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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Show My Homework Update – October 2019

As many of you are aware, in September we moved to using Show My Homework; an online and fully electronic system for setting and monitoring of homework across the school. Almost all our students are now fully up and running with the system (and we are supporting those who have not yet logged-on) and early indications are that it is supporting timely completion of homework. At present we have over 500 parent accounts registered and I would like to thank you for your engagement and support with this new system.

Information for parents who have not yet registered an account and would like to, can be found on our school website at: <http://www.oldburywells.com/students/show-my-homework/>. Further information of the functionality of SMHW can be found on-line via their website.

As a school we have made the decision that all homework will be set on SMHW and we are expecting teaching staff to record when homework is “submitted” (or not) so that you as parents have visibility over what homework your son/daughter is being set and whether they hand work in on-time. While the SMHW system has functionality for staff to record grades for homework we are not expecting staff to record marks for pieces of work on SMHW. This would involve a significant change in wider school policies and procedures. With this in mind, the way we feedback to you as parents on attainment and progress will remain the same as in previous years i.e. Reports, Parents Evenings, Telephone and E-mail communication etc.

I am sure that you can appreciate that working with any new ICT system will produce externalities and this may lead to changes in how we approach the use of the system over time.

As a school we will endeavour to keep you updated and we would welcome your feedback in this respect too.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Williams'.

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