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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, the Academy introduced a homework policy in September 2015 which proved to be unpopular and was subsequently withdrawn. Trustees felt that a wider consultation was required in order to seek the views of all those concerned on the best way forward to help students meet the challenges of the new GCSE courses. Trustees recognised the subject of “homework” was not without controversy but the main point was to establish arrangements which would work both for the Academy community and be worthwhile for your children.

In March 2016, the Academy asked parents, students and staff to complete a survey regarding the nature of work to be set outside of school hours. Trustees also set up a small working group consisting ourselves along with other Trustees and members of the Academy Management. The purpose for this group was to follow up on the feedback received from the survey and to help inform the way forward.

Following this process, and having taken into account the survey responses and subsequent meetings with parents, the attached document has been produced which outlines new arrangements for independent study and revision. These new arrangements reflect a consensus view and have been reviewed and endorsed by trustees, so we will proceed to implement them from September 2016.

Thank you for your support in helping to resolve this matter. We are confident that the revised approach will be a significant factor in helping Academy students realise their full potential.

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Peter Roberts
Folkestone Academy Trustee
Chair of Standards Committee and
Independent Study Committee