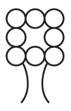
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**Dear Valued Customer** 

## Room 213 at The Folkestone Academy

I am writing to inform you that, regrettably, the restaurant at Folkestone Academy, Room 213 is to close.

Folkestone Academy has seen a significant increase in demand for places over recent years and the closure of Pent Valley School led Folkestone Academy to accept further students into each year group at the start of the academic year 2016-17. This has led to increased demands on space within the Academy building and we have had to prioritise the needs of the students that we serve. We have had to therefore take the difficult decision to close the restaurant so that we are able to open more classrooms to educate the students in our care in both the core and wider curriculum.

This does mean that the restaurant will not, therefore, re-open in September 2017 and we must cancel any bookings that have been made for the new academic year.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your loyalty to our restaurant over recent years. Our students have certainly enjoyed catering for you and I hope you have enjoyed the hospitality that they have offered you.

We would like to talk with you about other ways we can keep open links with you, our wider community, through our Academy FM radio station, in sports, our drama and other ways. Do please get in touch, and the team and I would be glad to meet and hear your ideas.

In the meantime, you are able to support another student-led restaurant at East Kent College on Shorncliffe Road, and a number of our Post 16 catering students will be continuing their food studies there.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Milliken Head of School