupil | School | LA |
|--|----------------------|-------|--------|----|
| Significant Areas Grid (3 year Value Added) Similar to current FFT Live online report | KS1 Contextual | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS1-2 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS2-3 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS3-4 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS2-4 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Significant Areas Detail (3 year Value Added) Similar to optional appendix section in Analyses to Support Self Evaluation booklet | KS1-2 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS2-3 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS3-4 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS2-4 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Subject Value Added Report Similar to current FFT Live online report | KS2-4 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS3-4 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS4-5 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pupil Value Added Report Similar to current database report (except for KS4/5 subject VA reports which will be completely new) | KS1-2 | ✓ | | |
| | KS2-3 | ✓ | | |
| | KS3-4 | ✓ | | |
| | KS2-4 | ✓ | | |
| | KS2-4 (Subject) | ✓ | | |
| | KS3-4 (Subject) | ✓ | | |
| | KS4-5 (Subject) | ✓ | | |
| Pupil Estimates Report Similar to new style FFT Live pupil estimates | KS2 | ✓ | | |
| | KS3 | ✓ | | |
| | KS4 | ✓ | | |
| | KS4 (Subject Detail) | ✓ | | |
| | KS5 (Subject Detail) | ✓ | | |
| Summary Estimates Report (including pupil groups) Similar to current FFT Live online report | KS2 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS3 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS4 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Analyses to Support Self Evaluation PDF only (FFT Live will provide a direct link to a file, same as that currently available through download or exported by LA using database utility) | KS1 Contextual | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS1-2 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS2-3 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS3-4 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | KS2-4 | | ✓ | ✓ |

LA Users Only

| FFT Live 3.0 Report | Key Stage | Pupil | School | LA |
|---|-----------|-------|--------|----|
| Segmentation Report Similar to current FFT Live online report | KS1-2 | | ✓ | |
| | KS2-3 | | ✓ | |
| | KS3-4 | | ✓ | |
| | KS2-4 | | ✓ | |
| Risk Estimate Reports (Similar to current FFT Live online report currently available under the Admin login e.g. 999A) | KS2 | | ✓ | |
| | KS4 | | ✓ | |

Direct access to LA/school Analyses to Support Self Evaluation booklets from FFT Live

Analyses to Support Self Evaluation booklets will continue to be available on the FFT secure server. However, they will also be available directly from FFT Live 3.0. This will mean that schools using FFT Live will be able to access the latest copy of the booklet at any time without the need for LAs to download and send a copy to all schools.

Additional reporting functionality

We are currently testing a range of additional features and will provide more detailed specifications over the next two months. Some reports may include, for example, additional functionalities such as the ability to sort columns, include additional data in reports and change estimate percentile ranks (e.g. top 5/10/15/20/25th percentile rather than top 25th percentile only).

Improved exporting and printing facilities

The current version of FFT Live offers only limited exporting facilities. The new version of FFT Live will allow users to export and print neatly formatted reports directly from the screen or alternatively export 'raw' underlying report data. The latter format will be similar to the current excel and csv export options in the FFT database which allow users to export additional data which doesn't appear in reports.

Online access to guidance and help

Currently, guidance on FFT reports is only available from the main FFT website or via the FFT secure server. Guidance for FFT Live 3.0 reports will be available directly from FFT Live 3.0 as well as the main FFT website itself. For example, if you are using a KS5 pupil estimates report then you'll be able to access guidance about the report on the same web page. This should improve the use of reports, significantly reduce the time needed to find guidance and hopefully reduce training needs for schools and LAs.

Administration facilities allowing LAs and schools to create additional logins for colleagues to view reports.

Probably the most significant change to FFT Live 3.0 will be the ability for LAs and schools to create their own user accounts.

Initially, LAs will be given a single administration account and a separate single generic account (allowing users to **view** LA/school level data but not pupil data).

The administration account will allow the user to create additional accounts for LA colleagues with options to amend access to groups of reports (LA/school/pupil) and groups of schools (from all schools to specific schools). For example, you will be able to create an account for a SIP giving access to school level reports only for a group of 5 specific schools.

Schools will also be given a single administration account and a separate single generic account (allowing users to view school level data only). Initially schools will be given their login details via the LA Administrator (in a process similar to the current FFT Live arrangements). However, the process of creating additional school accounts will then be carried out by schools themselves (as with RAISEonline).

Improved look and feel

The FFT Live website and the reports themselves will be receiving a general makeover. Some of the changes will be cosmetic, however other changes will be of practical benefit with, for example, more meaningful report headings helping to improve the understanding and use of FFT data.

What's going to happen to the main FFT LA database?

Feedback from the regional meetings suggested that there's still strong demand for the main FFT database. Indeed, we expect many LAs to continue to use the database intensively in 2008/09.

Although September's database will include a 'Virtual Schools' facility, new developments on the database are likely to slow down. However, there are no plans to drop the database at the present time and a timetable of release dates is available for 2008/09 on the main FFT website:

http://www.fischertrust.org/downloads/dap/project_documentation/timetables/England/Timetable_Database_Issue_ENGLAND_AY0809.pdf

Whilst we can't guarantee that all new FFT Live reports will be available in the database, we *are* aiming to provide all the underlying data in the database. We recognise that for most LAs, this will still be the preferred method for accessing and manipulating underlying data.

When will FFT Live 3.0 be available?

We are planning to make an early test version of FFT Live available to LAs only in early September. This will include real data but won't include the latest estimates and value added data (as this won't be available until late September in line with your main FFT database).

After testing has taken place, we then plan to give the 'all clear' and go-live to both LAs and schools on **Monday 15 September**.

FFT Live 3.0 will then be updated in late September with the latest exam data (in line with your main FFT database).

Further information

We will provide regular updates between now and September on the progress of FFT Live 3.0. This will include more details about individual reports, functionality and particularly around administration utilities and security.

If you have any further questions then please email them to the usual address: support@fischertrust.org