Connect Interactive – Getting started

Alps Connect is our online analysis and student tracking tool. It can be used by all teaching staff to easily review your end of year and in-year student and subject performance, against the familiar Alps benchmarks and minimum expected grades (MEGs), visit www.alps-va.co.uk for more information on our benchmark methodology and aspirational MEGs.
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Section 1 Introduction

When you first log into Connect, the landing page gives you access to the three main areas of Connect:

**Strategic** – the overall pages - select these for different qualification types and mix & match between monitoring and end of year results.

**Subjects** – the familiar Alps thermometer and subject page, with teaching sets and Alps ‘What if’ calculations.

**Students** – The Student Performance Overview (SPO) that allows you to see who has hit their MEGs or not.

The homepage also gives links to our Connect Videos, we also regularly run Connect Webinars.

*Note:* Connect uses the same username and password as your myAlps account. You can reset your password at any time on the login screen.

*Note:* Users with administrative permissions will see the Management Tools on the right-hand side of the screen, here you can manage your list of users. You will also see Connect Data which is where you add & manage student and grade data.

*Note:* In each of the three areas of Connect Interactive you can choose your gradepoints and can swap between end of year results and in-year monitoring data by clicking on this blue button in the top right.

The Custom tab will allow you to mix both results gradepoints and Monitoring gradepoints.
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All the examples below are equally applicable to all data points whether they are end of year results, KS4, KS5 or in-year monitoring data.

A All Subjects view

The first view shows all your subjects across the latest gradepoint(s) uploaded:

By default, all qualification types are displayed. You can filter by turning off the other qualification level filters on the left. You can search for a subject to see a single department in this view.

B Individual Subject view

Clicking on a subject name will take you to the subject page for that subject’s latest data set:
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C Teaching Set Data
If you do not see the doughnut on the left of this page, it means that your school/college has not submitted teaching set information and the Teaching Set table will not be visible.

D Individual Teaching Set Data
Clicking on the teaching set name gives this view:

This shows the summary of all students, split by gender and disadvantage. You can click on the students tab to list the students included in the group.
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E ‘What if’ at subject level

This is an exciting feature of Connect Interactive, it allows you to manipulate the data to show what would happen if grades were changed, and how the whole set needs to change in order to move up or down the subject thermometer.

Moving Alps Grade Boundaries:

What does this teaching set need to do to be in the RED?

Click and drag the Grade Box on the left of the thermometer to the position you would like it to be on the thermometer, release and a box will appear giving the average number of students and grades to improve to reach the new AIP Grade:

Student Level:

How is my student doing in their other subjects?

Click on the Students Tab:
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Clicking on a student’s name will show their grades in other subjects:

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‘What if’ at Student level:
How will my thermometer change if some student grades change?

Tick the ‘What-if’ box in the top left:

Now you will have the ability to change student grades. Change student grades to see the impact on the thermometer:
You will notice that the three grades changed have been highlighted. The calculations behind the two positions on the thermometer can be viewed on the Outcomes tab:

**Note:** You can save your ‘what if’ scenario and come back to the analysis later or share it with a colleague.

This analysis will then appear in your Saved tab:

It will default to your username and date, these can be renamed by clicking on the icon on the left. Click on the share icon to enter a colleague's email address (they must have a Connect account for your organisation).

Copy the link to your clipboard and then paste it into an email to a colleague.
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F. Reviewing different groups of students – gender, ethnicity, disadvantaged

Click on the + in the Compare button:

Choose either gender, ethnicity or disadvantage and click on Apply, this shows analysis by that group:

You can tick the Simplify View option:
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G Ad Hoc Comparison

This feature allows you to select individual students and put them in separate groups, click on Enable:

Looking at the Students tab, this gives:
Each student now has a coloured icon, click on the icon to change its colour, I have identified three students in an intervention group and put them in the green group:

We can see the analysis of the orange and green groups of students. The Outcomes tab will show the calculation:

The simplified view hides the expected points table, this box can be unticked if desired. 

**Top Tip**: You can click on the buttons across the top to return to the Subjects or All Maths Students pages at any time.
By default, **all students** are shown, use the filters on the left to turn off the year(s) not required. The following applies to all year groups, different qualification types and whether you are viewing the whole list of selected of students.

A single **tutor group** can be selected by clicking on the icon and choosing a group from the list:

Students can be grouped according to gender, ethnicity or disadvantage. To group the students according to whether they are on target or not, click on the + symbol by **Compare** and select the Performance Groups option.
The list on the left will allow you to jump to various groups of students:

To review a subject and compare how students studying that subject are performing elsewhere, click on the subject and drag it to the left until a blue box appears.

This reduces the list to just those taking that subject.

You can see here that generally students have performed less well in biology than the other subjects they took.
There are several options that allow leaders to compare different performance groups of students and show monitoring data alongside examination results.

Start by selecting an Alps template, then the qualification type, then the required template. I've chosen the Governor template as this has the key summary pages.
When you click **Select Report** the screen changes to the screen below.

Click on **Edit** and then choose a group – or you could just click on create the report, I've chosen **gender**.

This gives a view showing the analysis by this group only.
Section 4 Strategic Overall Pages

Side by Side Pages

Clicking on any of the headings takes you to that particular page. You can also link two pages to see them side by side. Hover between two pages and see a ‘link-line’ appear:

This gives the strategic overview for the female in comparison with the male students.
In the strategic section, start by selecting **Build a Custom** report, then the qualification type, select a page. I’ve chosen the ‘Subject value added overview’.

This then gives two sets of options:

The top section allows you to include comparative analysis, I will choose **disadvantage** and then in the bottom section I will use the drop-downs to select the **grade points**.

You can pick any combination of grade points from either results or monitoring data. Click on create the report to view the report.
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The first 'tab' shows the overall Subject value added overview:

If you click between the two disadvantage tabs:

You will see disadvantage and non-disadvantage side by side:

Don't forget you save this report and come back to it later and share it with others:

If you have any questions or require any assistance, our Customer Support Team are always happy to help.

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