



The Homework Software Reclaiming Family Time

And giving parents complete homework visibility

The Cavendish School: Andrew French is a parent at The Cavendish School in Hemel Hempstead where his son is in Year 10. They've been using Show My Homework (SMHW) for over a year now and Andrew shared his views on the software and the impact it's had on his and his son's life.

Since using the software have you seen an increase in your child's independence?

Since the school introduced SMHW, I've seen a massive shift in my son's attitude towards homework. For one, he's far more proactive now when it comes to actually getting his homework done. Having everything there for him, he no longer has to worry about scribbling down the right information or forgetting the worksheet, and the fact that he and I, can always access the homework calendar means there literally is no excuse for not completing it.

Being able to see when the work has been set and when it's due, as a parent, means that I have the ability to intervene when necessary. But my son knowing this, and also him having the To-do List, has been a huge help to him when it comes to managing his workload.

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How has having a clear-line of communication between home and school impacted upon you?

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though a weight has been lifted. I no longer need to check in on what homework has been set and find out what it is, all the information is there for me. Now, I can monitor what homework is being done, and know when I need to step in. It's definitely meant that there are less squabbles surrounding homework and we can make sure that everything is done before we go out for the weekend! Not only this, but me having access to detailed descriptions of homework means that I'm able to sit down with him and provide support if it's ever needed.

How easy was SMHW to get onboard with?

As with any new initiative a school introduces, I was a little wary about SMHW when it was announced, but the system was so easy to use that any scepticisms I had disappeared. It's finally given me a clear insight into what homework my son is being set and that level of visibility is invaluable. It's also helped him massively when it comes to organising himself. I couldn't be without it now.

What's your favourite feature?

Without a doubt, my favourite thing about SMHW is the visibility it offers. I can see all the details relating to my son's homework - completion time, due date and additional resources. Now my son can get the work done on time, to a high standard and I can offer help if it's needed.

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