

6th March 2026

Dear Parents/carers

Uniform Reminder for Monday 9th March and then Tuesday 21st April

As we happily approach the Easter holidays and the anticipation of better weather, I wanted to draw your attention to our expected uniform standards, my thanks go to the 95% of pupils who get everything right every day.

It is important to remember the 'why' behind uniform standards. Uniform is about setting expectations, ownership and belonging. We are supporting your children, with your help, to form the right habits for their future as well as being fair to all.

Uniform in school helps create a sense of belonging and team culture. Every week the students get the following consistent messages of:

- "Be the best version of yourselves, all day, everyday"
- "Be part of the 95%"
- "Every member of staff wants you to gain the skills, attributes and qualifications you need to enjoy a life of choice and opportunity"
- "You are welcome here, you belong here, be proud to be part of our Maritime Community 'TEAM MARITIME'"

These messages never change and I make no apology for that, because this is how we feel as a community.

Our uniform policy is not changing (and is attached for your attention). Our process for supporting high standards of uniform compliance just needs improving. Students are teenagers or about to be so we know mistakes will be made, it is how we learn from them that makes the difference.

From Monday 9th March 2026, any student who has forgotten or misplaced the expected uniform will be offered the chance to borrow any item they need from our well stocked uniform cupboard.

- They are expected to leave a personal belonging (eg: their phone pouch) with the pastoral team that will be locked away. They then return the item and collect their belonging at the end of the day, helping ensure our stock of uniform is maintained.
- If we do not have the item of uniform for them to borrow, the student will be given a coloured pass to show any member of staff if challenged on uniform, so as to maximise learning time in line with our positive school culture.
- We do have the odd student who may push back against these rules, if a student refuses to borrow uniform they will need to be placed in reflections until:
 - a) They decide to put the correct uniform on
 - b) An appropriate adult brings the item into school

From Tuesday 21st April 2026 (return from Easter break) the following must be in place.

This gives households just over 6 weeks to organise.

- 1. Firstly, we will no longer accept the wearing of polishable trainers (usually Nike Air Max) and as per our policy we will only accept black polishable sensible shoes.



- 2. Secondly, return from Easter marks the start of the summer term, therefore we revert to not allowing the students to wear their coats in the building during social times or indeed in classrooms.
- 3. Thirdly, to reassure you and your child those students with a current reasonable adjustment to wear their sports kit to school on PE days, will still be allowed to do so, however it is expected that students wear the official OMA PE kit and not their own sports kit, this supports our expected uniform standard

Finally, please look at the uniform expectations attached, but also to thank you, on behalf of our community, for your continued support to make OMA even better for your children to attend and BELONG.

Yours sincerely

[Handwritten Signature]
 Mr D Ruck
 Vice Principal

□ Expectations for academy uniform

.1. The academy uniform

Wearing the Academy uniform is an important factor in establishing pride in and identity with, the Academy. At the same time, minimising social divisions between students. We expect all students to represent Ormiston Maritime Academy with very high personal standards and a high level of respect that they show towards themselves and the Academy in the way they wear the uniform. To view examples of acceptable uniform please visit the Academy website: <http://www.omacademy.co.uk/>

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 (see details below)
- The official Academy clip on tie (provided on the first day of school)
- Blazer (details below)
- 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 (optional)
- Plain black socks
- Plain black school trousers. Trousers must be worn outside socks
- White plain collared blouse
- The official Academy clip on tie (provided on the first day of school)
- Black polishable sensible shoes (no heels), not trainers or leisure shoes (see details below)
- Blazer (Details below)
- Academy cardigan (optional)

Blazer

- This must be a black Academy blazer with the Ormiston Maritime logo on the top pocket
- This must be worn at all times – travelling on corridors, in social areas, entering and leaving classrooms, entering and leaving the Academy grounds.
- Teachers can grant permission to students to take the blazer off inside the classroom but if travelling between rooms on the corridor then students must be wearing it
- Students are permitted to remove their blazer at break and lunchtimes if outside playing football
- Sleeves must be down at all times
- Collars flat
- No badges to be worn unless presented by the Academy or its staff

Bags

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

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

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 PE hoodie with OMA 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

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
- Gloves, scarves and hats are not allowed to be worn in the Academy building at all but can be worn on the way to and from school

Jewellery, makeup and nails

- A wrist watch only, (smart watches are not permitted)
- Earrings – no more than one small stud (plain gold or silver) in each earlobe, no other facial or body jewellery is permitted including rings, bracelets and necklaces.
- Nail varnish is not allowed (also acrylic/false nails are not permitted). Make-up should be barely noticeable and of a natural look.

Hair

- Should be neat and of a natural colour and must not follow the extremes of fashion
- No shaved patterns allowed
- Hair accessories (hair bobbles, alic 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