



# Yardleys School

Managing homework and  
monitoring student progress  
with Frog



At **Yardleys School**, their approach to managing homework and monitoring student progress has seen a dramatic shift. Starting this academic year, Assistant Headteacher Laura Yates and Deputy Head, David Pohl, have begun using Frog Play to help revolutionise their school homework policy through quizzes. We speak to David and Laura to find out more...

# How it all began...

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"Historically, we had so much homework set across the year groups, but there was no real centralisation of data", explains David. "So we decided to do a trial with Year 9 in the summer term for six weeks, setting them homework across all of their subjects with online quizzes. Just 15 question quizzes that linked to the curriculum being studied at that particular time across all of their subject areas."

So, what were the results like? "What I have seen is tremendous engagement and progress being made by students across all of the quizzes," David continues. "I've been at this school for just over 10 years, and for the first time ever we now have a sustainable strategy towards homework and every single student is fully engaged with it, with very accurate reporting."

With Frog Play, teachers can get accurate reporting and insights into the impact on their students' learning, all consolidated onto one system.



"Frog Play also gamifies the learning process, really helping to amplify the engagement you get from the students. Since rolling out Frog Play across the whole school, over 85,000 quizzes have been completed over the last 8 weeks by just over 900 students, putting us top of the Frog leaderboard!"

Another great way Yardleys is using Frog Play is through careful analysis of the reporting side, which is being used to manage rewards and sanctions, the latter helping the whole school to have a uniform method for dealing with issues surrounding non-completion of homework: "If the students don't do the quizzes assigned to them over a week, they get a detention on a Friday. So if they missed one quiz it is a half hour detention, two quizzes is an hour detention and if they didn't do three or more of the required quizzes they get a one and a half hour detention on a Friday." David attributes the consistent approach and uniformity across the school to the progress he saw being made. "We saw consistency in terms of fewer kids week on week getting detentions as well as some good results from the quizzes themselves. We also saw some good progress being made by many of the students, which is why we decided to roll this system out whole school across all subjects from September '17. Students are already attempting quizzes multiple times to increase their score and we will soon be implementing a 'floor grade' to quizzes to enforce this".



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Yardleys considered using other platforms for managing homework, however for them, simplicity was key. "You've got other companies like Show My Homework, but the issue with those is that is that different teachers may still take different approaches, with some teachers setting too much homework and some setting too little", continues David. "We just thought it made sense to make it as simple as possible and allow students to apply their knowledge to a short quiz.

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