# Introducing Aptem's Communications Connector with Microsoft Teams

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#### Agenda

- Introduction
- Setting up the Communications Connector
- Using the Communications Connector
  - Reviews and meetings
  - Placements/workshops
- Future enhancements

Please note, your organisation's chosen package and add-ons determines your access to functionality covered in this webinar. Please speak to your designated Aptem Champion/Super User or your CSM for further information.



#### Introduction

- The Communications Connector with Teams allows customers to bring their organisation's Teams license into Aptem.
- This feature allows administrators to manage online events in Teams directly via the Aptem platform.
- This integration will enable the following activities:
  - Reviews
  - Meetings
  - Placements/Workshops
- During the session we'll discuss the differences in how this integration will operate across these activities.



# Setting up the Communications Connector with Teams

- Microsoft Teams requires your organisation to grant Aptem permission to access the integration.
- Your organisation must also set up an access policy within your Microsoft Teams admin account, and all tutors or administrators who need to schedule meetings in Teams should be added to the access policy.
- Finally, your organisation needs to specify a domain name to link to the integration (i.e. aptem.co.uk) and a scheduling timeframe between 1 and 60 days. The scheduling timeframe determines how far in advance Aptem schedules your meetings and reviews.
- Our Support team can then enable the integration for you.

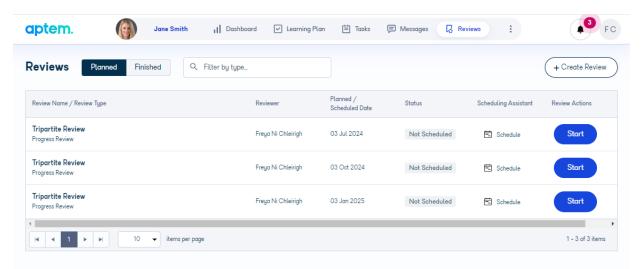


## Using the Communications Connector:

### Reviews and meetings

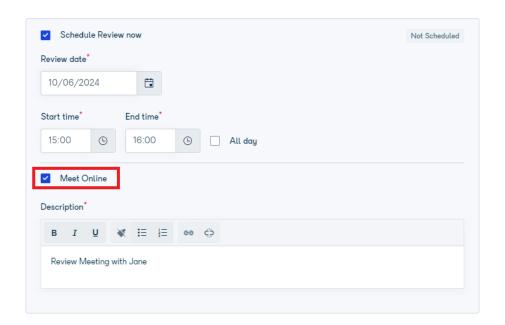
- The Communications Connector with Teams uses reviews and meeting tasks to schedule these meetings within your Teams calendar.
- Aptem searches for new online events every 3 hours to schedule in Teams. This means that there could be a delay of up to 3 hours between scheduling a meeting in Aptem and it appearing in your Teams calendar.
- Reviews and meetings must be flagged as "Meet Online" to be scheduled in Teams.
- We schedule online events in Teams based on your organisation's specified scheduling timeframe. For example, if your scheduling timeframe is 30 days, Aptem will look for online events within the next 30 days to place in your Teams calendar and return a link to Aptem.
- Let's look at a working example.





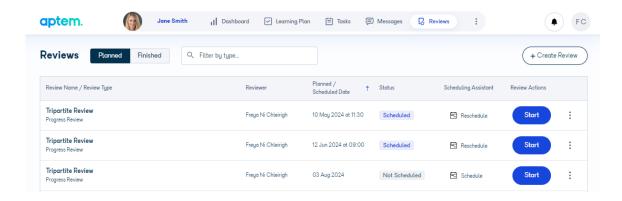
These reviews have not yet been scheduled in Aptem, therefore they will not be picked up by the 3-hour scheduling job.





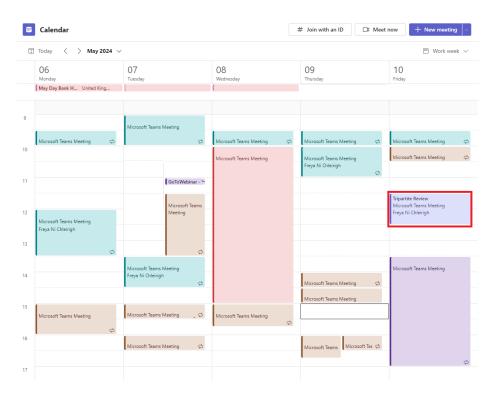
- Schedule the review either by using the Scheduling Assistant or the Create/Edit form. Be sure to check 'Meet Online' so that this review is flagged as an online event.
- Note: the scheduling assistant does not offer 'Meet Online' within the interface, so you must ensure this review has been previously flagged as an Online Event, either within the component or the review Create/Edit form.





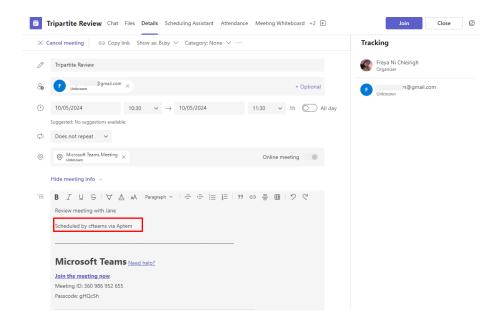
- The meeting will then be scheduled in Teams if its within the scheduling timeframe.
- Using a 30-day scheduling timeframe:
  - The review scheduled for 10 May 2024 will be scheduled in Teams during the next 3-hour job.
  - The review scheduled for 12 June 2024 will be scheduled on 12 May 2024.





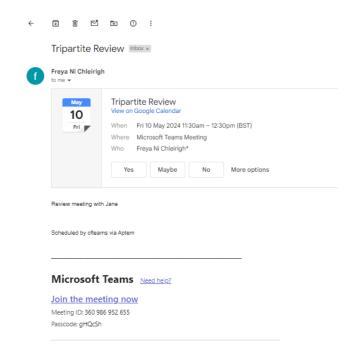
 The meeting appears in your Teams calendar alongside your other meetings.





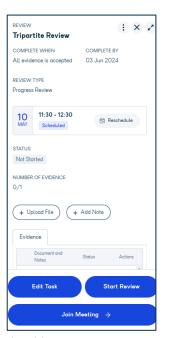
- The meeting name follows the review name in Aptem, and the description copies from the task description in Aptem.
- Each description is followed by a note to advise the user that the meeting was scheduled by Aptem.
- The format is "Scheduled by [tenantname] via Aptem"
- Note: you may edit the title and description, but this will not be reflected in Aptem. Similarly, once the meeting is scheduled in Teams, edits to the name or description in Aptem won't be reflected in Teams.



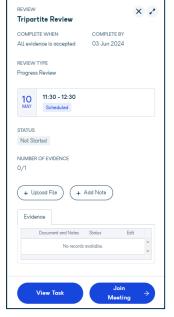


- The learner is then invited by email.
- If the review is visible to the employer in the Reviews token, the employer manager and mentor (if applicable) will be invited by email.

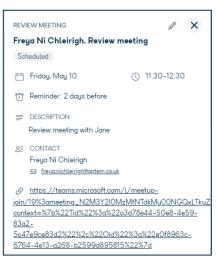








Join Meeting button for learner

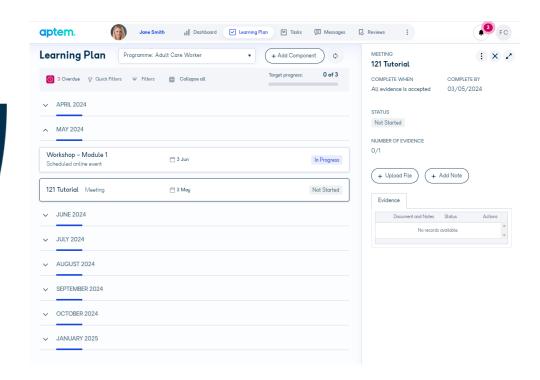


Teams link in tutor and learner task

- The Teams link is also returned to Aptem, and the tutor can start the meeting from the Review or linked task.
- The learner can join the meeting from the learning plan component or linked task.



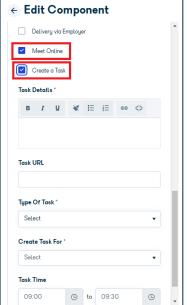
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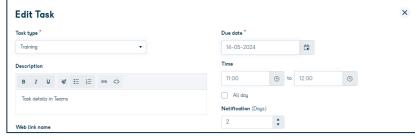


• Similarly to Reviews, Meetings are scheduled via the task in Aptem. The above learning plan component does not have an associated task, therefore will not be scheduled in Teams.



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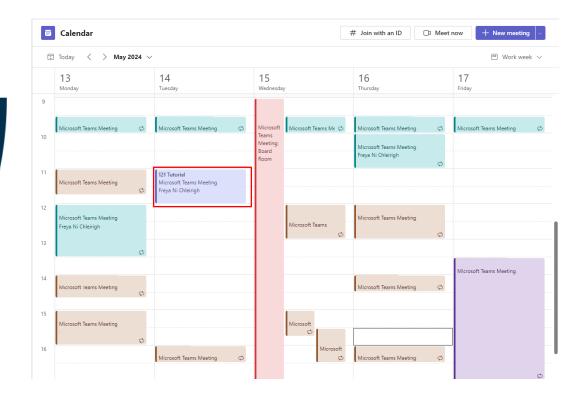




- To schedule a Meeting, tutors should create the task ensuring they select the 'Meet Online' checkbox.
- 'Task details' are used to populate the meeting description in Teams.
- The component name will be used for the meeting name in Teams.
- The scheduling timeframe will again be utilised meeting tasks which fall within the scheduling timeframe (i.e. 30 days) will be searched for and scheduled every 3 hours.



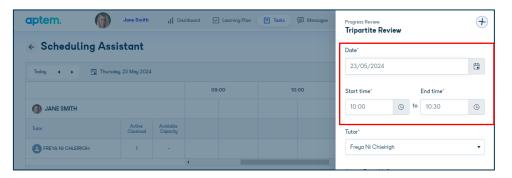
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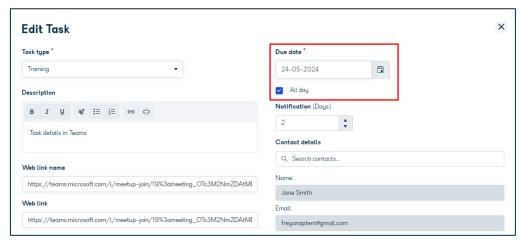


- The meeting will be scheduled within the Teams calendar within 3 hours.
- The learner will be invited by email.



## Example: Rescheduling a Meeting or Review

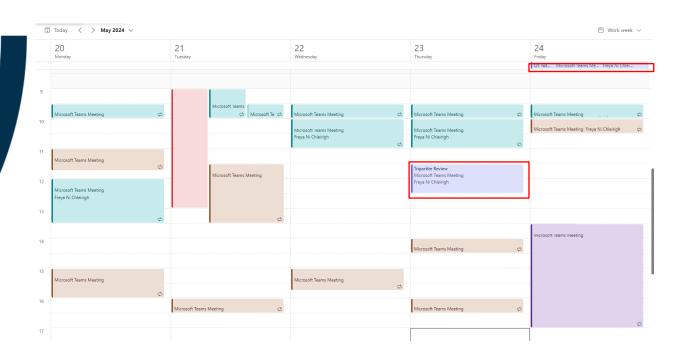




Reschedule review and meeting tasks in Aptem so that these can be rescheduled in Teams. You can use the scheduling assistant and the review 'Create/Edit' screen (for reviews) or the 'Edit Task' screen for either the meeting or review.



# Example: Rescheduling a Meeting or Review



These will reschedule in your Teams calendar within a few seconds. The learner and/or employer will receive an updated notification via email.

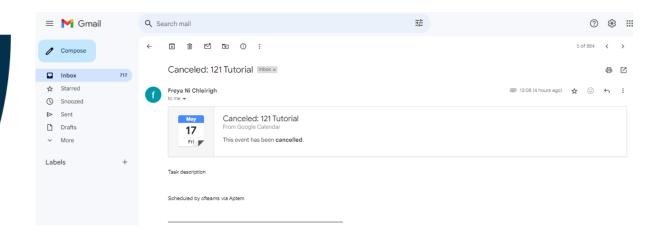


### Future enhancements – May 2024

- We will be enhancing the Communications Connector with Teams in the May release
  - We will add basic support for Placements/Workshops.
  - Cancellations of Reviews and Meetings in Aptem will be reflected in Teams.



### Example: Cancelling Reviews or Meetings

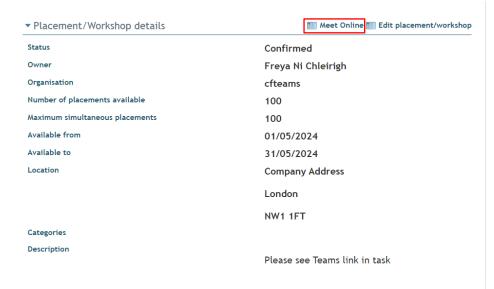


 Deleting a Review or Meeting learning plan component in Aptem results in a cancelled task. The task will disappear in the tutor's Teams calendar and the learner (and employer, where relevant) will receive a cancellation notification via email.



## Example: Using Teams for Placements

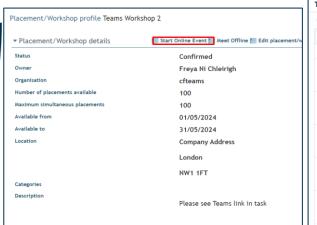


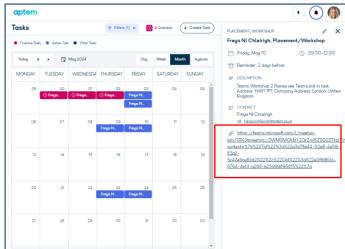


- Using your organisation's regular workflow for creating placements, these can then be flagged as 'Meet Online'.
- Selecting Meet Online triggers a Teams link to be created and returned to Aptem.
- Note: this will not schedule the meeting in the tutor or learner's Teams calendar.



Example: Using Teams for Placements/ Workshops





- The workshop owner will be able to start the Teams meeting from the workshop screen.
- Learners can join via the link in their Placement/Workshop task for the relevant enrolment date.
- Learners will be admitted to the lobby, for tutors to allow access.



### Future enhancements

- We plan to expand the Communications Connector functionality with Teams in the next few releases. We are currently exploring features including:
  - Returning attendance for Placements/Workshops.
  - Meeting management in Teams reflected in Aptem.
  - Automatic return of transcripts for Reviews and Meetings.





### Thank you

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