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Dear Parent/Carer

Academy Expectations

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to formally introduce myself as the new Interim Principal of Ormiston Maritime Academy, whilst remaining Principal of John Whitgift Academy.

From Monday 1st June, immediately after our half-term break, there will be two phases of gradual change designed to have a positive impact upon the standards and expectations we must all abide by in this academy.

Phase 1 – From **Monday 1st June**. All students must fully comply with the existing Behaviour and Uniform Policies, as agreed by you as parents and carers when your children started attending this academy. At the gates of entry of our academy, staff will be meeting all students each morning at the 'blue line' and checking for full compliance.

We want our students to not only look ready to learn but go to all lessons adhering to the standards applied equally to all students.

A reminder: hair colour must be natural, full uniform to be worn, including shirts tucked in and ties on. Additionally, the only jewellery permitted, is a gold/silver stud in the 'lobe'; no variances will be permitted.

Phase 2 – From **September**. All students will continue to wear our Ormiston Maritime Academy uniform with the ONLY exception being our Cadets on a Tuesday and Thursday.

From September, the key differences will be highlighted in an updated policy you will all receive prior to the summer break, including **no jewellery** at all going forward.

We must all make teaching and learning our key focus and in doing so, ensure we as professionals help all our students become ready when they leave in Year 11 to enter the world of work or further study.

These expectations and standards we apply reflect the wider world we all live in, where success in work is built upon good attendance and full adherence to policy.

In anticipation of your support
Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Spendlow', is written over a light blue grid background.

Mr R Spendlow
Interim Principal

