



The Software SLT find Invaluable

And how it's removed homework excuses & complaints



The Henry Box School

The Henry Box School is an exciting community to be associated with. We are always looking for ways to support and challenge our young people so they can achieve their best.

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My name is Becky Goddard and I am a Deputy Headteacher at The Henry Box School in Witney, Oxfordshire, an 11-18 school with 1351 students. We signed up to Show My Homework (SMHW) in the summer term of 2013 and launched it with all students in September 2013. After our initial training session we were up and running in less than 30 minutes. Each September we have a refresher session for new teachers and anyone who's in need of a reminder.

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The reason we chose SMHW was because we knew from parents and students that there were inconsistencies in the setting of homework across the school. We also knew that some students were struggling to access and complete their homework when at home as they had not written enough detail in their planners. This meant that parents could not support their child with their homework which they found frustrating. We have had a very good experience of SMHW so far and have recommended it to several other schools.

As Deputy Head, I have found the monitoring reports invaluable. Each term, we generate and send out reports to each Head of Department and Head of Year with statistics on the number of homework tasks set that term by year and by teacher. This can then be followed up on where necessary.



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The best thing about SMHW is that it removes all excuses. Instructions can be uploaded in real time, and resources uploaded or website links and videos embedded which means that students can easily get on with their homework and produce good quality homework. Hand-in rates have definitely improved since we introduced the software. Students are making use of the app too.

Our parents have been extremely positive about SMHW. They really value having their own login and being able to monitor and support their child with homework. SMHW has led to greater parental engagement with

homework, students and parents now have worthwhile conversations about the quality of homework, rather than if it has been set or not.

Another benefit of SMHW, is the ability for teachers to set work for students if they are away, or if school is not open for any reason. This increased communication with parents and students around homework means that we rarely receive any complaints regarding homework.

As a school our next steps are to begin using some of the more advanced features of SMHW.