



An **OAT** Academy

Year 7
Parent Welcome Booklet
2022

Welcome from the Principal

I am delighted your child is joining the family at Ormiston Maritime Academy.

As Principal, my priority is to ensure all students feel safe and happy here at the Academy. Recent visits by external stakeholders such as parents, educators and Ofsted have said that safeguarding is effective, and bullying is rare. I am proud that the students here at Ormiston Maritime Academy have positive attitudes towards their learning.



By choosing Ormiston Maritime Academy your child will participate in a place of learning which holds the young person at the centre of all that we do. Not only do we value academic excellence, we also understand how important it is to inspire, engage and challenge young people to be the best that they can be.

Our high expectations together with the high aspiration and ambitions you have for your child are all key ingredients in the vital partnership between the Academy, the child and the home. It is this partnership which provides the cornerstone for your child to succeed. We will ensure that students have the support and guidance required to help them to become successful and responsible members of society.

We live in a rapidly changing and unpredictable world; therefore, we must prepare students to live successfully in inter-dependent communities where knowledge, understanding and tolerance of other people and their cultures is vital. Students who join Ormiston Maritime Academy are building on a journey of learning and discovery which will last for their time at the Academy and continue throughout their lives.

Staff at Ormiston Maritime Academy look forward to working with your child in the coming years and supporting them through this important period in their education.

Don't forget, you can keep up to date through our Academy website and Facebook page. We also have a communication app that you can sign up to called Edulink One when your child starts in September.

Finally, as parents you are always welcome to make an appointment to see me at any time you wish by contacting the Academy.

I look forward to our great partnership!

Carriane Robson

Principal

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Ormiston Maritime Academy Vision

“All OMA students, irrespective of their backgrounds, will be exceptional learners, so they are equipped with the necessary knowledge, skills, qualifications and mindset to contribute positively in society.”

Ormiston Maritime Academy Mission

“At OMA, we believe that students will aspire to excellence through literacy, with a specific focus on oracy at Key Stage 3. Students will learn to become masters of retrieval and experience a curriculum which develops students’ cultural capital.”

The **OMA** way: **Every Student**, **Everywhere**, Every Day.



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Ormiston Maritime Academy Values

At Ormiston Maritime Academy, the vision and mission are the overarching umbrella of our ASPIRE values.

We are incredibly proud of these values as they were developed by our wonderful students. Ormiston Maritime Academy students know what it takes to be successful in life!

A = Achieve

Know your targets and understand how to meet them
Challenge yourself to exceed your targets
Respond to feedback and make improvements in red pen
Give effective peer and self-feedback in red pen

S = Support

Be willing to share your knowledge with peers
Show and tell great work
Work together in a group setting
Support and help peers/staff in, and outside of, lessons

P = Persevere

Be prepared to make mistakes and try again
Never give up, even when things get tough
Challenge yourself to achieve more than your expectations
Go the extra mile for yourself and others

I = Independence

Try it yourself before asking for help
Solve problems on your own
Take responsibility for achieving your targets
Complete homework

R = Respect

Respect yourself by making the right choices
Listen to everyone and respect other's opinions
Show good manners and be respectful to all
Respect work, equipment and the environment

E = Engage

Show a positive attitude in the lesson
Stay on task and don't be distracted by others
Contribute to the lesson in a positive way
Ask relevant questions of teachers and peers



Safeguarding at OMA

- In case of emergency you can contact the Academy on 01472 310015
- If you are concerned for your own safety or the safety and well-being of one of our students, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team.



Mrs Carrienne Robson
Principal



Miss Emma Cooling
Senior Vice Principal



Mrs Sam Herridge
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Vice Principal



Miss Claire Gilby
Child Protection Officer
Deputy DSL



Mr James Robson
Assistant Principal



Mr Troy Silvester
Assistant Principal



Mrs Kirsty Allard
SENCO



Mr Tom Cassidy
Behaviour Lead



Mrs Anne Brown
Pastoral Coordinator



Mrs Karen Pettitt
Pastoral Coordinator



Mrs Jennie Forman
School Counsellor

Attendance

- Attendance is critical to a students learning.
- If your child is absent you must contact the Academy.
- The attendance team will ring on the day of the absence and the next morning to support the students return to the Academy.
- Absence for a lengthy period of time will require proof of a visit to a Doctor.
- Students must be on time; the gate closes at 8:26am.
- A warning bell rings between each lesson and at the end of break and lunch, giving students time to get to their lessons.
- Holidays must not be taken in Academy term time. These will be deemed as an unauthorised absence and a penalty notice may be issued to parents.



Reading is important at OMA

Reading Aloud

- ◇ All Year 7 students will experience a range of novels.
 - ◇ The teacher will read, and students follow.
 - ◇ Reading Aloud will take place in tutor time.
- ◇ Reading Aloud also forms part of the English curriculum.
- ◇ Reading a range of novels improves students' experiences of reading and builds cultural capital.
- ◇ Students will discuss aspects of their novels in English lessons; one lesson per week is dedicated to Reading Aloud.
- ◇ Students requiring reading intervention will receive this in dedicated sessions.

Year 7 Tutor Programme

Day	Activity
Monday	Assembly
Tuesday	Reading Aloud
Wednesday	Reading Aloud
Thursday	Reading Aloud
Friday	Careers Skills Builder

Timings of the Day

FIRST BELL	8.20am (Students start to line up for Tutor)
LINE UP BELL	8.25am (Students line up for Tutor)
TUTOR TIME	8.30—8.55
PERIOD 1	8.55—9.55
PERIOD 2	9.55—11.15 (Includes a 20 minute break)
PERIOD 3	11.15—12.15
PERIOD 4	12.15—13.45 (includes a 30 minute lunch)
PERIOD 5	13.45—14.45
After School (optional)	Academic Mentoring/Enrichment 14:45-15:45

The first bell is at 8:25am; this is when students should start lining up for Tutor Time.

The gate will close at 8:26am. Students who arrive after this time are late and will receive a late detention on the same day for 30 minutes.

Term Dates 2022—2023

TERM	YEAR	OPEN	CLOSE
1	2022	Monday 5 th September	Friday 21 st October
2		Monday 7 th November	Friday 16 th December
Bank Holidays – Monday 26 th , Tuesday 27 th December 2022, Monday 2 nd January 2023			
3	2023	Tuesday 3 rd January	Friday 10 th February
4		Monday 20 st February	Friday 31 st March
Bank Holidays – Friday 7 th April, Mon 10 th April, Mon 1 st May & Monday 29 th 2023			
5	2023	Monday 17 th April	Friday 26 th May
6	2023	Monday 5 th June	Wednesday 26 th July

The Academy will be open on the following days for Staff Training only:

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Friday 25th November 2022

Thursday 27th July 2023

Friday 28th July 2023

Home Study

- At Ormiston Maritime Academy students will receive regular work for home study.
- The work for home study will be from all of their different subjects.
- The home study work will be set on a variety of platforms.
- Home study will be communicated home via the EdulinkOne App.
- Students are encouraged to use subject specific knowledge organisers to help them with their home study.
- Students are encouraged to seek help from their teachers if they need it.

Academy Life

Lunch Arrangements

- Healthy, hot and cold meals can be bought in the Academy canteen via a cashless payment system.
- Each student has their own personal account; a finger print scanning system (biometrics) is used whereby students scan their thumb and the cost of items is taken from their account. Parents can 'top up' with funds via the Academy website or students can add funds to their account by using the 'top up' machines located in Centrepoint.
- Students may bring a packed lunch to the Academy
- Food must only be eaten in the Zone and Courtyard areas.
- Parents/ carers of students entitled to free school meals will need to make the appropriate application. Please contact the academy office to request an information leaflet and an application form.

Valuables and lost property

- ◆ Students are requested not to bring valuable items or large sums of money into the Academy.
- ◆ Students are responsible for any personal item brought into the Academy.
- ◆ Students should not leave their belongings in classrooms.
- ◆ Student names should be on every item of student uniform.
- ◆ Lost property is handed in to Student Services. If your child has lost something they should enquire at Student Services in the first instance. Lost property is reviewed every half term and will be recycled to charity if not collected.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones present Academies with unique problems. On one hand, students and parents may rightly see them as a means of supporting students' safety on the way to and from the Academy, especially in winter.

On the other hand they:

- have been found to hinder with communication between home and Academy
- are a proven serious distraction from students' focus on their work
- cause an unacceptable waste of staff time when used inappropriately
- have been used as a means of intimidating and bullying other students
- are attractive to potential thieves
- are prohibited by all Examinations Boards and QCA in all tests and examinations.

We would like to keep a reasonable and workable approach to retaining the benefits to students having mobile phones and ensure that none of the unacceptable consequences of their presence in the Academy are endured.

We ask therefore, that you and your child help us by being aware of the following:

1. The Academy cannot accept responsibility for their loss or damage however caused.
2. It is illegal to attempt to use a mobile phone capable of taking photographs for that purpose on Academy property. The use of this technology to bully, intimidate or otherwise harm others on the way to and from the Academy is a serious offence.
3. The law deems it to be the responsibility of the students, parents, guardians or carers if their child brings a mobile phone into the Academy.
4. If a parent, guardian or carer wishes their child to keep a mobile phone with them, the following must be complied with:
 - (a) **It must be switched off as soon as the student arrives at the Academy gate and be placed in their bag until they have left the Academy building at the end of the day.**
 - (b) Any mobile phone that is seen or heard during the Academy day will be immediately confiscated. The member of staff confiscating it will seal it in an envelope bearing the students name and take it to the main office.
 - (d) Any mobile phone confiscated for inappropriate use can only be collected by the student from the main Academy reception at the end of the day. Parents/carers will be asked to collect a mobile phone of repeat offenders.
 - (e) Refusal to hand over a mobile phone for confiscation, or repeated use of a mobile phone on the premises, will result in the child being forbidden to bring the phone to the Academy.

Consequences

C1

Verbal warning - The wrong choices are being made

C2

Student is asked to move to another part of the classroom.

C3

Removal from classroom to discuss the incident with an on call member of staff. A detention is also issued for the following day.

C3 fail

Placed in Reflections for 5 consecutive periods.

Wearing the Academy Uniform

Wearing the Academy uniform is an important factor in establishing a pride in and identity with the Academy and at the same time minimises social divisions between students.

We expect all students to represent Ormiston Maritime Academy

- ◇ with very high personal standards
- ◇ high level of respect towards themselves
- ◇ Wear the Academy uniform with pride

To view examples of acceptable uniform please visit the Academy website:

<http://www.omacademy.co.uk/>

We would ask you not to buy any advertised brands/examples bearing logos and ensure that shoes are plain black and polish-able with no coloured tags, logos, stripes, piping, decoration or laces in any other colour but black.

Academy Uniform

Boys

- Plain black school trousers. Trousers must be worn outside socks
- White plain collared shirt
- Plain black or grey socks
- Black polishable sensible shoes, not trainers or leisure shoes
- Academy clip on tie
- Black blazer with Academy badge
- Academy cardigan (optional)

Girls

- Plain black knee length skirt (Please note, the skirt must be approved by the Academy, no other skirt will be permitted in the Academy)
- Plain black tights (40+ denier)
- Plain black socks
- Plain black school trousers. Trousers must be worn outside socks
- White plain collared blouse
- Academy clip on tie
- Black polishable sensible shoes (no heels), not trainers or leisure shoes
- Black blazer with Academy badge
- Academy cardigan (optional)

PE Kit

- Black or red and black top with Academy logo
- Plain black shorts or black with red flashes
- Red socks
- $\frac{3}{4}$ or full length plain black bottoms
- Black microfleece with Academy logo (optional)
- Black and red rugby/long sleeved sports shirt (optional)
- Students may wear any combination of the PE kit that they feel most comfortable in

Gloves, scarves and hats

- Gloves, scarves and hats are not allowed to be worn in the Academy building at all

Bags

- They should be large enough to hold an A4 folder without it having to be bent or folded

Jewellery

- A wrist watch
- Earrings – no more than one small stud (plain gold or silver) in each earlobe
- No other facial or body jewellery are permitted
- Tattoos' and multi-piercings, including facial piercings are not permitted
- Rings and bracelets are not allowed

Hair

- Should be neat and not follow the extremes of fashion
- Should be of a natural colour and must not follow the extremes of fashion
- No shaved patterns allowed
- Hair accessories (hair bobbles, Alice bands, clips, slides etc) should be appropriate for the Academy and should be plain black
- Long hair needs to be tied back in PE, Science and Technology

Make-up

- Nail varnish is not allowed (also false nails are not permitted). Make-up should be barely noticeable and of a natural look.

Tie

- Official Academy tie or cravat with the Academy logo

Outdoor wear

- Coats must only be worn over the top of the blazer, not underneath
- Hooded tops are not acceptable in the Academy or instead of a blazer
- Outdoor coats should be removed as soon as the student enters the Academy

Shoes

- These should be plain black and polishable with no coloured tags, logos, stripes, piping, laces or decoration
- They should be flat with no heel
- They must have toes, sides and full backs
- Black canvas pumps, boots and trainers are not permitted
- During inclement weather students are permitted to wear alternative footwear for their journey to and from the Academy but they will be expected to change into their normal Academy footwear on arrival

The Principal reserves the right to send a student home if they are not in appropriate uniform.

Please note the following uniform regulations, which apply to boys and girls:

- ◆ Whilst in uniform students are to follow Academy rules.
- ◆ Academy uniform is to be worn when representing the Academy.
- ◆ Students are expected to wear their uniform correctly to and from the Academy. Students should wear their blazers inside the Academy building and on their journey to and from the Academy.
- ◆ Permission must be obtained from the Principal if a student needs to change out of uniform before leaving the Academy.
- ◆ Any items of jewellery that do not meet the Academy requirements will be confiscated. The member of staff confiscating it will seal it in an envelope bearing the students name and take it to the main office.
- ◆ Any jewellery confiscated for inappropriate use can only be collected by a parent/ carer from the main Academy reception until 3:45pm each day.

Students not in uniform

- ◇ Parents/carers should send a note in to the Pastoral Coordinator if their son/ daughter for some reason is not dressed in appropriate uniform.
- ◇ Students will be provided with Academy issue uniform or shoes (and expected to wear them) as a short term measure.
- ◇ It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child has correct uniform at all times.

PE kit information

- ▽ If your child has an injury or medical issue a note will be required.
- ▽ Your child will not be excused from PE but will be given an amended role within active lessons such as officiating, scoring, coaching, etc.



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We are looking forward to working with you to ensure that your child reaches their full potential, is aspirational and successful in the Academy and in their future lives.