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Dear Parents/Carers

The return of homework is monitored very closely at Ormiston Maritime Academy, as it is widely recognised as a valuable way for our students to reinforce the learning that has taken place in the classroom. It also allows teachers to identify any difficulties students may have and to help them overcome these. At Ormiston Maritime Academy we believe that homework serves to develop regular study skills and the ability to complete assignments independently. We believe that completing homework is the responsibility of the student, and as students mature they are more able to work independently. There is a clear correlation between progress and the completion of homework. Therefore, it is very important that all homework tasks are completed to a satisfactory level and are handed in on time.

The topic of homework is one which comes up regularly in meetings with parents. Therefore as an Academy, we are seeking to tighten up on our current procedures. As a result of this, should a student fail to complete or hand in their homework parents will be informed and asked to support the Academy. In the first instance a text will be sent out to parents informing them that their child has failed to complete a piece of homework. A deadline extension will then be set by the classroom teacher for the homework to be completed and handed in. If a student fails to complete the homework for this final deadline, a 40 minute detention will be issued. A text will be sent out to parents informing them of the detention. Once the detention has been issued, it will need to be completed, regardless of whether or not the homework is then handed in at a later stage.

I am sure that by working together, our students will realise that completing homework on time, will help to improve their overall progress throughout the Academy.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S Herridge", written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Herridge
Assistant Principal