

A Spotlight on Homework

And St. James' Catholic High School's winning formula



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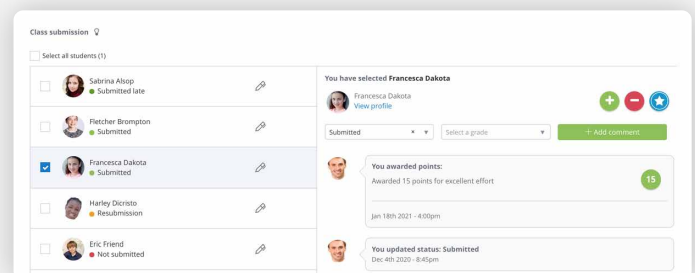
**St. James' Catholic
High School**

St. James' Catholic High School is a 'good' school located in Stockport, Greater Manchester that contains approximately 800 students. They are a 11-16 Specialist Humanities College with Leading Edge Status. The school's mission statement is ensuring 'all pupils achieve their full potential'.

Since implementing Satchel One have you been able to achieve more student accountability?

We've just completed an exercise with our teachers since introducing Satchel One, and the percentage of teachers who answered 'Yes' to improvement in the four facets of accountability were as follows:

- 93% consistency of homework set
- 91% completion rate of homework
- 88% quality of homework
- 93% pupil organisation



Here's what some of our teachers say:

- Pupils are much clearer on what's expected of them
- It has improved the consistency of the homework being set across the school
- It is easy to use and I love the way that you can re-use and edit homework
- There are now no excuses for pupils not to do their homework

In what ways can students access their homework details now at your school? Has this improved student organisation?

Through planners and Satchel One - this has definitely improved student organisation, particularly for less able pupils and those who had problems completing homework on a regular basis in the past. They can also access homework at our nightly homework club. For staff manning the club, having clear information on homework set is ideal for helping pupils who need assistance completing or organising their homework.

What is the best homework excuse you heard pre-Satchel One? Would you say that homework excuses have reduced, now that students have 24/7 access to homework details?

The best homework excuse I heard pre-Satchel One was 'I was in Canada when the homework was set' (the pupil in question had 100% attendance and no link to Canada whatsoever!) The biggest difference has been the reduction in the excuse that, 'I didn't know I had any homework', because it had not been recorded by pupils in planners. It's now all online, and there are no excuses.

The screenshot shows a homework assignment interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Details', 'Comments', and 'Discussion'. Below this, a red label indicates 'Class work'. The main title is 'The Amazon Rainforest: A Description', with the subject 'Geography - 8y/Ma1' and the teacher 'Miss Chapple'. It shows the assignment was 'Set on Fri 19 Feb' and is 'Due on Fri 19 Feb'. The status is 'Submitted' with a green checkmark. The description reads: 'Hi all - hope you are all keeping well! Show me your brilliance by imagining you are deserted in **The Amazon Rainforest!**'. Below this are two tasks: 'Task 1: Use your senses to describe what you would see, hear, feel, taste, touch and smell. Sentence starter: Suddenly I found myself in the middle of an untamed tangled web of vegetation..... Immediately I could hear...?' and 'Task 2: Draw a rainforest scene on paper or using digital art - whatever you prefer! Make it colourful and bold - it must include at least three animals that you might find in this environment!'.

The screenshot shows a 'HOMEWORK SUBMISSION' leaderboard. It has a toggle for 'Highest' and 'Lowest'. The list includes: Bryn Beddow (52%, Last activity: 3 days ago), Jelena Marowicz (46%, Last activity: 5 months ago), Samama Hashmi (46%, Last activity: 5 months ago), Saskia Zebed (44%, Last activity: 5 months ago), and Holly Stevens (44%, Last activity: 5 months ago).

The screenshot shows a quiz page for 'English' titled 'An Inspector Calls Act One Quiz'. It was set by 'Mr E. Manister' for group '7ORG/En - English'. The quiz was 'Set on Mon 08 Mar' and is 'Due on Fri 12 Mar'. It includes a description: '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/jb-priestly-an-inspector-calls-act-one-act-two-annotated'. It also says 'Use your English books as well. Good luck.' and has a 'Preview quiz' button.