



Homework in the Digital Age

Satchel One at Bishop Justus Church of England School



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Bishop Justus Church of England School is a 'Good' school including over 1200 students and situated in Bromley, London. The school provides a high quality education for children aged 11–19.

Why did you choose to implement Satchel One?

The reason we chose to implement Satchel One is simple: to support the school community and enable the students to continue their learning outside the classroom.

- Students wanted content rich, scaffolded homework with clear criteria to extend their learning, with a visual way to see when homework was due.
- Parents wanted a system that encouraged parental involvement and allowed them to check that homework was suitably challenging and set regularly.
- Staff needed a system that would allow learning directors for every year and subject leaders to see the amount and quality of homework.

What impact has Satchel One had on your school?

Satchel One kept popping up and came highly recommended. The decision to use Satchel One proved to be an excellent choice. After a telephone chat and a video conference, the CEO of Satchel, Naimish Gohil, came to our school to present whole-staff twilight training. The system is so simple that our teachers needed no further training. After a four week trial, we launched fully in January. Now all homework is set via Satchel One and the teachers love it. We can share and reuse each other's homework with one click. It allows us to support students with presentations from class, extracts, videos, web links, modelled answers and success criteria - saving time and printing. Tracking statistics can be filtered by year, subject or teacher, allowing us to compare provision easily.

What impact has Satchel One had on parents?

Parents feel part of the homework process. Previously, students may not have written down their homework and said 'No mum, not been set any', the system removes this risk. Now parents can login and see their child's schedule. Even if they have forgotten their login, the whole school calendar is available without a login.

What impact has Satchel One had on students?

We have high expectations, and the students now have the tools to complete homework to the best of their abilities. All the resources are there on phones, tablets or PCs and accessible at home, in school - everywhere. The system is very visual, and supports all students to develop their organisation and time management skills. Students can submit work and receive feedback completely online. We have regained the 5 minute 'admin break' to copy down homework and it's always accurate. Furthermore, on a 'snow day', teachers can add work for students to complete at home. The system allows much greater support for students with literacy, learning or language difficulties and it's simple to adapt the work to their needs.

Would you recommend Satchel One to other schools?

Absolutely. The service has been excellent. The ease of integration, the training and approachability of the team has been second to none.

