

# Taking Control of Homework

## Accomplishing all a VLE can at a fraction of the price



### The Priory School

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The Priory School is a secondary school with academy status in Shrewsbury. The Priory School pursues the

important dimension of achieving the best results for individuals, regardless of their starting point.

### Tim Goodman's Customer Success Story

I have been involved in commissioning and deploying VLEs in education for over 10 years now and have always run into huge obstacles around the implementation.

I've worked in primary schools, secondary schools and now an MAT, and in all my time implementing 'game-changing' software, I have never known such a smooth implementation and well received product as Show My Homework (SMHW).

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The fact that no installation is required and the software is cloud-based was a huge plus for us, as no matter how competent the Network Manager, there are always policies and specialist setups that require varying degrees of tweaking. This always makes it difficult when integrating a new software as it only takes one or two failed attempts to use a new system for dissatisfaction and unfounded criticism to kill staff's initial enthusiasm.

This combined with the promise of direct support for teachers and parents - I was sold! With 50 teachers and 800 parents all wanting help from me, this is a huge time

commitment I do not have and something the school could ill afford to resource.

Since abandoning the clunky VLE as soon after I started as possible, we started to investigate the new players on the scene, Firefly, Frog, etc, as they seemed to be the obvious choices.

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However, since already having a software to manage registers, and a WebDAV style VM for students to access their shared areas, as well as a VPN for select staff, there was little else required for us to close the loop and accomplish all a VLE could achieve at a fraction of the cost. SMHW was the ticket for closing the loop.

With the ability to attach documents to homework and link them on the fileserver, provide links to web pages, allow online submissions and provide SLT with comprehensive reports monitoring the frequency and quality of all homework set and completed, we were able to close the gap without purchasing a VLE.

This combined with parental access to see homework set, relevant resources and whether or not it's been completed for all their children - it's all any school needs. Not to mention that we'll be making a £5000 saving on homework diaries each year!

**Tim Goodman**  
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