

# The Wider Purpose of Homework

Epstein & Van Voorhis (2001) found that homework can be grouped into 10 broad purposes, contrary to the common misconception that homework only improves student learning outcomes:

## The 10 Ps of Home Learning



**Practice** - putting into practice what has been learnt throughout the school day



**Participation** - encouraging students to get involved in work outside of school and the importance of taking part in activities

**100%** homework setting consistency since introducing SMHW

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Parent calls regarding homework reduced to **0** with Show My Homework

D.Potts, Director KS5, Walbottle Campus

**Preparation** - preparing students for work to come and allowing them the opportunity to prepare for this ahead of lesson time



**Personal development** - the completion of homework helps students to develop their independence, timekeeping and show them the importance of good work ethic



**Parent-child relationships** - the completion of work at home helps parents and children to bond and develop their relationship through home-learning support



Parental homework satisfaction increased from **69% - 92%** since using Show My Homework

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**Parent-teacher communication** - homework acts as the bridge between home and school, the setting of homework and parents being aware of when it's set helps to improve communication between home and school



**93%** of teachers agree SMHW has helped improve student organisation

S.Guscott, Assistant Headteacher, St.James Catholic High School

**Peer interactions** - when students are set group assignments as homework it encourages them to interact with their peers and work together



**Policy** - homework set is inline with the school's policy ensuring students aren't overburdened with work and teachers set work in adherence to this policy



**Public relations** - the ability to keep parents informed about what's going on in schools and current practices



**Punishments** - reinforces the importance of completing tasks if consequences are implemented for when homework isn't handed in on time



**91%** teachers agree homework completion rate has improved with SMHW

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