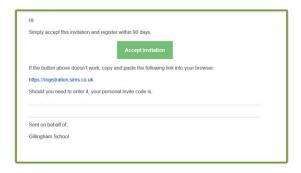
## How do I activate an account?

This guide is to help students complete their options online, so that the school can allocate class places and build timetables for the upcoming school year. Your school email account can be accessed from any computer by going to <a href="https://mail.gillingham-dorset.co.uk/owa">https://mail.gillingham-dorset.co.uk/owa</a> and signing in with your school username and password.

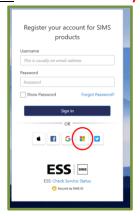
1. You will receive a registration email from noreply@sims.co.uk containing a unique invitation code. You will need this code to set up your SIMS Option Online Services account. If you have not yet received a registration email, please check your SPAM folder before contacting school.



- 2. Click Accept Invitation within the activation email sent by noreply@sims.co.uk as illustrated above.
- 3. When you see the screen below CLICK REGISTER WITH AN EXTERNAL ACCOUNT



4. On the next screen select the Microsoft icon. DO NOT select any other icon.



5. Having selected the Microsoft icon, follow the on-screen registration process. Add in your unique invitation code - which is on the invitation email and click Register.

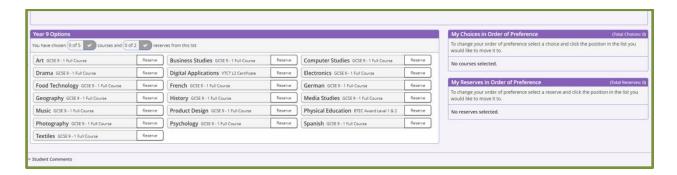


6. You will then need to answer the Security Question - please complete in the format requested. Click Verify.



- 7. On the next screen sign in with your school username and password.
- The options form should then appear, similar to the following:

If this does not appear and you are left with a blank page please allow a few minutes for it to load.



9. Select your chosen subjects and 2 reserve options. Once you have completed all the main and reserve options, 2 green ticks will be shown above your options as follow:



Ensure your choices are complete and click save (top left cloud), then sign out.



Once the registration process is complete, students should only use this link https://www.sims-options.co.uk to sign back in to make any changes. Selecting the Microsoft icon and inputting their user name and password when prompted.