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Termly Homework Update

Dear Parents/Carers

I'm writing to you to notify you that I am your first point of contact for any concerns that you may have with issues surrounding homework. Such issues may include concerns about the quantity and quality of homework your child receives or more general issues surrounding the use of school systems such as Show My Homework. Please see below for my email address.

To enable you to feel that you can support your child the best you can, it is my aim to provide you with a termly update on improvements being made to the delivery of homework in school. The information that I will provide you with will be based on questions that have been raised previously by parents. I do hope that you find this approach useful.

Pupil passwords and 'Log on details' for show my homework

With the best will in the world, students sometimes lose these. To that end, we are in the process of reissuing all log on details to pupils in school. Y7 have already received these, but I will be rolling out this information once again through form tutors **w/c 26/9**. If your child has told you in the past that 'I can't log on to Show My Homework' then please ask to see this letter and support them with the log-on process.

If, however your child has previously had no issues, then please just keep the paperwork for your records.

Please note that your child's form tutor will always have a record of these details should you have any problems in the future.

Show My Homework App

This is a useful tool that will enable both you and your child to be aware of what homework has been set. The app is available through itunes app store. Please see below for a link to download the app and for instructions on how you and your family might use it.

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/show-my-homework/id908071717?mt=8>

Some children have reported that the app has recently started to malfunction. We have discovered that this is because the app was recently updated. If you have been affected in this way then please reinstall the app.

Live Homework Calendar

If you would like an immediate overview of what homework your child has been set, a very simple way of doing this is by checking the 'live homework calendar' on the school website. By following the link below, you will be able to view directly what homework has been set for your child by particular class teachers. This can be viewed by parents at any point and from any PC/mobile device with internet connectivity.

<https://delasalle-sthelens.showmyhomework.co.uk/school/homeworks/calendar>

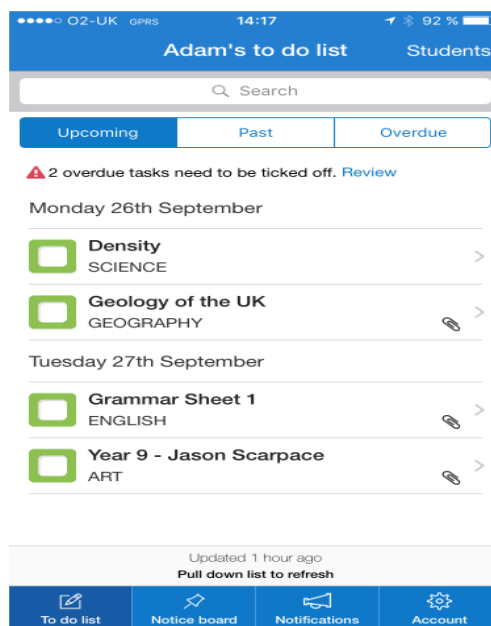
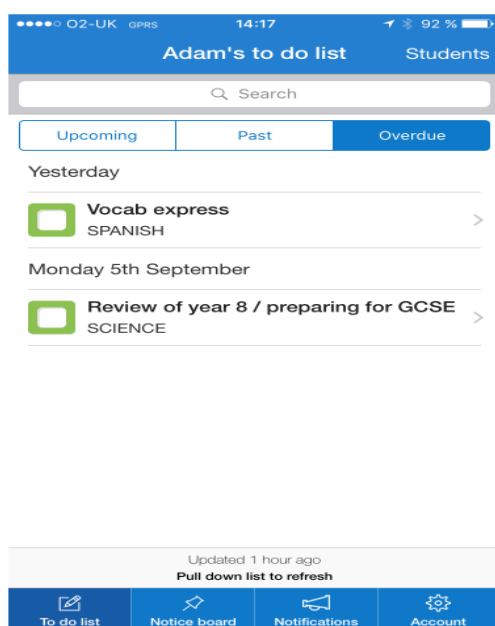
Online Tutorial

If you would like an online tutorial on how to use Show My Homework, please follow the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7UMzdfBouZ8&index=2&list=PLGgyL7Tb7haMZHtrKkHkrWjW5Co9JB8wf>

Push Notifications

SMH has the option of notifying you when your child has not completed a homework. Some parents have reported that they are receiving a 'push notification' to alert overdue assignments. This comes in the form of a 'warning triangle'. This is shown in the image on the right:



Unfortunately it is impossible to synchronise this system with the internal school data base. There is an expectation that staff record late or missing homework on the school database (known as SIMS) so that this dovetails with existing systems we already have in place for notifying you of late homework such as letters, parent evenings and parental phone calls. Therefore if you receive these red notifications, do not be alarmed! If there are issues with non- completion of homework this will be reported back to you using standard procedures.

Homework Queries

Should you have any questions about homework please contact one of our Heads of Learning Areas. Feel free to copy me in to any correspondence that you send so that I can support both you and the staff member as well as possible.

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