

Google Admin Guide to OFSTED Readiness



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How GAT Labs Enhances Safeguarding Children in Google Classroom

How to get the best OFSTED ranking while using Google Workspace for Education?

In the digital-first world, schools must focus on maintaining high standards in their e-learning environments. Edtech solutions need to support schools' everyday best practices in a safe and effective way.

This guide outlines how GAT Labs supports UK education institutions using Google Workspace for Education and Chromebooks to achieve OFSTED readiness and obtain high grades.

Reading this will help you:

- Understand what changes will occur in OFSTED inspections this autumn
- Realise how specific GAT Labs features cover different evaluation areas
- Prepare for a stress-free inspection at your school with automated reports

The Role of OFSTED in Improving the UK Education System

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (OFSTED) is a UK government department responsible for improving learning standards and quality in educational institutions. They inspect state and private schools, colleges, childcare, nurseries, and other learning providers in England.

Their recurring reports establish school ratings that are essential to parents, employers, and learners. These reports include information on the quality of education and management, as well as learning performance and teaching results in each institution.

What's New in OFSTED School Ratings

From autumn 2025, the new OFSTED framework introduces two significant changes to school ratings, in addition to new inspection rating cards: a refreshed grading scale and evaluation areas.

The new 5-grade system includes the following categories:

1. Urgent improvement
2. Needs attention
3. Expected standard
4. Strong standard
5. Exceptional

OFSTED reports will cover six evaluation areas:

1. Safeguarding (met/not met)
2. Inclusion (5-grade scale)
3. Curriculum and teaching (5-grade scale)
4. Achievement (5-grade scale)
5. Attendance and behaviour (5-grade scale)
6. Personal development and well-being (5-grade scale)

The OFSTED ranking has been adjusted in response to feedback from parents and education professionals. It aims to raise standards, focus on the needs and well-being of teachers, and support the engagement of parents and school staff.

Inspections under the rating reform will begin in November 2025 for state-funded and early years schools, and in January 2026 for initial teacher education and non-association independent schools.

GAT Labs in Action. Towards the “Exceptional” OFSTED Rating

Advanced Google Workspace for Education management will support your school's efforts to achieve the best grading possible.

Here's a detailed mapping of GAT tools for OFSTED readiness. Learn how to enhance quality in evaluation areas with specific GAT Labs features.

OFSTED Evaluation Area	GAT Labs' Feature	GAT Labs' Tool	GAT Labs' Knowledge Base Source
Safeguarding	Ensure student online safety during remote learning	GAT Shield	GAT Shield Overview Set up location-based alerts and access control for Chromebooks
	Online activity monitoring and real-time alerts	GAT+	GAT+ Content Search How to set up user security alerts
		GAT Shield	Create and manage Alert Rules See all searches happening on your organisation's Chrome devices
	Detecting cyberbullying and other forms of child-on-child violence online	GAT Shield	Set an inappropriate language alert for domain users Set up alerts if students are searching for sites like deepfake nudes
	School student online safety policies compliance	GAT Shield	Block all websites and allow specific URLs for users in Google Chrome GAT Shield Login Control Enable Safe Search
	Staff behaviour and well-being monitoring	GAT+	Activity Report for your Google Workspace domain
		GAT Shield	User Chrome device history explorer
Curriculum and teaching	E-learning progress monitoring and personalisation	Teacher Assist	The “Principal” feature of Teacher Assist Overview Google Classroom Student Submission Summary
	Learning integrity and assignment monitoring	Taskmaster	TaskMaster Overview
		GAT Shield	Ban artificial intelligence sites for students
	Classroom resources management	GAT+	Add and update Google Classroom guardians in bulk
		Teacher Assist	How to find a Google group generated by a Classroom Access students' Drives while in session
		Taskmaster	Create and assign classwork to students

OFSTED Evaluation Area	GAT Labs' Feature	GAT Labs' Tool	GAT Labs' Knowledge Base Source
Attendance and behaviour	Student behaviour monitoring, including lesson disruptions, bullying, harassment, violence, and derogatory language	GAT Shield	Monitor students' and teachers' Google Classroom activity Block partial content on pages
		Teacher Assist	Monitor blocked or allowed URLs during class with Teacher Assist's Site Control History
	Student attendance monitoring	Teacher Assist	Audit the attendance of the students in the Google Classroom
	Prompt tailored reaction to address student misbehaviour	Teacher Assist	Take action on students' browsing tabs in the Classroom session Reset all tabs viewed by the student during the classroom session Lock student screens for exams Take a screenshot of a student's current browsing activity during a class
Personal development and well-being	Staff behaviour and well-being monitoring	GAT Shield	Set up alerts if students are searching for sites like deepfake nudes
	Personal development tracking	Teacher Assist	Generate a PDF report after each Classroom session

SAFEGUARDING

Strengthen Children's Safety with Secure Google Workspace Management

Goal: Ensure Student Online Safety during Remote Learning

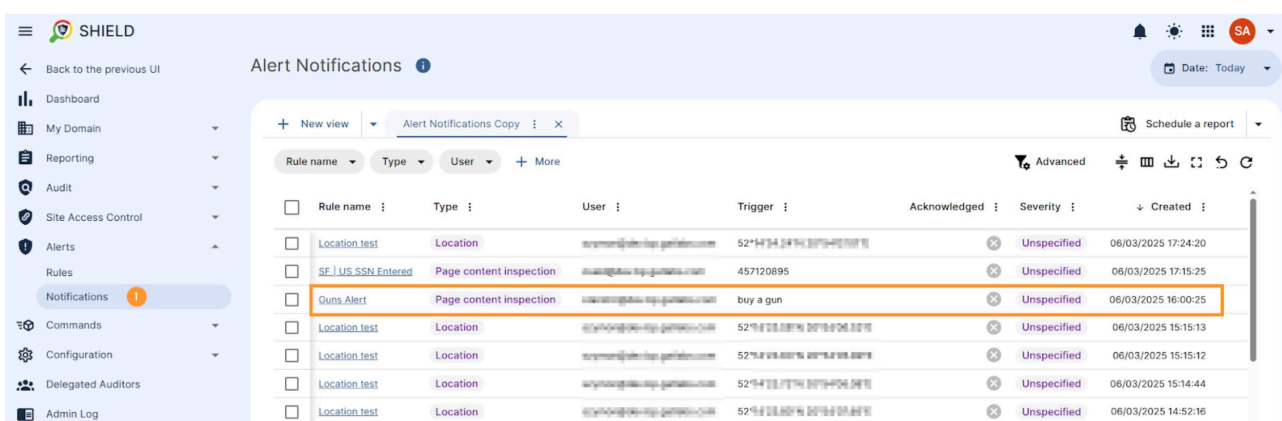
GAT Features:

- **GAT Shield**, as a security Chrome extension, allows real-time monitoring of each student's activity, detecting inappropriate online content and DLP risks. It also tracks the location of students' devices when they are learning from home using Chromebooks and generates alerts when the user signs in outside the specified area.

Goal: Monitor Online Activity and Trigger Real-Time Alerts

GAT Features:

- **GAT+** enables content search across your domain, allowing you to find specific text within images, videos, comments, and file content of every user and group. It enables quick action if inappropriate content is found. You can also set up alerts for potential account takeover attempts to proactively secure your users.
- **GAT Shield** monitors all browser activity, providing real-time alerts on all sites and users. Extended reporting functionality includes user summary, chats, downloads, and searches. Customizable alert rules allow complete monitoring of student online safety.

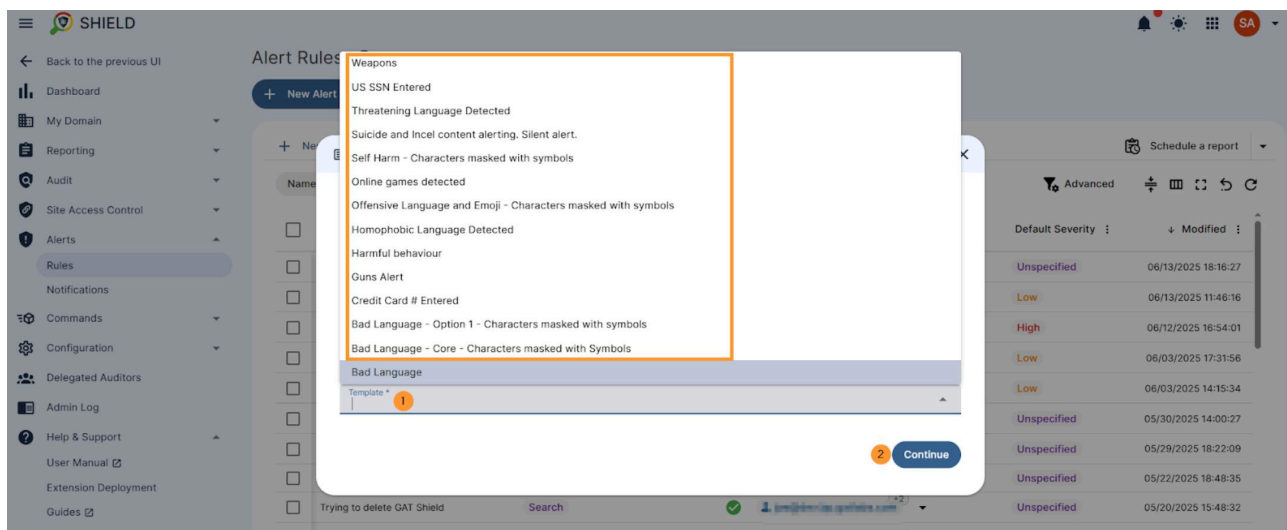


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Guns Alert	Page content inspection	admin@domain.gatlabs.com	buy a gun		Unspecified	06/03/2025 16:00:25
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Goal: Detect Cyberbullying and Child-on-Child Harm Online

GAT Features:

- **GAT Shield** provides the option to set alerts for inappropriate, harmful, and disrespectful language used by pupils and other users in Gmail, chat, documents, or on visited pages. You can choose a custom alert scope and exclusions, as well as a template for inspecting page content.

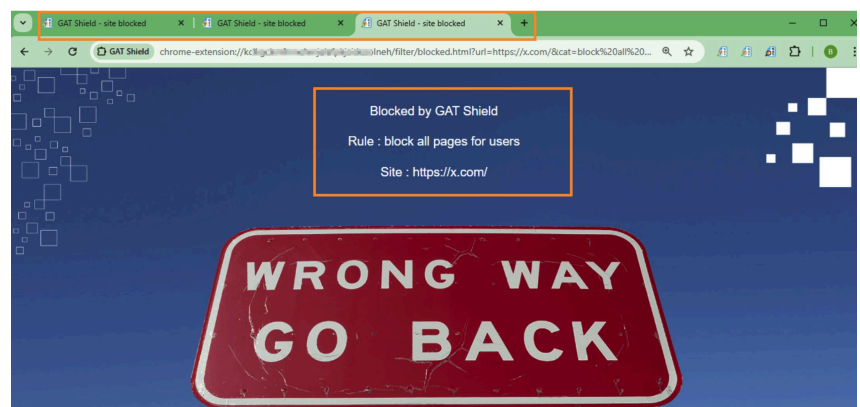


Goal: Enforce Student Online-Safety Policies

GAT Features:

- **GAT Shield** enables admins to block specific URLs or to block all websites and allow only particular sites access in the Chrome browser. Safe Search, when enabled, excludes explicit content (including images) from search results. That helps schools protect their students online and stay alerted when they attempt to break a school rule.

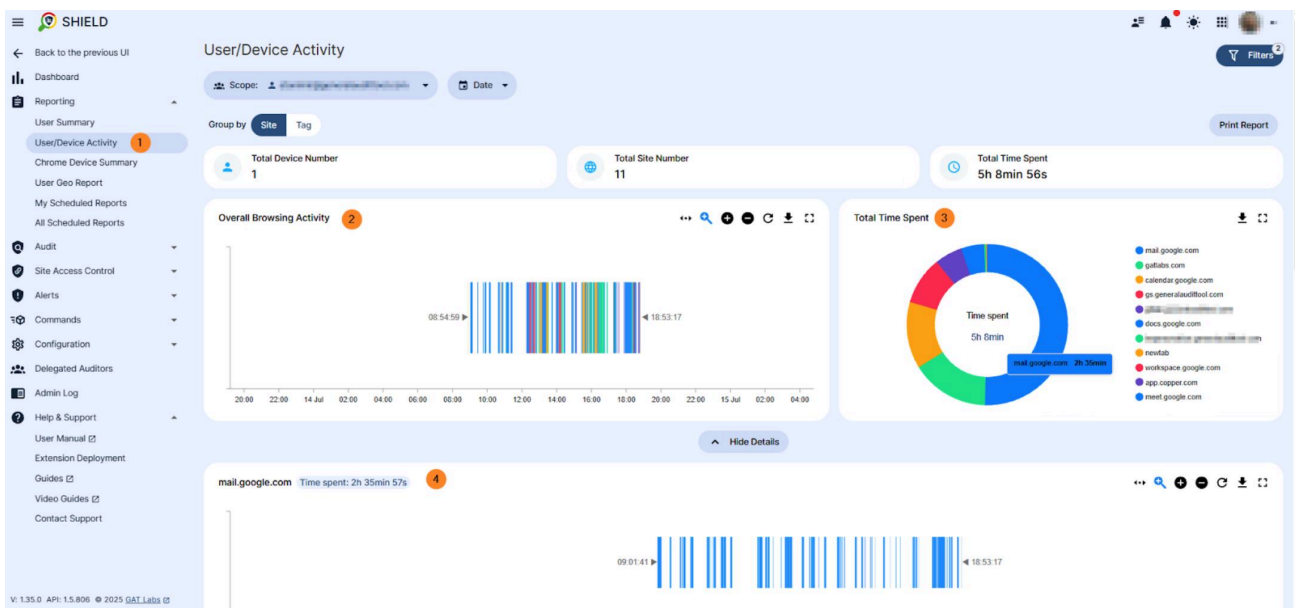
The same tool controls user login into the school domain with a specific rule. For more security, it logs the user out when particular criteria aren't met.



Goal: Monitor Staff Behaviour and Well-Being

GAT Features:

- **GAT+** generates weekly reports for all Google Workspace users, including teachers, that show their activity across the domain, internal collaboration, top email senders, and the number of new documents, among other metrics. You can also schedule a report file shared externally from the teachers' Organisation Unit and another one for teachers' emails. School principals and inspectors can conduct staff performance evaluations based on this data.
- **GAT Shield** shows specific staff member browsing activity, including overall browsing activity, total time spent, and a list of the URLs visited. This helps to detect potential well-being issues early and maximise teaching effectiveness.



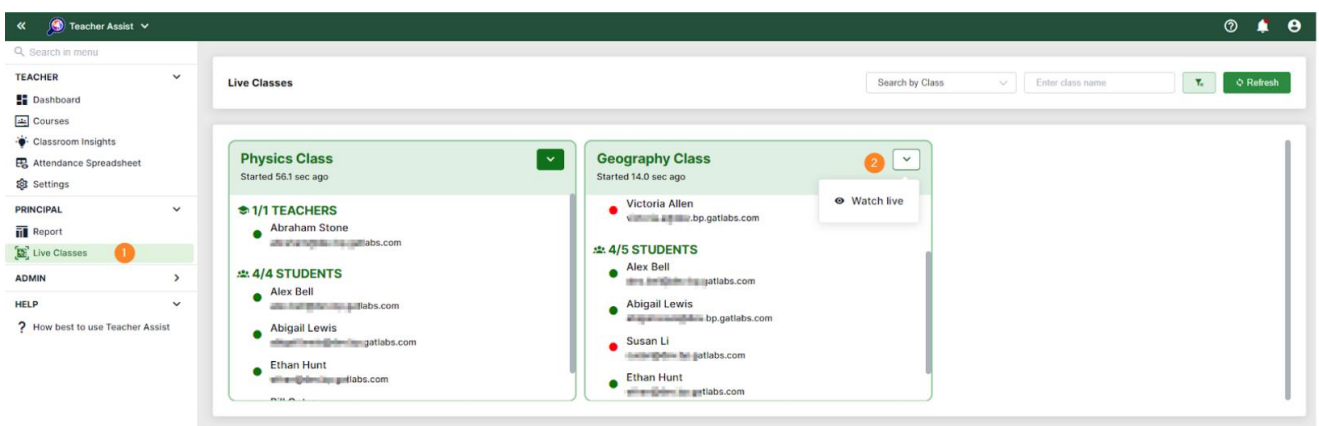
CURRICULUM AND TEACHING

Increase Teaching Standards via Real-Time Classroom Monitoring

Goal: Track E-Learning Progress and Personalise Support

GAT Features:

- **Teacher Assist** allows teachers to have full control over their own classes, while principals can supervise and monitor teacher-led sessions and track their progress. The "Principal" feature provides access to detailed information on student engagement, teaching methods, and overall effectiveness, both retrospectively and in real time.



- **GAT+** gives domain super admins full visibility into submitted classwork via the Student Submission Summary. This data, shared with teachers, can help them evaluate student effectiveness and make decisions about personalised learning if needed.

Goal: Safeguard Learning Integrity and Monitor Assignments

GAT Features:

- **Taskmaster**, integrated with Google Classroom, evaluates whether student assignments submitted via Google Docs have been created independently or using AI chatbots. Additionally, based on AI algorithms, it detects when someone other than a student has written their assignment.

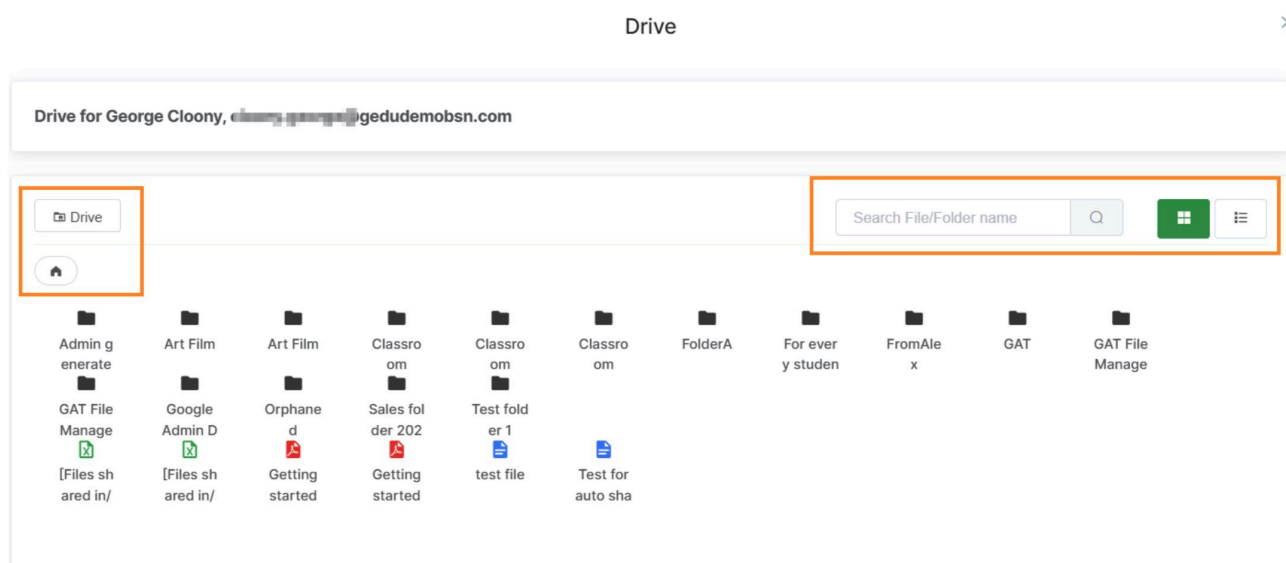


- **GAT Shield** blocks or customises access to artificial intelligence sites for pupils. School admin can fully modify the list of blocked websites as well as the level of access for a specific grade or student group, according to their needs. This restriction prevents plagiarism and ensures the originality of student classwork, while encouraging critical thinking, creativity and the smart use of AI tools.

Goal: Manage Classroom Resources Efficiently

GAT Features:

- **Teacher Assist** allows teachers to access students' Drives during virtual classroom sessions. It includes dedicated folders for student assignments created via Google Classroom.



After finding a Google Classroom group that was automatically generated from a Google Classroom, the admins can use it to share specific files with the pupils.

- **GAT+** enables school admins to add and update guardians for the students in Google Classroom in bulk. This feature streamlines classroom management, helps student progress monitoring and eases teacher workload.
- **Taskmaster** allows teachers to assign a Google Doc file as classwork to each student. Teachers get notified once the student has submitted the assignment.

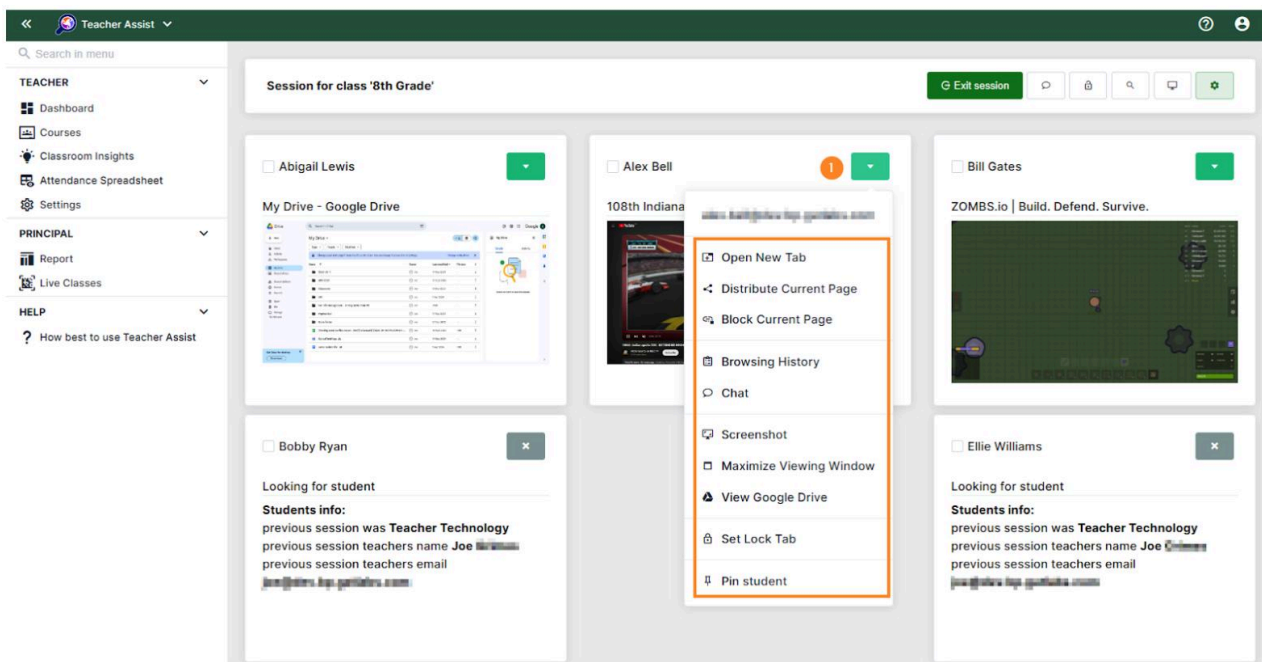
ATTENDANCE AND BEHAVIOUR

Foster Student Engagement with User Activity Tracking

Goal: Monitor Student Behaviour During Lessons

GAT Features:

- **GAT Shield** shows school admins the online activity of each student in Google Classroom and detects cyberbullying, harassment, and derogatory language. Additionally, the admin can block specific content sections, such as comments or related videos on YouTube. Student behaviour monitoring and content blocking help reduce distractions, keeping students safe and focused on the class.
- **Teacher Assist** with its Site Access Control History feature allows for monitoring school URL policies compliance. It checks whether teachers remove or add a URL rule on their end in Teacher Assist. Real-time screen monitoring supports teachers in detecting misbehaviour, decreases the risk of lesson disruption and allows a prompt reaction.



Goal: Track Student Attendance

GAT Features:

- **Teacher Assist** enables teachers to easily review whether a student was absent or present in a Classroom on specific days. The attendance report shows each student's data as well as the number of students in a particular classroom and the time spent in each session.

Teacher Assist

Search in menu

TEACHER

Dashboard

Courses

Classroom Insights

Attendance Spreadsheet

Settings

HELP

How best to use Teacher Assist

Classroom/Group: Classroom/Group Name Time Range: Last 5 sessions Apply

Class: Algebra

Show time in session

Number of sessions: 3
Number of students: 4

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Class: 8th Grade

Show time in session

Number of sessions: 2
Number of students: 5

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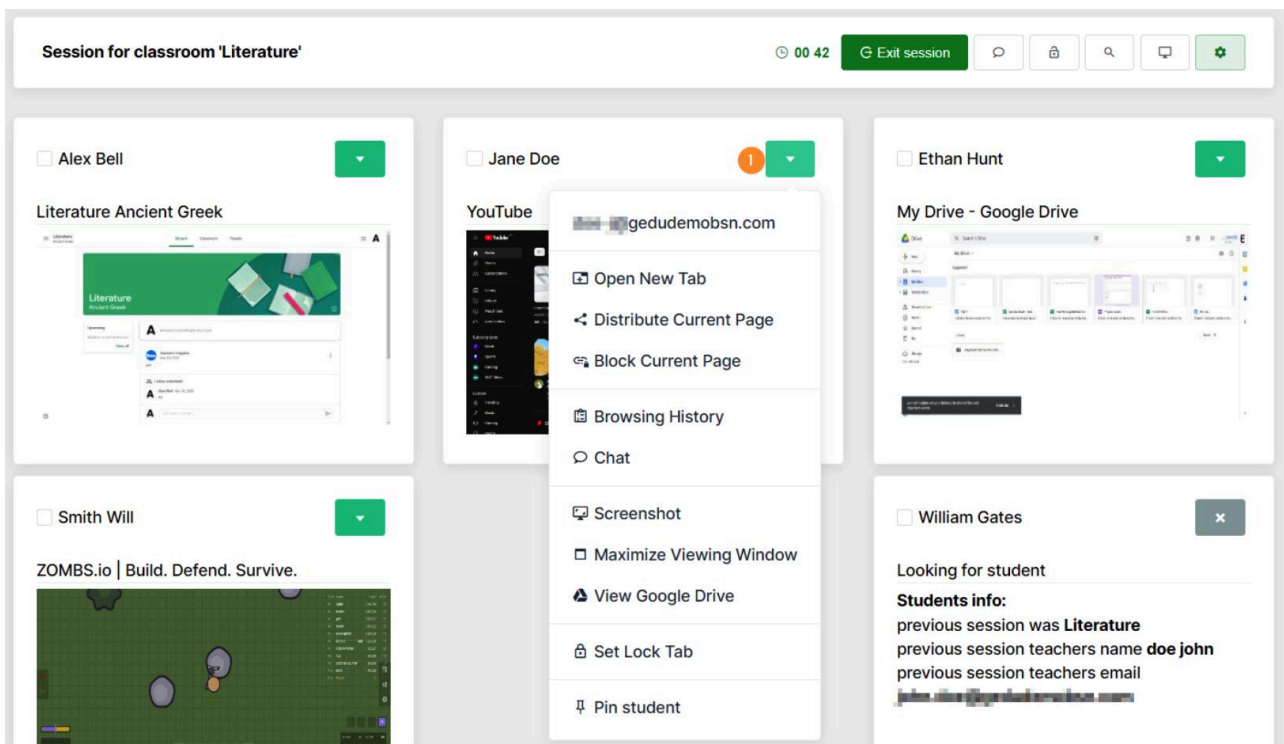
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Goal: Respond Quickly to Student Misbehaviour

GAT Features:

- **Teacher Assist**, showing student browsing activity in real time, gives teachers an option to take a prompt, personalised reaction during the Classroom session. They can open a new tab, switch between tabs, block or share a page—everything on the screen of an individual student or the entire group.



To maintain student focus on the class, teachers can close all browsing tabs that students viewed and take screenshots of their current browsing activity in Google Classroom. On the other hand, locking students' screens during the exams supports learning integrity and prevents cheating.

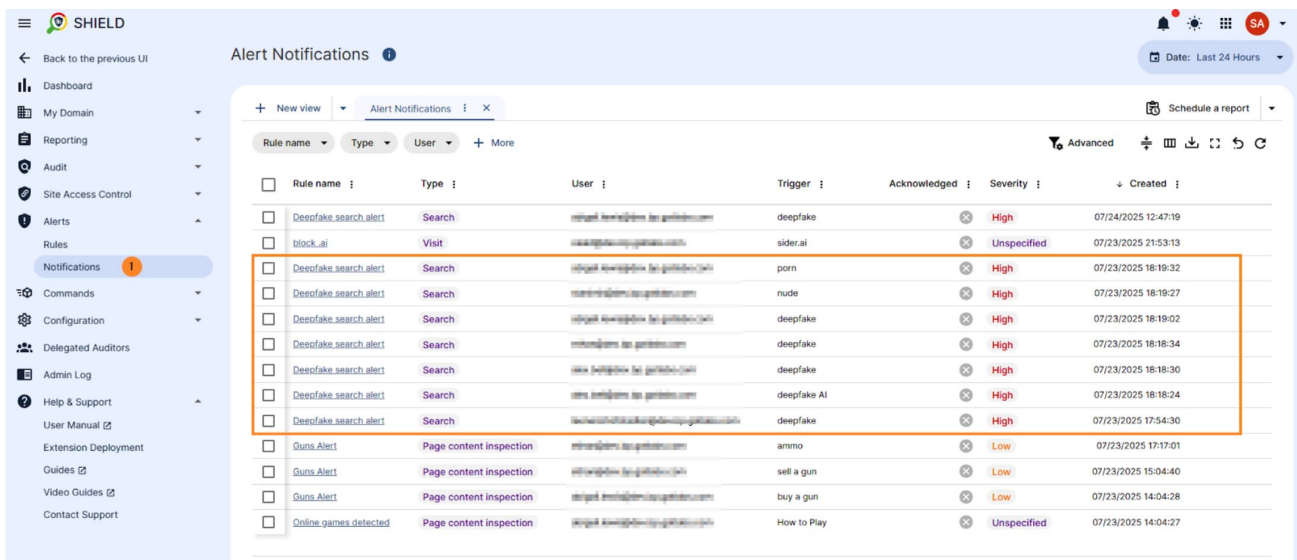
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELL-BEING

Shaping Student Character in the Supportive Learning Space

Goal: Monitor Student Mental Health Signals

GAT Features:

- **GAT Shield** empowers schools to restrict student access to harmful and age-inappropriate content, such as deepfake nude apps and pictures and suicide content. It decreases the risk of sexual abuse, self-harm and cyberbullying, promotes critical thinking and develops moral values. An access attempt triggers an alert notification.



Alert Notifications

Back to the previous UI | Dashboard | My Domain | Reporting | Audit | Site Access Control | Alerts | Rules | **Notifications** (1) | Commands | Configuration | Delegated Auditors | Admin Log | Help & Support | User Manual | Extension Deployment | Guides | Video Guides | Contact Support

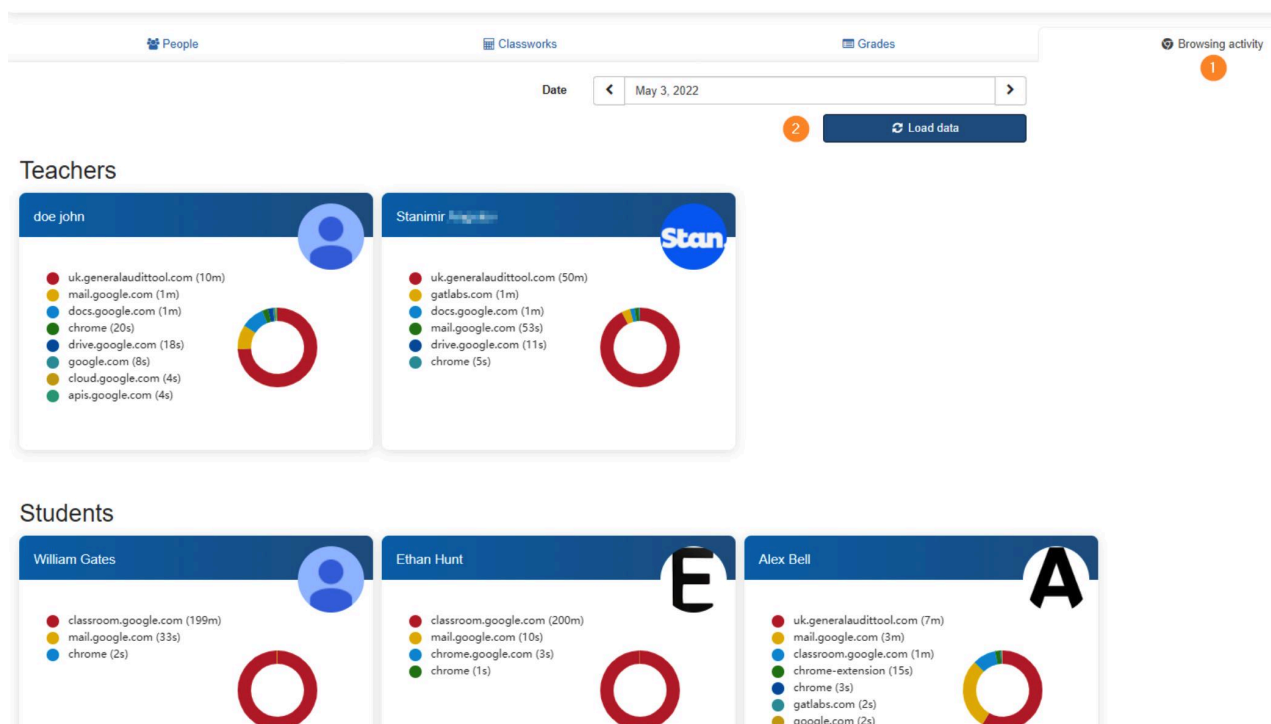
Alert Notifications | Date: Last 24 Hours | Schedule a report

Rule name	Type	User	Trigger	Acknowledged	Severity	Created
Deepfake search alert	Search	student@domain.com	deepfake	⊗	High	07/24/2025 12:47:19
block.ai	Visit	student@domain.com	slider.ai	⊗	Unspecified	07/23/2025 21:53:13
Deepfake search alert	Search	student@domain.com	porn	⊗	High	07/23/2025 18:19:32
Deepfake search alert	Search	student@domain.com	nude	⊗	High	07/23/2025 18:19:27
Deepfake search alert	Search	student@domain.com	deepfake	⊗	High	07/23/2025 18:19:02
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Guns Alert	Page content inspection	student@domain.com	sell a gun	⊗	Low	07/23/2025 15:04:40
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Goal: Track Personal Development and Well-Being

GAT Features:

- **GAT+** provides detailed Classroom insights, allowing for a deep evaluation of student learning performance during class. Admins can review each student's grades and browsing activity up to 187 days (if GAT Shield is deployed to students' accounts) and track their progress.
- **Teacher Assist** can automatically generate Classroom PDF reports after every session and send them by email to teachers.



When an OFSTED Inspection Day Comes: Reducing Workload with Automation Tools

Discover the exceptional value of automation in easing admin workload ahead of a short-notice OFSTED inspection.

Having automated solutions for your Google Workspace domain means you are ready every day, reducing stress and saving time. Once correctly configured, you will always be prepared to address any inquiry about e-learning, teaching results, and student performance.

How to Streamline Your School Reporting on Google Classroom:

Automate Reports on Student Behaviour

Quickly provide digital records, such as grades, attendance, and engagement, for a specific student or classroom for a given period of time without spending hours to audit your Google domain.

[Learn more about auditing and reporting in GAT+](#)

Student Activity Monitoring in Real-Time

Deliver live data on student behaviour when using Chromebooks and the Chrome browser. Report on user online activity during a class, including accessed and blocked websites, keyword detection, and more. Set up customised real-time alert rules to early detect cyberbullying, inappropriate language and harmful content. Build automated workflows to schedule a response when a specific action is taken.

[Learn more about online activity reporting in GAT Shield](#)

[Learn more about automated workflows in GAT Flow](#)

Create an OFSTED Evidence Drive

Save essential data in a dedicated Shared Drive with limited access to avoid unnecessary changes and protect school data privacy. Update evidence regularly to have useful information at hand.

Choose the Best for Your School Team

An OFSTED inspection doesn't need to be a headache for school principals, admins, or teachers. Stay always prepared with updated reporting on your school using advanced Google Workspace for Education tools such as GAT Suite, which:

- Give you peace of mind, saving time, pressure and mess
- Show your school achievements in a professional way
- Provide safe access to school data and student performance anytime

GAT Labs provides full stack solution for every school's domain. All in one place for your safe and coherent educational strategy.

Meet the GAT Labs Suite



GAT+
Delivers advanced analytics and reporting for Google Workspace to enhance security and compliance.



Unlock
Securely manage document access and ownership changes with multi-party approval.



Flow
Automates user management tasks like onboarding and offboarding in Google Workspace.



Shield
Live monitoring and instant alerts for unusual activity. Reg. ex. and geo-based reporting and alerting



Teacher Assist
Monitors students' online activity in real-time to support classroom management.



Taskmaster
Ensures assignment integrity by integrating with Google Classroom to prevent the misuse of AI tools, such as ChatGPT, exam cheating, plagiarism and identity theft.

See How GAT Labs Simplifies OFSTED Compliance For Your School.

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