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To: EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY

Sue Baldwin
Director, Academies & Maintained Schools Group

VALUE FOR MONEY STATEMENT

Academy: Southborough High School
Academy Trust Company no. : 07776910
Year ended 31st August 2014

I accept that as accounting officer of Southborough High School I am responsible and accountable for ensuring that the Academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. I am aware of the guide to academy value for money statements published by the Educational Funding Agency and understand that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

I set out below how I have ensured that the Academy Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during the academic year.

Southborough High School has performed extremely well in terms of educational outcomes and continues to provide excellent value for money. In this year's GCSE examinations, 63% of students achieved 5A*-C (including English and Maths), 42% achieved the English Baccalaureate and 21% of all grades were A*/A. At A Level, 57% of grades were awarded A*-B and 32% A*/A. Our RAISE Value Added score of 1006.1 demonstrates the excellent progress our students make

Our attendance statistic of 95.78% is well above the national average and our number of exclusions is below the national average for boys. In December 2013 we were rated "Good" by OFSTED and I believe that we are well on the road to being classified as "Outstanding".



During FY 2013/14 Southborough High School continued to make improvements to the premises and facilities. The main project, funded by the school, was the creation of a new canopied area adjacent to the dining hall. The three elements of the scheme were the installation of the canopy with steel frame and a canvas roof, the re-surfacing of all the surrounding area, and the replacement of windows and glass doors on the dining hall elevation. The canopy has increased the capacity of the dining hall and provides an attractive outdoor teaching and social area which can be used by all the school.

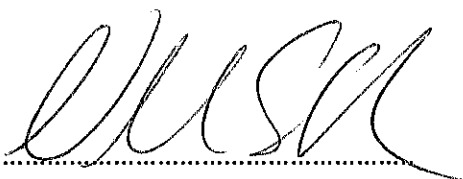
The Academy also increased the provision of games facilities by installing new outdoor table tennis tables, basketball hoops, goalposts and an indoor climbing wall.

In April 2014 we were very pleased to learn of the successful outcome of our bid to the Education Funding Agency for a grant of £1.395m to completely replace the school's heating infrastructure including all pipework and boilers. The school appointed a team of professional consultants to provide the technical input of the bid and draw up the specification. The scheme went out to tender in June and the contract was awarded to Integral UK. The works commenced in September this year and are due to be completed in August 2015. They will be carefully phased in order to minimise any disruption to the curriculum.

At a time when our pupil recruitment is subject to fluctuation we are taking care to budget prudently and manage the resulting variation to our main GAG income. We continue to keep our contractual obligations under close review and intend to put catering, cleaning and IT services out to tender. We are confident that the quality and positive outcomes of the educational experience at Southborough High School will enable us to sustain a buoyant level of pupil recruitment and invest in further improvements to the teaching and learning environment.

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Niall Smith – Headteacher

Date: 9th December 2014