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Dear Parents and Carers

Following an Ofsted inspection conducted prior to the summer holidays on the 19th and 20th July, I am delighted to inform you that Ormiston Maritime Academy is now officially a 'Good' school.

The full report has been detailed in a letter to the academy, which is accessible on our website. However, I wanted to write to you to share the outcomes directly, as we are extremely proud of the efforts that all of us – including staff, students, family members, Governors, Ormiston Academies Trust and the wider community – have made since receiving a 'Requires Improvement' rating in January 2019.

As you will be aware, we have been working to ensure a steady upwards trajectory as an academy and we are delighted that Ofsted recognises the progress that has been made. The report reinforces the many strengths and achievements of the academy, notably acknowledging the "high expectations" we hold for students and that we prioritise their personal development.

We were very proud to secure 'Good' across all inspected areas, and some of the key highlights from the report include:

- Students are happy attending the academy, and have strong relationships with staff
- Leaders have a "clear vision" for the academy and have developed an ambitious curriculum for students
- The variety of extra-curricular activities was noted, which range from sports, to debating, to the Combined Cadet Force (CCF)
- There was a really positive response from parents, nearly all of whom said they would recommend the academy to someone else
- Students with special educational needs/and or disabilities (SEND) are well supported, with teachers adapting their teaching to meet the needs of those students
- Students receive high-quality careers advice and guidance
- The school leadership of the academy, including the Principal, was praised
- The academy was also commended for its efforts to implement activities to strengthen students' wellbeing in the aftermath of the disruption caused by the pandemic



Naturally, following this positive report, we will look to build on the successes highlighted by inspectors and continue to strengthen our provision in the months and years ahead. We are absolutely delighted with the outcome, which is a testament to everyone at Ormiston Maritime Academy. The combined hard work and determination of everyone in our community has resulted in this achievement, and we are so pleased to be entering the new term able to share this excellent news.

Looking forward, we are excited to see what the future holds for Ormiston Maritime Academy and we will continue putting in the work to ensure our academy is the very best it can be.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and as always, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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