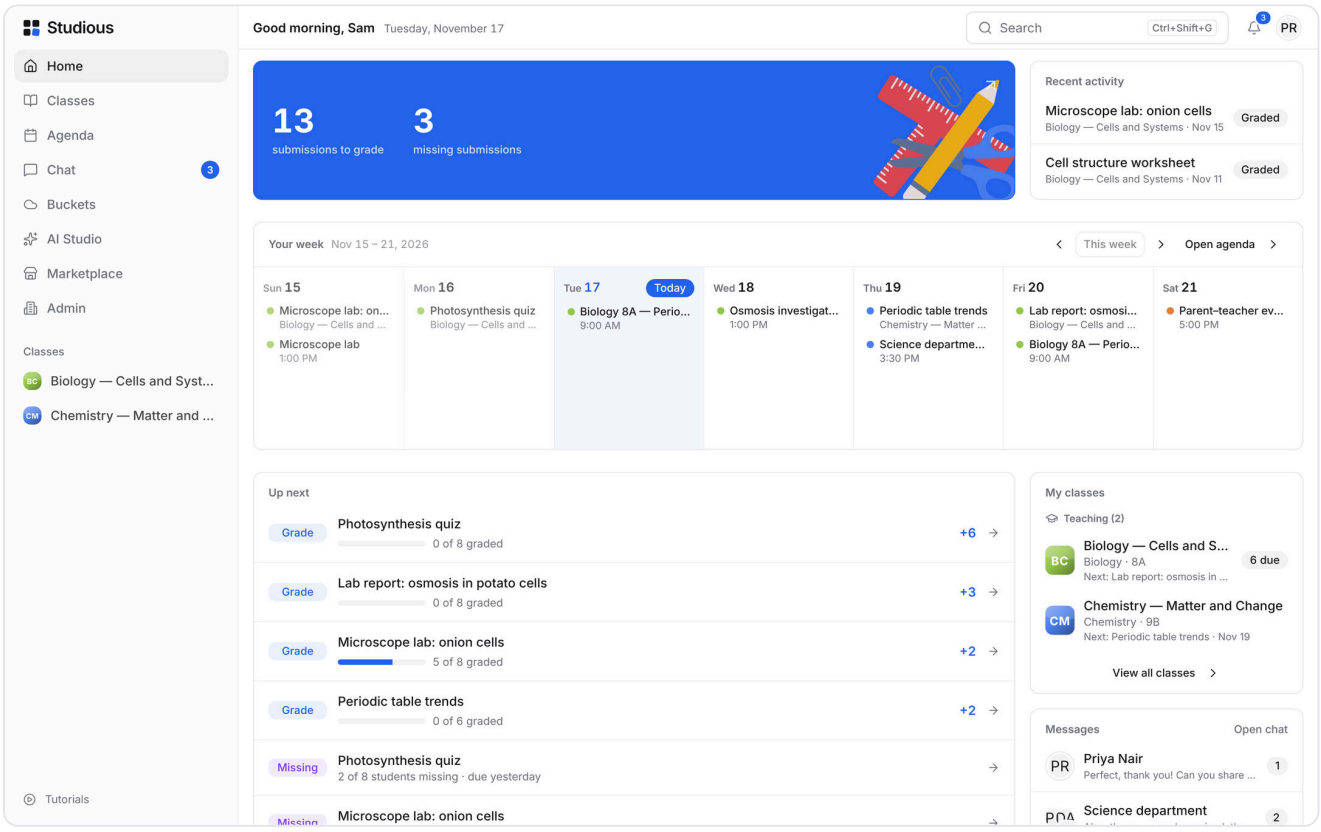
Studious

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Product overview

AI-powered learning management system for schools: assignments, AI-assisted grading, attendance, and study tools in one platform.



A teacher’s home screen: work waiting to be graded, the week ahead, classes and messages. Screens in this document show sample data.

Summary

Studious at a glance

Studious is a web-based learning management system for schools, teachers, students and parents. It puts assignments, grading, attendance, the gradebook and communication in one place. Newton, the built-in AI, drafts the work; the teacher approves it.

This document describes the product as it is in November 2026, for a school deciding whether to run a pilot. It states what the product does, what it does not do, and what a school should ask Studious to confirm in writing.

In the product today

- Classes, assignments, quizzes and worksheets
- Marking with rubrics, a weighted gradebook and report card PDFs
- Attendance, an agenda calendar and course modules
- Discussions, chat and in-app notifications
- School admin with scheduling and fees, and a parent portal
- An AI tutor for students and a drafting studio for teachers
- AI off switches for the school and for each class
- Data export, account deletion and a school audit log
- 23 interface languages

Not in the product

- SAML or SCIM single sign-on
- LTI, Clever, OneRoster or a link to a student information system
- Google Classroom sync or import
- Native mobile apps, offline use or push notifications
- A public API or calendar export
- Two-factor authentication
- Email for assignments or grades

To confirm before a pilot

- Data-processing agreement
- Where all data is stored
- Whether student data trains AI models
- Encryption of stored data
- Accessibility statement
- Pilot length, support and pricing

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What Studious is for

The problem

A school usually runs coursework, marks, attendance and messages to families in separate tools, so teachers enter the same information more than once and nobody sees the whole picture. AI tools are arriving on top of that, often without the teacher deciding how they are used.

Who it is for

- A single teacher running their own classes, on the free Starter plan.
- A school of up to 1,000 students, on the School plan.
- Larger institutions and universities, on the Institution plan.
- Schools that cannot pay, through the free School Development Program.

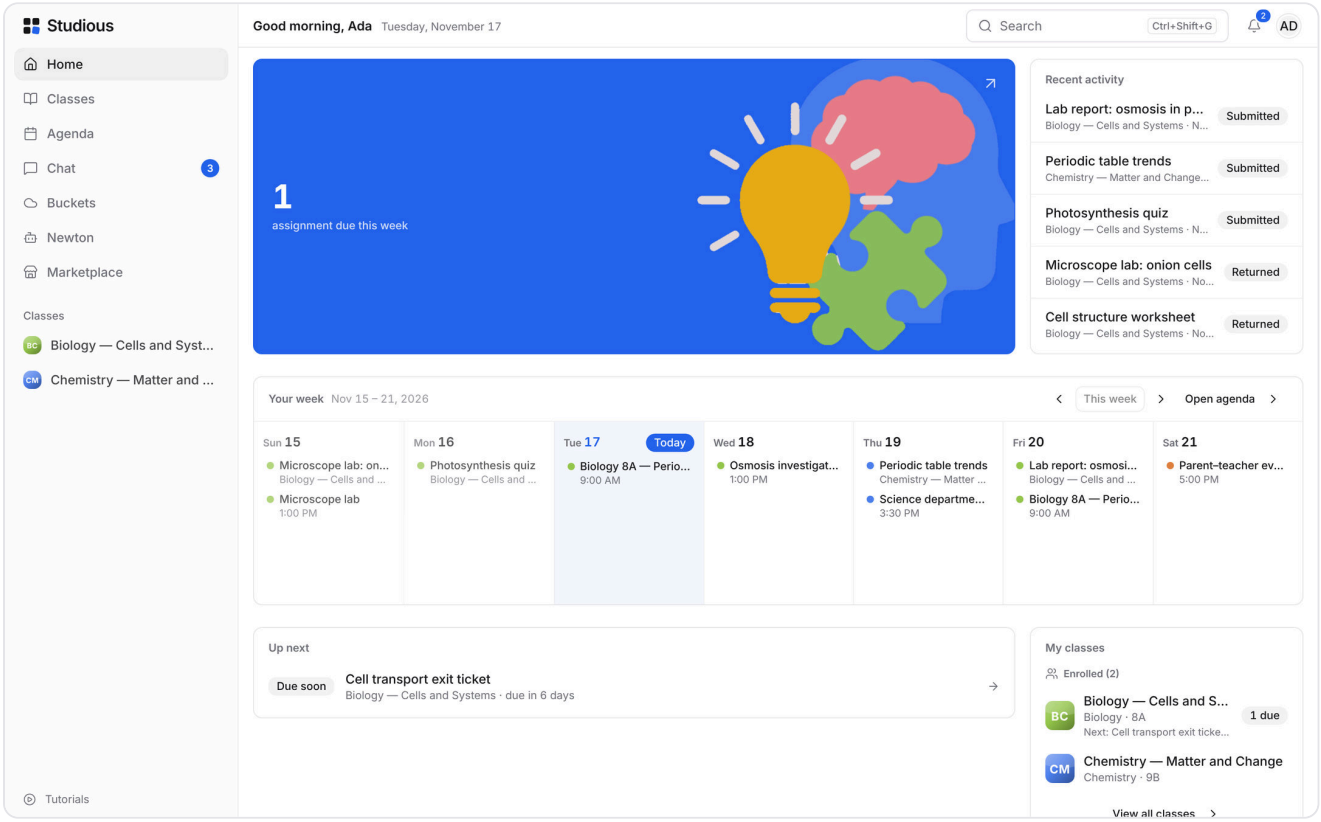
Product goals

- One product for the daily work of a class, from setting a task to reporting a grade.
- AI that assists and never replaces the teacher: Newton proposes, a teacher decides.
- Usable by one teacher for free and by a whole school with admin, fees and parent access.

Mission

> "Build the learning management system we would want to use every day, as students and as teachers."

Studious also states a wider aim: "Democratize quality education technology for every school, everywhere."



A student's home screen: what is due this week, recent work with its status, the weekly calendar and their classes. The teacher's version is on the cover.

Users, roles and how people join

Role	What they do in Studious
Teacher	Creates classes, sets and marks work, returns it with feedback, keeps the gradebook, takes attendance, posts announcements and drafts material with AI Studio. A class can have several teachers.
Student	Sees what is due, hands in work, takes quizzes and worksheets, reads returned grades and feedback, joins discussions and chat, and studies with Newton where the school and class have it switched on.
School admin	Manages members, invites, classes, class meeting times and student timetables, departments, academic years and terms, fees, the compliance area and the audit log, and decides whether AI is available in the school.
Parent	Opens a view-only parent portal on each child's missing work, work due in the next 7 days and recent attendance, with work to hand in, returned work and scores, teachers' announcements and grades by class. Receives a weekly email digest.

A role belongs to a class or a school, not to the account. Schools also have an Accountant role. A school member is active, invited or suspended, and can belong to departments and carry tags.

Joining a school

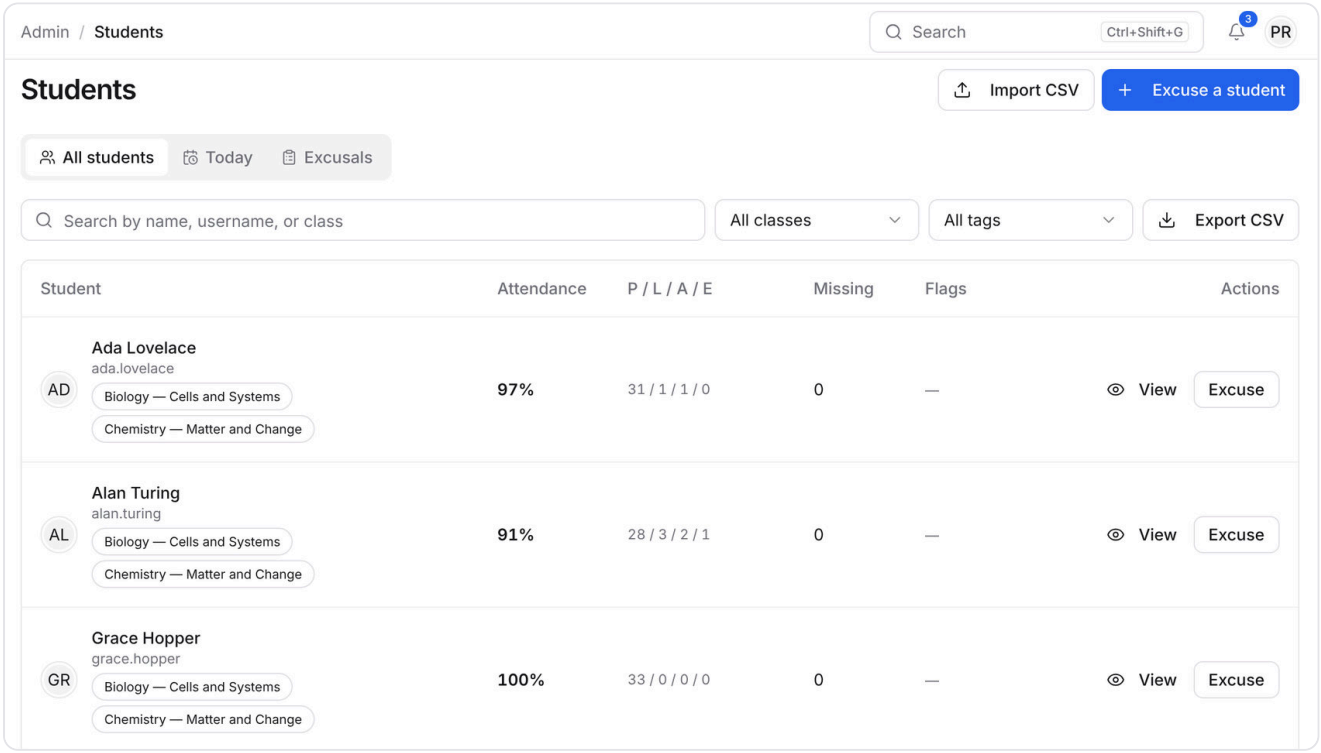
- Admins invite people by email and choose their role.
- Students can be imported from a CSV file, with a dry run before anything is created.
- Guardians are invited by an email link.

Joining a class

- A school class takes active members of the school.
- A personal class, outside a school, is joined with an invite code.
- The code is five characters, expires after 24 hours and can be regenerated.

Signing in

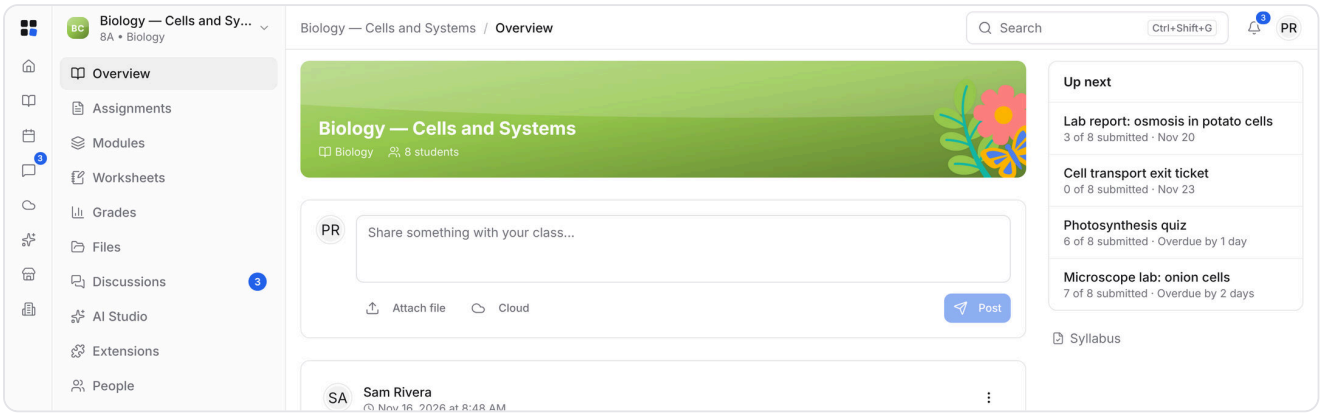
- Username or email with a password.
- Or Google or Microsoft sign-in, which an account can link and unlink.
- There is no SAML or SCIM single sign-on; bulk set-up is by CSV.



School admin, Students: attendance and missing work for each student, CSV import and export, and excusals.

Classes and assignments

A class is where a teacher posts, sets work and keeps records. Each class has its own overview, assignments, modules, worksheets, grades, files, discussions and people.



Class overview: the class menu, the box for posting to the class, and what is due next.

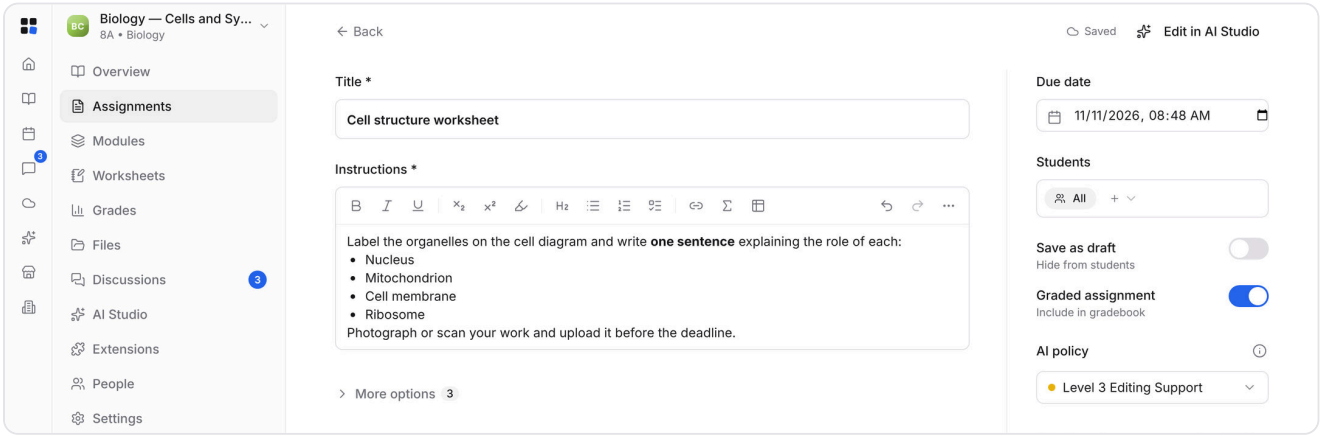
Classes

- Create, archive and delete a class; give it a colour, theme and artwork.
- Add co-teachers, sections, tags and a syllabus.
- Choose which features appear in the class menu.
- Post announcements with attachments; students can comment and react.

Assignments

Nine types: homework, quiz, test, project, essay, discussion, presentation, lab and other. A teacher can keep an assignment as a draft, attach files, save it as a template, duplicate it and reorder the list.

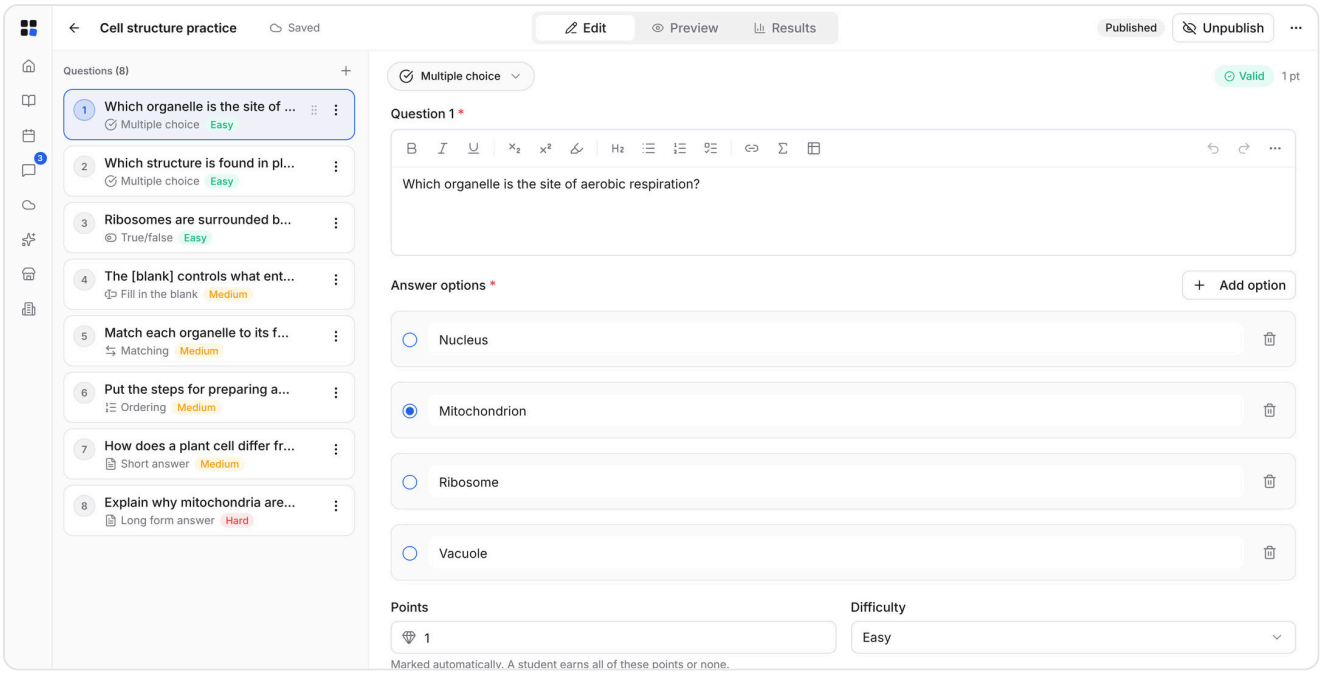
Setting	Options
Who gets it	The whole class or chosen students
Timing	Due date; late hand-in allowed or refused; optional time limit
Attempts	Open or single attempt
How students hand in	A file, a written response, a worksheet, or a custom deliverable defined by the teacher
Grading	Graded or ungraded, with points and an optional rubric
AI policy	One of five levels, shown to students (page 14)



Assignment editor: instructions, due date, recipients, draft and graded switches, and AI policy.

Quizzes and worksheets

A worksheet is a set of questions students answer in Studious. A quiz or test is an assignment that draws its questions from a question bank and can be timed.



Worksheet editor: questions with type and difficulty on the left, the selected question and its answer options on the right.

Question types

Multiple choice · True/false · Matching · Ordering · Fill in the blank · Short answer · Long answer · Maths expression · Essay · File answer

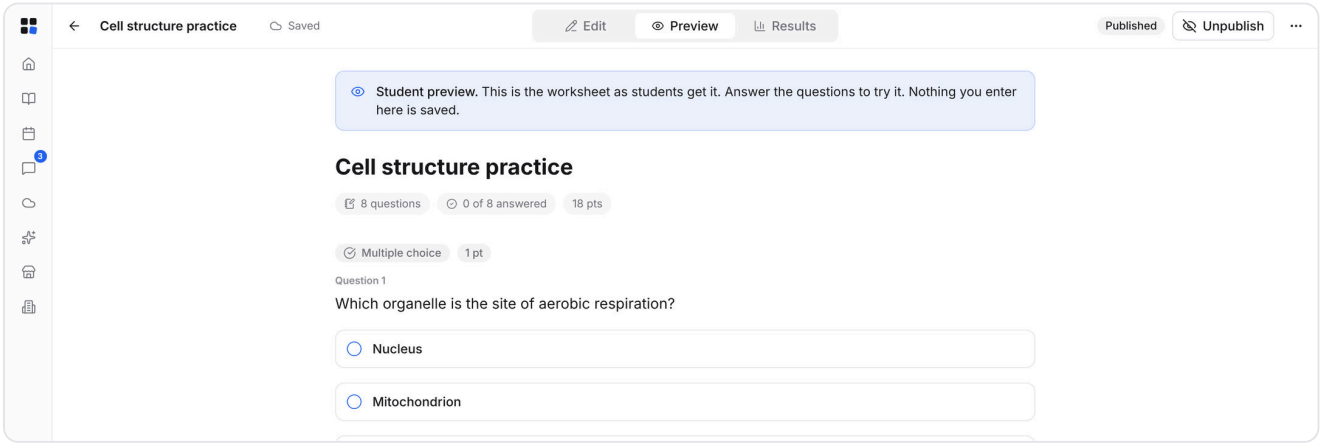
The five outlined in blue are marked automatically, without a teacher or AI. The others are marked by the teacher; free-text answers can also be marked by Newton when the teacher turns on “grade with AI” (page 14).

Worksheets

- Build by hand, or turn a PDF into a worksheet.
- Use a worksheet as a question bank for quizzes.
- Preview it as a student before publishing.
- Publish and unpublish; see results per worksheet.

Quizzes and tests

- Draw a set number of questions from a bank.
- Shuffle questions and answer options.
- Timed attempts hand in automatically when time runs out.



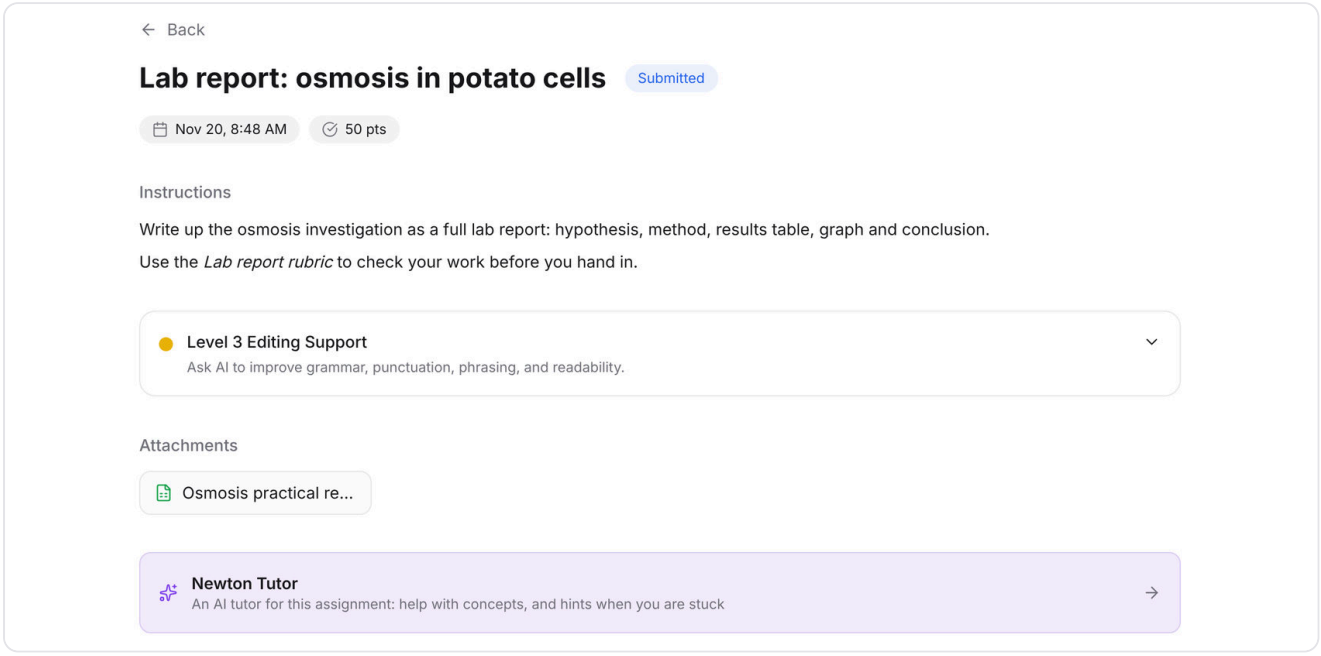
Student preview: the worksheet as students receive it. Nothing entered in the preview is saved.

Hand-in and marking

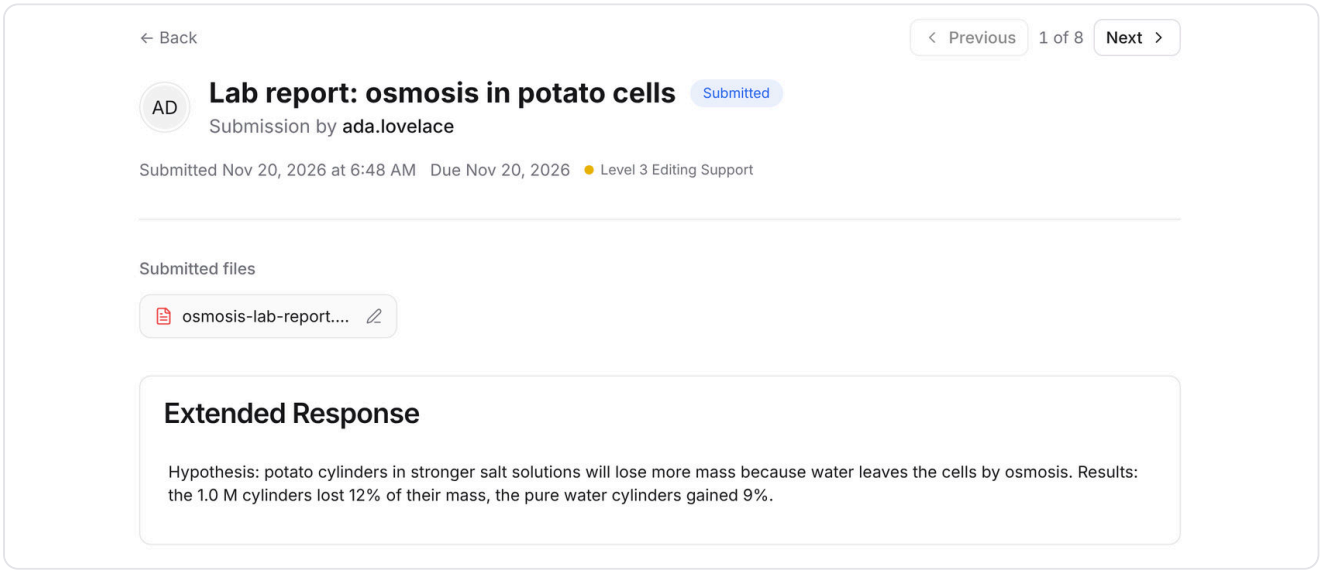
Students hand in through the assignment page. Teachers mark, comment and return; students see grades and feedback once the work is returned.

Statuses

Draft | Open | Submitted | Late | Missing | Past due | Needs grading | Graded | Returned



A student's view of an assignment: instructions, AI policy level, the teacher's attachment and the Newton tutor.



A teacher's view of the same submission: the student's file and written response, ready to mark.

Marking tools

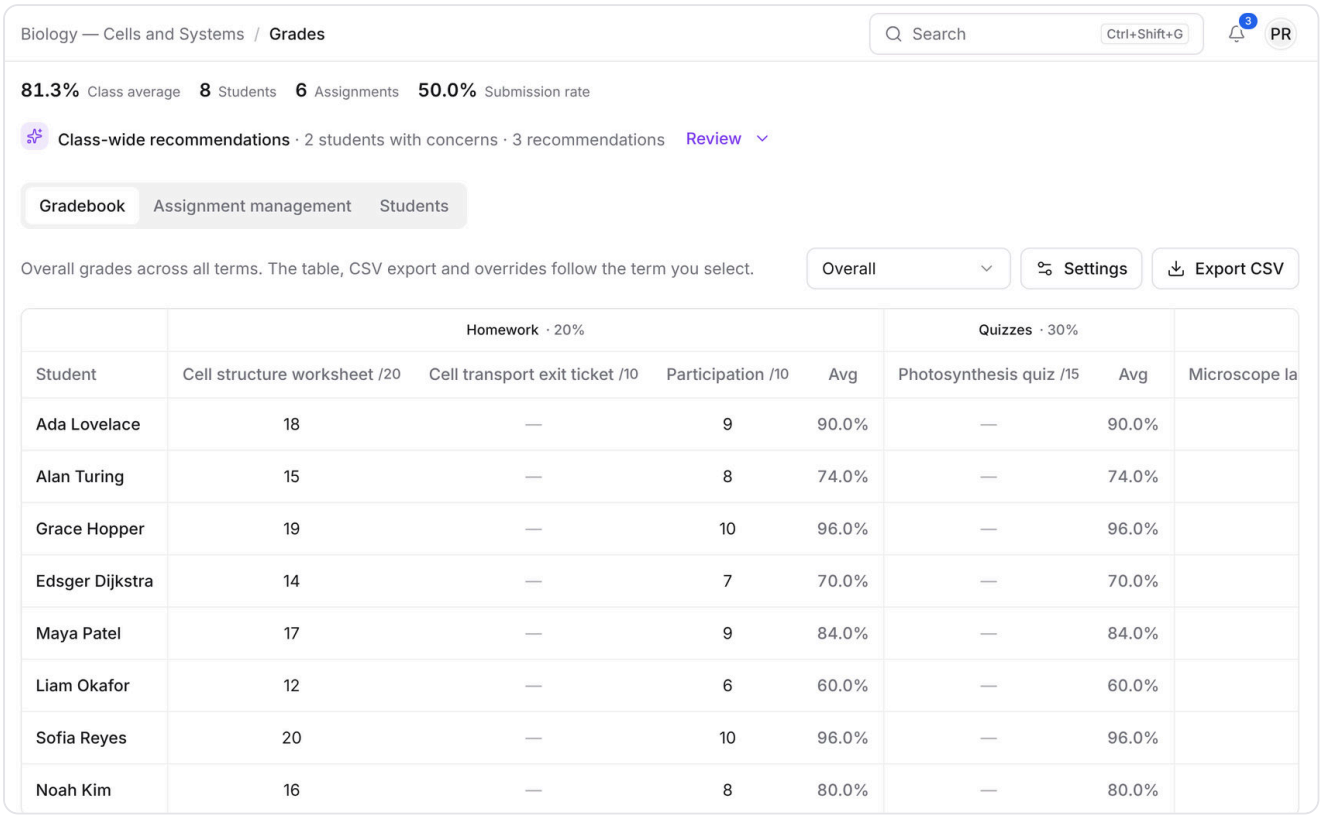
- Rubrics (mark schemes) with criteria and levels.
- Comments from the teacher on the submission.
- Annotations on files: highlight, ink, comment and text.

Returning work

- "Return to student" releases the grade and feedback.
- "Unreturn" takes it back if something needs correcting.
- The student gets an in-app notification when work is returned.

Gradebook and student progress

The gradebook collects every graded piece of work for a class and works out each student's overall grade under rules the teacher sets.



Gradebook: class average and submission rate, weighted categories, per-student averages, settings and CSV export.

Rule or output	What it does
Weighted categories	Groups such as homework and quizzes each carry a share of the overall grade.
Grade boundaries	Turn percentages into the school's own grades, such as letters.
Custom columns	Add marks that do not come from an assignment, such as participation.
Overrides and rounding	A teacher can override a grade; overrides are recorded in the school audit log.
Late and missing work	A late penalty per day with a cap, and the option to count missing work as zero.
Terms	View and export grades for one term or overall.
Outputs	CSV export and a report card PDF.

Student progress

For each student the teacher can see insights, a forecast, areas to focus on and recommendations, can ask Newton to draft a follow-up assignment, and can open a chat about that student's progress. The class view summarises students with concerns.

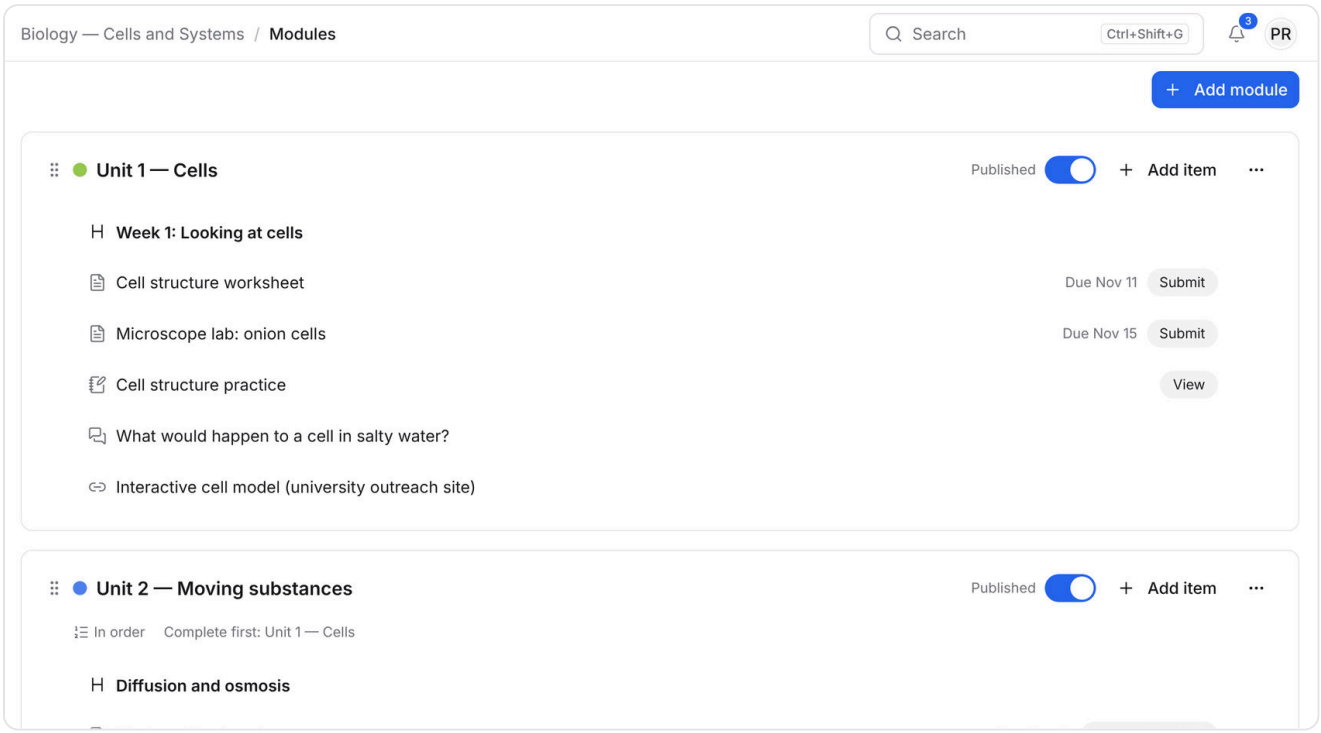
Modules, attendance and agenda

Modules

Modules lay a course out as units. A module can require an earlier module first, and each item can carry a completion rule: view it, submit it, or score at least a set mark.

What a module can hold

Assignments, worksheets, files, announcements, discussions, external links, visualisations and sub-headings. A module can be published or kept as a draft.



Modules: each unit with its items and completion rules. Unit 2 opens only after Unit 1.

Attendance

Attendance is taken per lesson or event. Each student is marked present, late, absent or excused. Admins can excuse a student across the school, and there is a summary for today.

Agenda

Lessons, events and due dates appear together in a calendar for each person. Calendar export to other apps is not available.



Attendance for a class: each lesson with its rate and counts of present, late and absent, and an export.

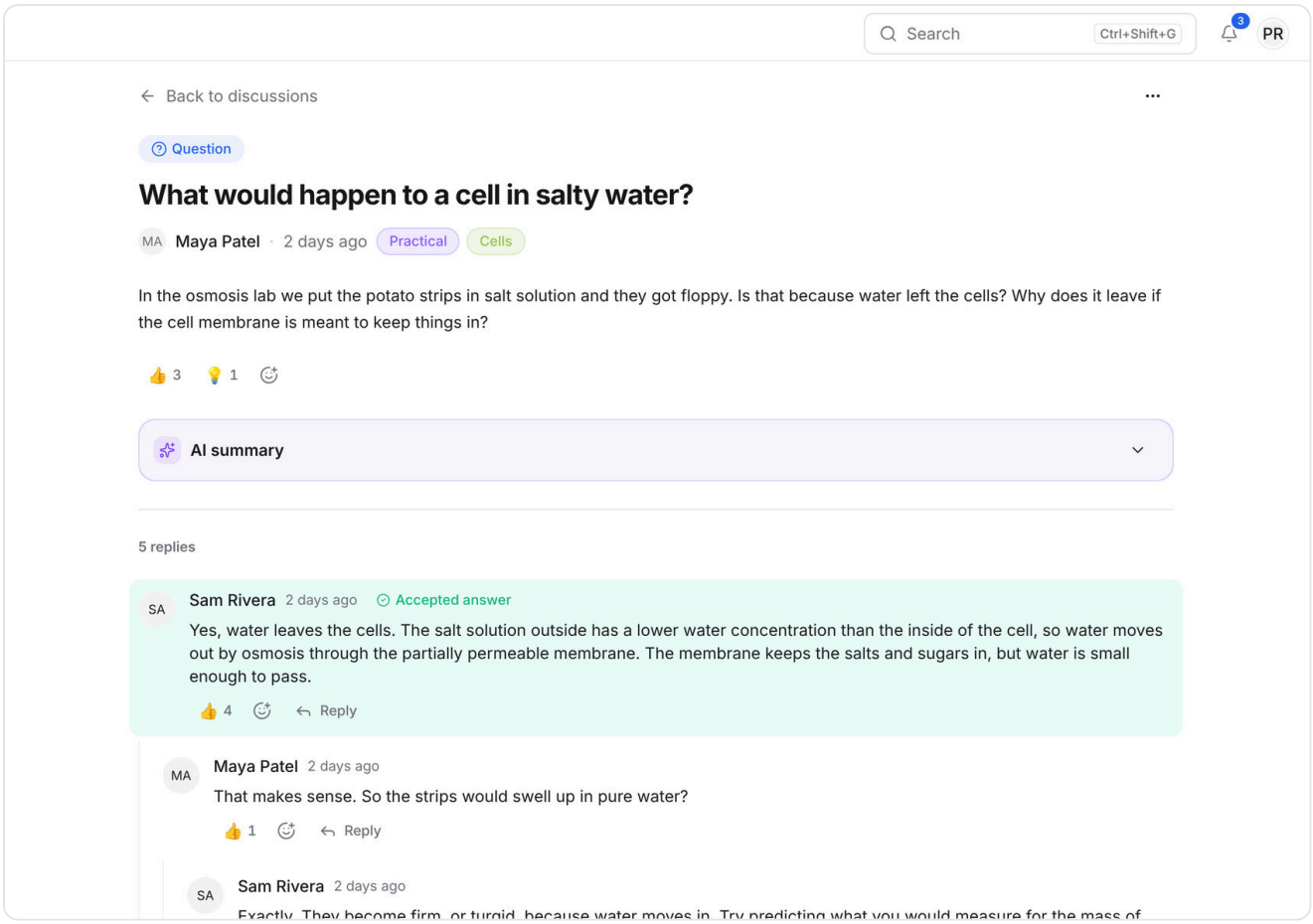
Communication and files

Discussions

Class threads of three kinds: discussion, question and announcement. Teachers can pin and lock a thread and mark an accepted answer. Replies nest, can be pinned and take reactions; unread counts show in the class menu; Newton can summarise a thread.

Chat

Direct messages and group conversations, with attachments, mentions and read state.



A question thread with tags, an AI summary and a teacher's reply marked as the accepted answer.

Notifications and email

Channel	What is sent
In the app	Assignment posted, assignment returned, replies, mentions, announcements, attendance, fees, excusals and system messages
By email	Email verification, password reset, school invites, guardian invites and the weekly parent digest
Not sent	Email about assignments or grades; push notifications. Users cannot yet choose which notifications they receive.

Files

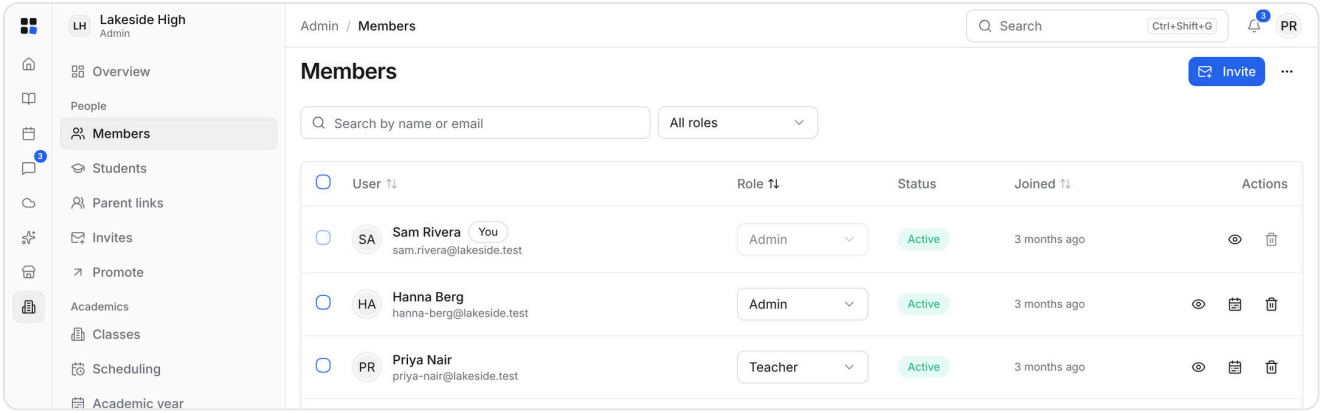
Each class has its own files. Each person has personal storage and each school has school storage. PDF, Word, spreadsheet, image, media, markdown, code and text files open in the browser.

Sharing

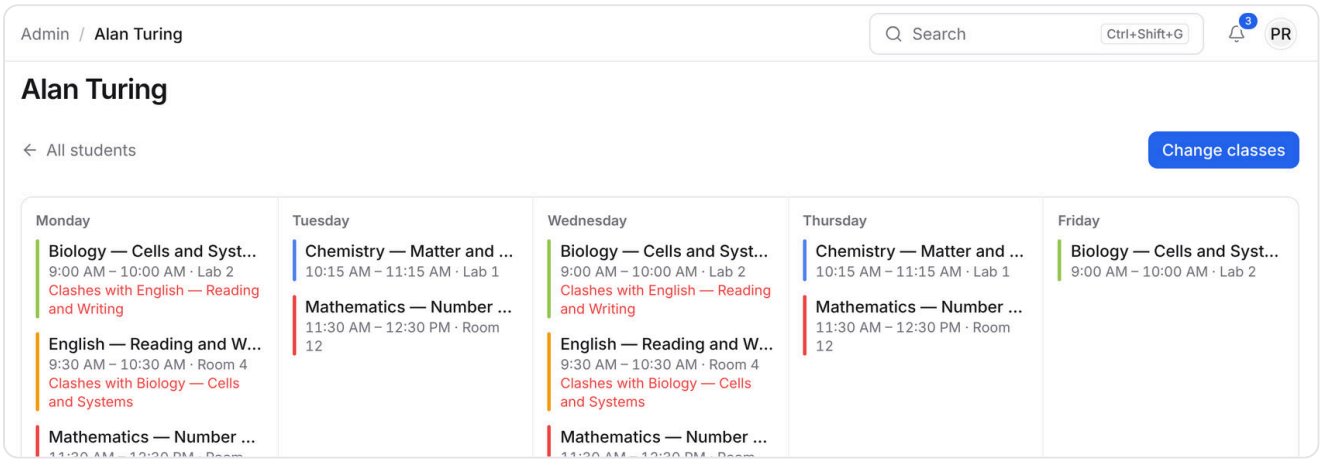
A file or folder can be shared, to read or to edit, with a person, a tag, a class, a class's teachers or students, a department or the whole school.

School admin

The admin area is where a school manages its people, structure, fees and records.



Members: everyone in the school with their role and status, and the Invite button.



Scheduling: one student's weekly timetable. Classes that overlap are named in red, and "Change classes" moves the student.

Area	What an admin does there
People	Members, students and parents; email invites with a role; CSV student import; links between parents and children
Structure	Classes, departments, tags and a school rubric library
Scheduling	Weekly meeting times for each class (day, start, end and an optional room); placing one or many students into classes, with clashes shown before saving; a weekly timetable for each student
Academic year	Years and terms; rollover to a new year and promotion of students
Fees	Fee plans and invoices; payments recorded by cash or bank reference; PDF documents
Records	Transcripts and ID cards, with the school's logo and letterhead
Compliance	AI access, audit log, student data export and retention (pages 14 and 15)
Storage	School storage and its use

Scheduling is for admins only. A clash is a warning and does not block saving. Students and parents do not see the timetable yet, and clashes are checked for students, not for teachers or rooms. Fee payments are recorded by hand, by cash or bank reference.

Families, sharing and extensions

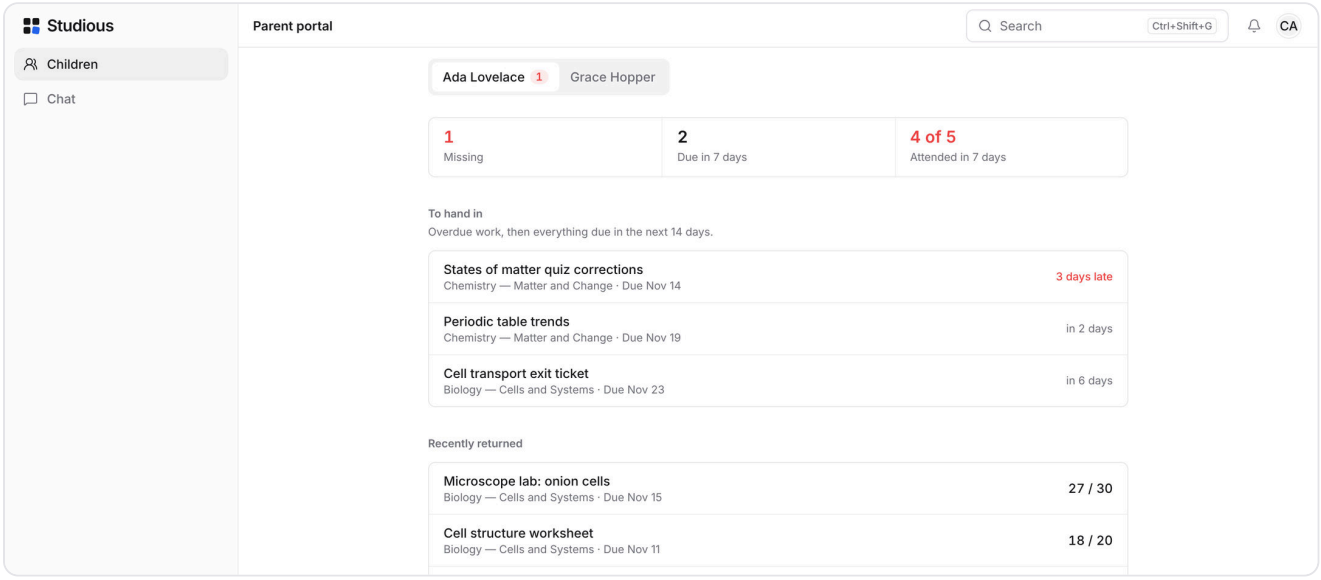
Parent portal

A parent or guardian linked to a child sees that child's record and cannot change it. With several children, tabs switch between them and show each child's count of missing work. Parents also get a weekly digest by email.

Help for new users

Onboarding tours inside the product and 13 tutorial videos with captions. Each person has a profile and account settings.

The portal opens on three numbers for the child: work missing, work due in the next 7 days and sessions attended in the last 7 days. Below are the work to hand in, with overdue items first, recently returned work with its score, the newest announcements from teachers, and each class with the grade so far. A class opens its own page with every assignment's result and the child's attendance in that class.



Parent portal: tabs for two children, the three numbers for the selected child, work to hand in and recently returned work.

Marketplace

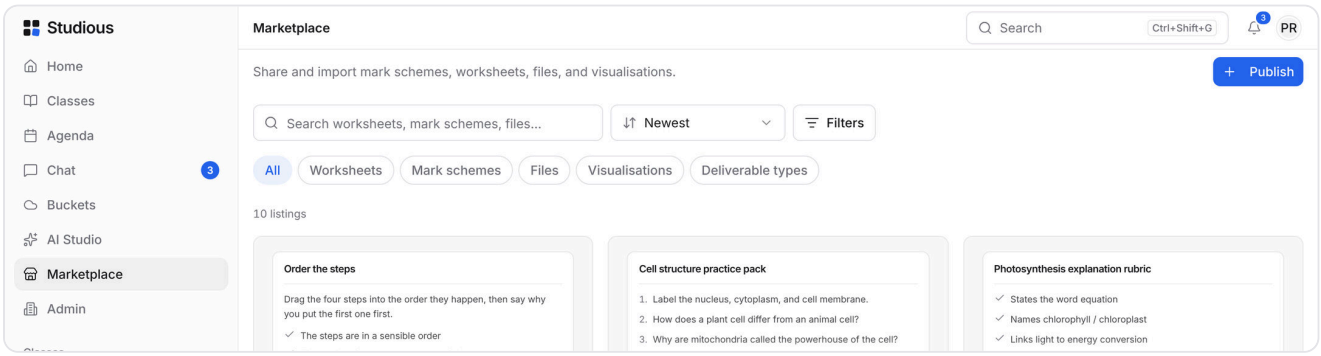
Teachers publish and import rubrics, worksheets, files, visualisations and deliverable types. An item is visible to the school or to everyone, and can be reported and hidden.

Extensions

A teacher can define a new kind of deliverable with its own marking criteria and, optionally, an interactive input for students. The interactive part runs in a sandbox. Extensions are installed per class.

Class import and export

A class can be saved as a file and imported elsewhere: its structure, rubrics, worksheets and assignments, never people, submissions or grades. There is no importer for Google Classroom or Canvas.



Marketplace: search and filters for the worksheets, mark schemes, files, visualisations and deliverable types that teachers share.

Newton drafts; teachers decide

Newton is the AI built into Studious. It runs on OpenAI. Teachers get a drafting tool, students get a tutor, and a school or a class can switch either one off.

AI Studio Teachers only

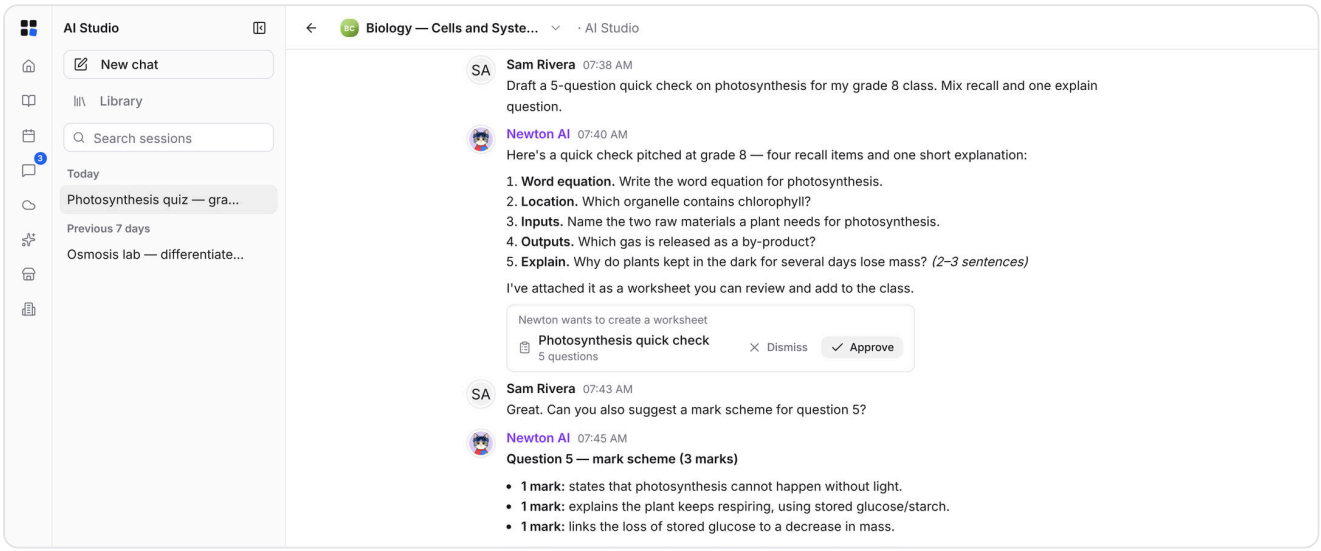
A chat that drafts assignments, worksheets, quizzes, lesson plans, slides, handouts, documents, interactive visualisations and simulations, and new deliverable types. Each draft is a proposal: the teacher applies it or discards it.

Newton tutor Students

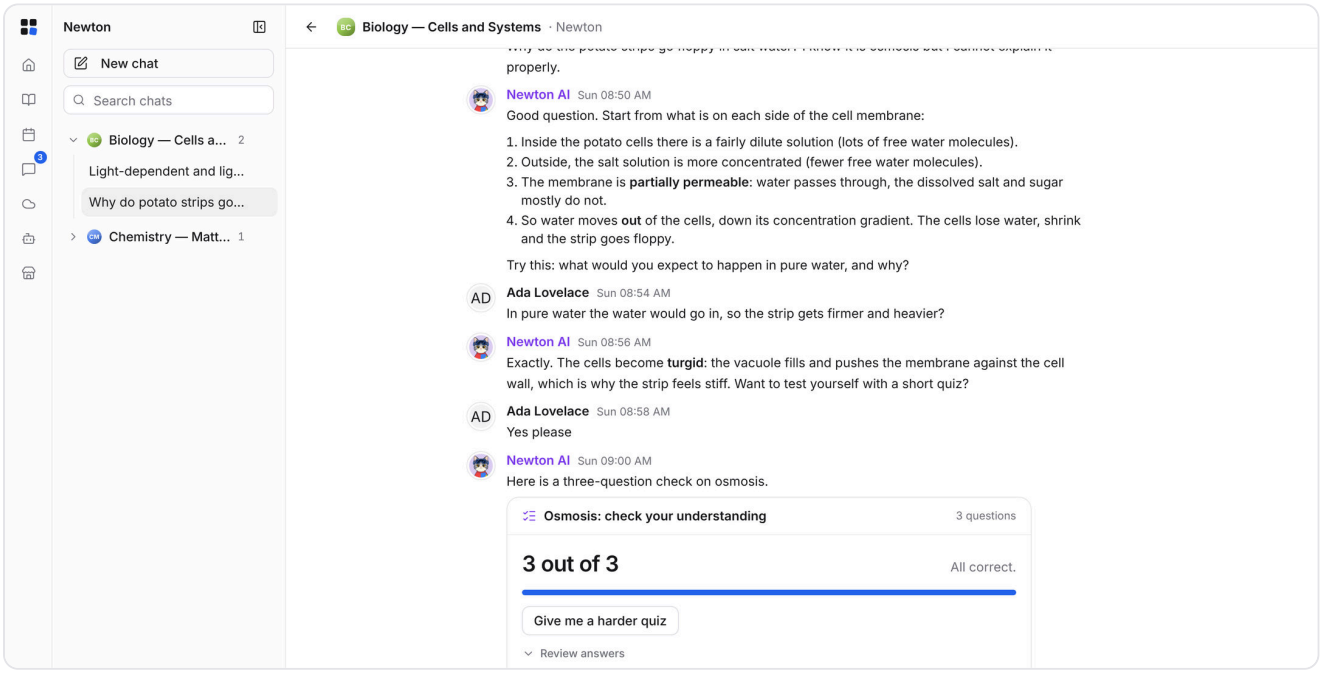
A chat beside each assignment. Newton is instructed to help the student work towards the answer, not to give it, and to stay on the topic of the assignment.

Study chat Students

A chat tied to one class. It searches the class material and builds practice quizzes that do not count towards grades. Only the student can see their chats.



AI Studio: Newton proposes a worksheet; nothing is created until the teacher chooses Approve.



Study chat, as a student: an explanation drawn from class material, then a practice quiz with its score.

The Newton bar. The assignment and worksheet editors have a Newton bar that can edit fields directly. A change that affects students is passed to AI Studio for the teacher to confirm.

AI policy, marking and controls

AI policy for each assignment

Teachers set one of five levels on every assignment. Each level comes with use cases, student responsibilities and disclosure requirements. New assignments start at level 4.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Independent Work (No AI)	**Idea Exploration**	**Editing Support**	**Co-Creation**	**Co-Innovation**

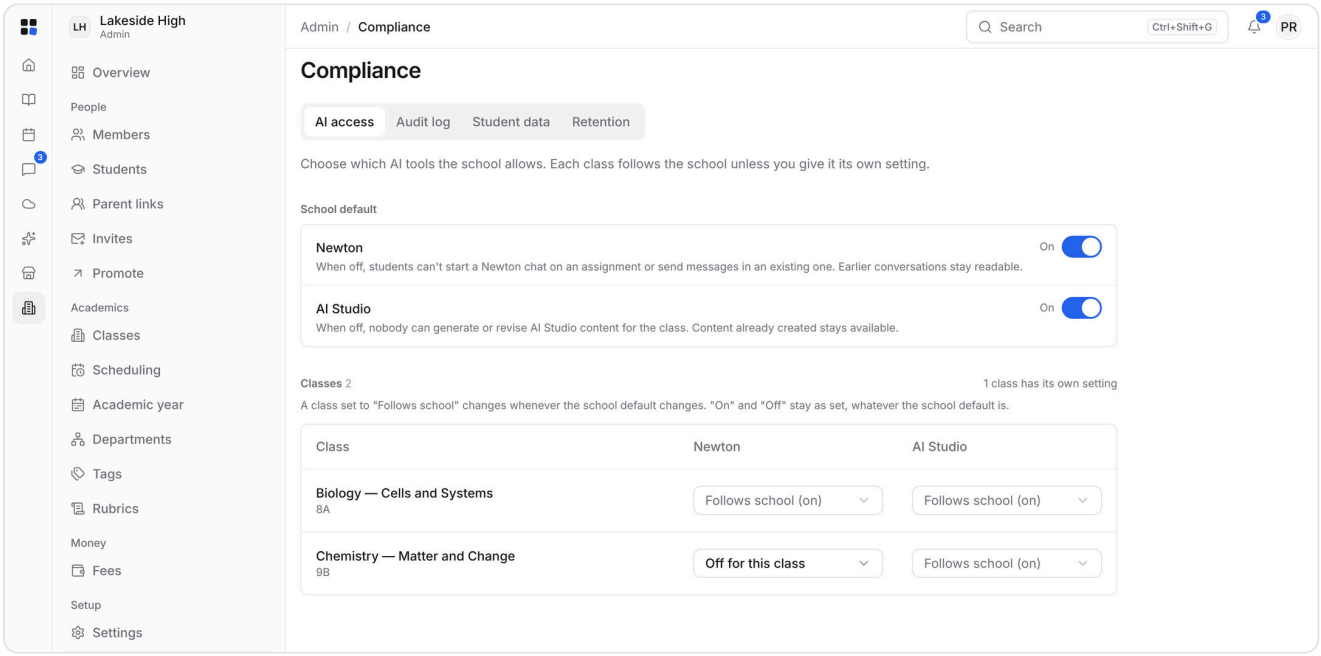
The level is shown to students and guides the Newton tutor. It is a stated expectation, not a technical lock, and disclosure is an instruction to students: there is no disclosure field on a submission.

What Newton marks, and what it does not

- Free-text answers in a worksheet, when the teacher turns on “grade with AI”.
- Custom deliverables: Newton suggests a grade and feedback, the teacher applies it, and the student sees it once the work is returned.
- Newton does not mark plain file or essay hand-ins.

Safeguards

- Newton works under written rules for each role it plays.
- When marking, student work is treated as material to assess, not as instructions, and the result is kept within set limits.
- Interactive content that Newton generates runs in a sandbox.
- There is no separate content-moderation service. Safeguards are Newton’s instructions, the teacher’s decision on what Newton drafts or marks for them, and the school and class off switches.



Compliance, AI access: Newton and AI Studio switches for the school, and a setting for each class that follows the school or overrides it.

Controls and records

- Newton and AI Studio each have an off switch for the whole school and for each class.
- Every AI request is logged against the user, class and school, with its usage and cost.
- Changes to AI policy are recorded in the school audit log.

What is sent to the AI provider

The privacy policy lists what goes to OpenAI when someone uses Newton: “the text they write; the files they attach; relevant class material… For AI-assisted grading this includes the student work being graded; the display name of the person sending the message.” Class content is also indexed so Newton can search it.

How data is handled

What the product does today. Points a school needs in writing are listed on the last page.

Signing in

- Username or email with a password, or Google or Microsoft sign-in. An account can link and unlink these.
- Email addresses are verified. Passwords are stored hashed, and a reset link is valid for one hour.
- A session lasts 30 days.
- Requests, failed sign-ins and uploads are rate limited.
- There is no two-factor authentication.

What is stored

- Username, email and display name, with an optional bio, location, website and picture
- Class and school memberships
- Work, grades and attendance
- Messages and AI chats
- Links between parents and children
- Fee records

Export, deletion and retention

- Users can export their own data and delete their account themselves.
- A student who belongs to a school sends a deletion request to the school's admins.
- Admins can export a student's data.
- Schools set a retention period for archived classes and purge them manually.

Audit log

Each school has a log of role changes, grade overrides, data exports, account deletions, AI policy changes, retention purges and year rollovers. It exports as CSV.

Hosting and service providers

- Google Cloud runs the Studious servers in Frankfurt, Germany, and stores uploaded files. Files open through links that expire after five minutes. Connections use HTTPS.
- The privacy policy names the other companies used to run the service: OpenAI (AI features), Pusher (real-time delivery of messages and live updates), Sentry (error monitoring; it receives an internal user ID, not names or email addresses), Vercel (hosts the website and the application's pages) and an email delivery provider.
- Google and Microsoft are involved only if a person chooses to sign in with them.

Processing outside Europe

The policy states that some of these companies "may process data outside the European Economic Area and Switzerland, in particular in the United States", under each provider's data processing terms, which include the European Commission's standard contractual clauses.

Tracking

- There are no analytics inside the app.
- The public website loads a Google Ads tag only after a visitor opts in.

Age and consent

The school confirms consent for younger students: the product has no age gate or parental consent step. Under the privacy policy the school "is responsible for having a legal basis… including the agreement of parents where the law requires it."

Legal position

> "We handle student data under the laws that apply to the school and to us, including the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Swiss Federal Act on Data Protection (FADP) and, for schools in the United States, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)."

The policy also states: "We do not sell personal data." Studious does not claim any security or privacy certification.

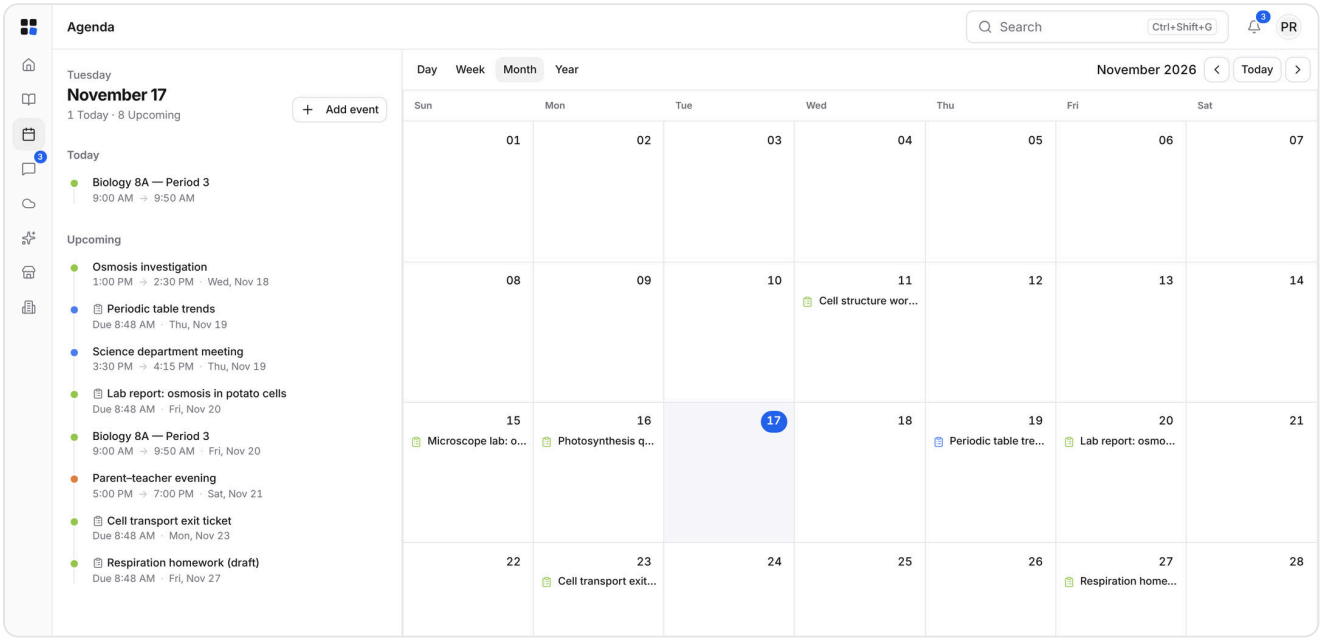
Platform and plans

Platform

- A web app that runs in the browser and adapts to phone, tablet and desktop screens.
- It can be installed to the home screen. There are no native apps and no offline mode.
- Light, dark and system themes, with four accent colours.

Languages

23: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Malay, Nepali, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Thai, Turkish and Vietnamese. Translations are machine-made and fall back to English; Arabic is partial.



Agenda: lessons, events and due dates for the month, with today's and upcoming items listed on the left.

Plans

Plan	For	Price	Notes
Starter	A single teacher	Free	Up to 30 students, 5 GB storage
Pilot	A school running a pilot	Free during the pilot	Terms agreed with Studious
School	Schools up to 1,000 students	USD 5 per seat per month billed annually, or USD 6 monthly	Invoiced by Studious
Institution	1,000+ students and universities	Custom	Unlimited storage
Teacher Pro	A teacher's own classes, outside a school	USD 9 per month after a 7-day trial	3 Pro classes

How schools pay

Schools are invoiced by Studious, per seat or as a flat fee, with a PDF invoice. Studious also runs a free School Development Program for schools that cannot pay.

Teacher Pro

Teacher Pro is billed monthly and paid by card through Airwallex. "Stop renewing" ends it at the close of the paid period.

Success measures and a pilot plan

Both parts of this page are proposals for discussion. The school and Studious agree the final measures, targets, dates and responsibilities before the pilot starts.

Success measures Proposed

Measure	How it is counted	Proposed target
Weekly active teachers	Pilot teachers who set, mark or return work in a given week	80% of pilot teachers
Work set and returned	Assignments set and returned in Studious, per pilot class per week	At least one per class per week
Time to return work	Median days from hand-in to “Return to student”	Agreed after the first two weeks
Hand-in rate	Share of assigned work handed in through Studious	Agreed with the school
Teacher survey	“Studious saves me time”, 1 to 5, at the end of the pilot	Average of 4 or more
Student survey	“I know what is due and how I did”, 1 to 5, at the end of the pilot	Average of 4 or more

Pilot plan Proposed

Prepare

Studious
Sets up the school on the Pilot plan. Answers the open points on the next page in writing.

School
Names a pilot lead. Chooses the classes and teachers. Confirms its legal basis, including parents’ agreement where the law requires it. Decides whether Newton and AI Studio are on.

Onboard

Studious
Walks pilot teachers through the product and points them to the tours and tutorial videos. Helps with the student import.

School
Invites staff by email. Imports students by CSV, with a dry run first. Invites guardians. Teachers create the pilot classes and set a default AI policy level.

Run

Studious
Gives the pilot lead one contact for questions and problems. Checks in at agreed points.

School
Teachers set, mark and return work and take attendance in Studious. Parents use the portal. The pilot lead notes what gets in the way.

Review

Studious
Reports usage against the agreed measures.

School
Runs the teacher and student surveys. Both sides decide whether to continue, extend or stop. If stopping, the school exports its data and asks for deletion.

What a school needs to start

- A pilot lead with the Admin role
- A list of students as a CSV file
- Staff email addresses for invites
- Guardian email addresses, if parents take part
- A modern web browser on school or personal devices
- A decision on AI: on, off, or on for some classes

Known limitations and open points

Accounts and integrations

- No SAML or SCIM single sign-on. Accounts are created by invite or CSV import.
- No two-factor authentication.
- No LTI, Clever or OneRoster, and no link to a student information system.
- No Google Classroom sync, and no importer for Google Classroom or Canvas.
- No public API and no calendar export.
- Students and parents do not see the weekly timetable yet; timetable clashes are checked for students, not for teachers or rooms.

Devices and notifications

- No native mobile apps and no offline mode.
- No push notifications, and no email for assignments or grades.
- Users cannot yet choose which notifications they receive.

AI

- AI policy levels guide students and the tutor; they are not enforced technically.
- Newton does not mark plain file or essay hand-ins.
- No separate content-moderation service; see page 14 for the safeguards in place.

Other

- No age gate or parental consent step in the product; the school confirms consent.
- Translations are machine-made; Arabic is partial.
- Fee payments in the admin area are recorded by hand.

To confirm with Studious

This document does not answer these. Ask for each in writing before a pilot starts.

- A data-processing agreement, and the legal entity and address that signs it
- Confirmation of where all data is stored (data residency)
- Whether student data is used to train AI models
- Encryption of stored data (at rest)
- An accessibility statement
- Pilot length and dates
- Support hours and response times
- Pilot pricing, and the price after the pilot

About Studious

Founded in 2023 and launched on 17 October 2025. A distributed team of eight across Switzerland, Singapore and China.

Suggested next steps

- Send this document's open points to hello@studious.sh.
- Agree the pilot classes, dates and success measures.
- Set up the school and run the student import as a dry run.

Start a conversation: hello@studious.sh · studious.sh Data questions: privacy@studious.sh