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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are aware, the academy is currently in a period of change. Following the departure of former Principal, Mrs Robson, and the appointment of John Whitgift Academy Principal, Mr Spendlow, as Acting Interim Principal, we have begun strengthening relationships across both academies to support rapid and sustained improvement at Ormiston Maritime Academy over the coming months. As part of this change, I am pleased to announce that all Year 9 students will now be given the opportunity to study nine qualifications at KS4, rather than the eight previously agreed as part of the options process.

I am therefore asking that you speak with your child and re-submit their option choices by scanning the QR code below or by following the link on your phone and completing the short form. This will allow me to collate the information and confirm which options your child has been successfully awarded for their transition into Year 10.

The majority of qualifications on offer remain the same as those in the previous options selection; however, some changes have been made so that all students are now able to study nine qualifications. This will also allow us to better support students who may require additional intervention over the next two years.

Design and Technology will offer one of three possible courses: Graphic Design, Textile Design, or 3D Design. Once staffing for next academic year has been finalised, we will confirm which course will run and share this with parents. If any changes are needed at that point, students will be able to choose a different subject from the same option block.

When completing the options form, each student must select ONE subject from each option block as their first choice and ONE subject from each option block as their second choice. **Please note that the same subject cannot be selected more than once as a second choice across different option blocks.** Please complete the online form by clicking the link below or by scanning the QR code using a mobile device. We kindly ask that you submit your child's option choices by **9:00am on Thursday 21st May**. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at shankss@omacademy.co.uk, and I will endeavour to respond within 24 hours.

Confirmation of option choices will be sent out during the week commencing **1st June**.



<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/1dzSGFUqDD>

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Shanks", enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Mr S Shanks
Vice Principal