

## Top of the Teachers' Toolbox

And why this teacher can't get enough of Show My Homework



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Blackminster Middle School is a small rural middle school for students in years 6, 7 and 8. They have over 200 students and are situated in the village of Blackminster, just outside Evesham, Worcestershire.

### Amanda's Customer Success Story

My name is Amanda Byrne, I am a primary trained teacher at Blackminster Middle School in Worcestershire. I have recently completed my NQT year, and during my induction period one of the most helpful tools in my growing 'teacher's toolbox' has been **Satchel One**. Satchel One was introduced to my school over a year ago; it's a great channel of communication between my lessons and home learning.

Timing has always been a personal battle of mine when delivering lessons, trying to fit in all the ideas and activities that I have planned for a lesson. Now, with **Satchel One** at my fingertips, I don't panic quite so much if there is something I didn't have time to share with my class; my problem is easily solved by uploading my resources to **Satchel One**. Sharing resources, web links and comments from the classroom, via the software, enriches the support that can be given at home.

For my latest science homework, I was able to attach PowerPoint presentations that had been created by the children in the preceding lesson. I loved the sense of accomplishment that gave them; their contributions had been recognised and were readily accessible to their parents and carers. Who wouldn't feel proud to see their child's work online being used as a whole class resource?






I've even experienced children who were absent from the lesson, access the home learning information and complete it to the same quality and standard as if they had actually been in the lesson! Dedicated students and dedicated home support makes my job more pleasurable; the capacity to share home learning online instigates children to be more proactive in their learning.

Another benefit that has become apparent this academic year, has been the ease with which I can support my tutor group's home learning tasks that have been set by other teachers. One advantage of middle school is to have specialist staff teaching across the curriculum, therefore my Year 6 tutor group encounter a number of different teachers during their school week. Any worries, concerns or questions my tutees might have about any of their home learning tasks are often easily solved by a quick look on the **Satchel One** whole school calendar.

I know issuing home learning is a topic that often raises heated debate among educational practitioners. Is it timely? Is it necessary? Is it supporting the lesson content? Or is it extending the learning from the lesson? Since using **Satchel One**, I have become more conscientious about the tasks I am setting and how the learning gained from carrying them out feeds into the children's overall progress. Which can only be a good thing!

#### HOMEWORK SUBMISSION

↑ Highest ↓ Lowest

	<b>Bryn Beddow</b> Last activity: 3 days ago	52%
	<b>Jelena Marowicz</b> Last activity: 5 months ago	46%
	<b>Samama Hashmi</b> Last activity: 5 months ago	46%
	<b>Saskia Zebed</b> Last activity: 5 months ago	44%
	<b>Holly Stevens</b> Last activity: 5 months ago	44%

English

### An Inspector Calls Act One Quiz

Mr E. Manister set this assignment for group 7ORG/En - English

Set on Mon 08 Mar

Due on Fri 12 Mar

A quiz to test your knowledge on Act One of the play. If you don't remember it very well, read:

<https://www.sparknotes.com/drama/an-inspector-calls/summary/>

<https://genius.com/lb-priestly-an-inspector-calls-act-one-act-two-annotated>

Use your English books as well.

Good luck.

[Preview quiz](#)