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Principal: Mr Jon Francies

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Homework and the use of Show My Homework

At the start of this year, we purchased a new single software package called 'Class Charts' to replace a number of our separate software packages. It has greatly enhanced functionality and will allow parents and students better access to key information such as attendance and behaviour data, rewards and homework, all personalised to each student. As a result, from immediate effect, we will no longer be using 'Show My Homework' as 'Class Charts' will replace its role. Unfortunately, there is a period needed where 'Class Charts' is set up to be bespoke to our systems here at the Academy. This means that during this time we will rely solely on the diaries for students to record their homework. We will endeavour to minimise this period and are looking to launch the first aspects of the new 'Class Charts' package with parents and students in early October. Others elements will be phased in over the rest of the year. I realise that this might be awkward in the short-term, but the long-term benefits will come to fruition soon.

In a change to last year for year 11 students, we will not be running the same night detention for those students who do not complete their homework. This is because students will be undertaking extra sessions in subjects at the end of the school day (the organisation of which will be sent out soon). However, should any year 11 student fail to complete homework on a regular basis, this will be addressed and sanctions will be put in place to rectify this situation.

Many thanks for your patience and support during this time.

Yours sincerely

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