



A Revolution in Homework

A teacher's review on Show My Homework

Borden Grammar School: My name's Tom Payne and I'm a Maths teacher at the Borden Grammar School. I have a fair passion for technology and the Edtech industry is an incredibly exciting field to be in right now due to its continuing growth and innovation - one of those innovations I find most exciting is Show My Homework (SMHW), they have their finger on the pulse and always seem to be ahead of the game.

From my time using SMHW I've documented a review of some of their key features and basic functions.

Tom Payne's product review:

Basic Features

You set a homework, you can add resources of all types, you can easily (yes easily) differentiate it, you can reuse it, you can use homework set by colleagues in your department, it appears on both pupils and parents' phones (finally putting the ball back in the court of the parents to make sure things get done at home) and notifies them if homework is overdue or late, as well as notifying them of class events. It is without doubt the market leader in homework because it is simple, yet essential

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Apps and Notifications

I don't know of many other software products that are as easy to use, as fundamental and as cheap as SMHW wherein you can easily get push notifications on your pupils' phones about tests and new homework pieces.

I know that my pupils spend an inordinate amount of time on their phones; whereas they will spend as little time as possible looking at their homework planner. If I can send a notification on their phone about homework and the SMHW App is right next to Clash Royale, are we not engaging the pupils more on their own terms?

I think so, and I think it's a good thing.

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Spelling Test and Quizzes

Spelling Tests are a great feature, especially for English and MFL teachers. As a teacher, you can pick the number of questions and how long students get to answer. The feature enables students to have a practice go to help improve their score. Once completed, everything gets logged in the SMHW gradebook and is auto-graded for you.

The Quiz feature is equally easy to use and you can adapt it for any subject. Don't forget you can reuse these year on year or find quizzes shared by teachers in Resources.

So don't just sit there, start nagging your SLT and make them make the call. I have little doubt that within a few years nearly every teacher in the country will know SMHW as well as they know Microsoft PowerPoint.

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