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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Pittville School we use the online homework platform Show My Homework. As well as setting homework online, we are able to attach documents, add links to websites, set quizzes and add extra detail to support students with their work. Our students will increasingly be expected to study and work using online platforms, so we believe this is an important step to preparing them for their future lives.

During this first week at school, your child will receive a document from their tutor with instructions for logging onto the site and a PIN code which is valid for two weeks. Once they have logged on for the first time, they will need to use their email address and a password that they set themselves to log on again in future. The document also has a PIN code for parents and guardians so you also have access to the site and see the work that is set.

Show My Homework is also available as an APP that can be downloaded onto a tablet or smart phone.

All homework should be set using Show My Homework, and we ask teachers to print out any worksheets or documents as we recognise not everyone has a computer and printer at home. However, teachers may attach worksheets so students have access if they lose their sheet, or may add extra resources to support student study. We also ask teachers to allow plenty of time for any IT-based homeworks so students have access to school computers if needed.

There are options on the platform for the use of markbooks, but as they can duplicate existing practices and add to workload, it is a matter of individual teacher choice as to whether these are used. Please be understanding if you see some departments making use of this facility and not others.

If you have any difficulties, there is a document on the school website with further information. Please note, the platform is run by Show My Homework, so we cannot reset passwords and for most technical issues, you should contact them. They are very good at providing support. We are able to help if your child isn't signed up to the correct classes, and one of our support staff will check Year 7 are all logged on correctly and provide support to those having any difficulties at the beginning of the year.

We have had very positive feedback from parents and teachers since we starting using this platform, so we hope that you will also find it helpful in supporting your child with their studies at Pittville School.

If you have any queries, please email achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk and put SHOW MY HOMEWORK in the subject box.

Kind regards,

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