

Engage with Students on Their Level

The journey to becoming paperless and the benefits that came with it



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Sir John Lawes School is an Ofsted rated' Outstanding' secondary school in Harpenden containing over 1000 students. They combine traditional values with the very latest in teaching methods and technologies and as of September 2017 started using Satchel One to support their students.

Sir John Lawes' Success Story

At Sir John Lawes School we boast hardworking students and a supportive parental body, however as a result of recording homework in paper planners, the quality of homework that students produced was varied. Instructions lacked clarity and not all information was recorded properly, impeding on students' ability to complete homework to the best of their ability. This was most apparent in students with special educational needs, who would often find it difficult to write clear instructions for the task they had been given.

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The introduction of **Satchel One** meant that any worries or issues surrounding recording homework could be removed, allowing students and parents to clearly understand each task and receive support from staff on how best to complete it. Staff could attach resources, lesson materials and even examples. The improvement in homework completion and quality were evident across all year groups in the school.

School surveys found that:

98% of students use Satchel One to check, monitor and organise homework
87% students say the quality of their homework has improved since using
Satchel One

• 91% of parents have seen an improvement in the completion and quality of homework

As a Green Flag Eco School we thought it was important to reduce our paper usage and after consulting students, staff and parents we decided to remove the planner and go entirely paperless with **Satchel One** in September 2018. The students felt that the planner was still a valuable source of information including; school map, periodic table and the pages containing school rules. In light of this we created a PDF version of the planner that students could download onto their devices to use when required.

The completion rates of homework are up, the quality of homework has improved and we are being more environmentally aware. On top of this, results in the school have improved since we started using **Satchel One**. Modern students embrace technology and moving away from paper planners to the **Satchel One** website and app has been a

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