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Dear Parents and Guardians

As we reach the end of another busy and productive term, we would like to thank you for the continued support you provide to both the academy and your children. Your partnership plays a vital role in helping our students achieve their very best.

Like you, our focus is on enhancing learning, raising aspirations, and developing confident, resilient young people who are well prepared for life beyond the age of 16. As we look ahead to the new academic year, we would like to share some important reminders and updates

**Raising Standards and Supporting Achievement** In line with our commitment to ensuring every student fulfils their potential, we will continue to implement:

- Targeted learning interventions and subject-specific support, with a greater emphasis on Quality First Teaching' (all students will be expected to attend 5 full lessons every day).
- Increased opportunities for students who require additional academic assistance at Key Stage 4 (including 1:1 tutorials).
- Changes to the academy day designed to maximise learning time.
- High expectations regarding attendance, behaviour and uniform.
- A continued focus on developing students' confidence, resilience and aspirations

**Attendance Matters** Attendance remains one of the most important factors in a student's success.

- We all have a shared responsibility to ensure that students attend regularly, engage positively with school life and make the most of every opportunity available to them.
- If students are to succeed, they need to be in school consistently.
- Attendance opens doors to learning, enrichment opportunities, future careers and personal development.
- We ask for your continued support in encouraging your child to attend school every day, ready to learn and contribute to our academy community.
- It is worth noting that we will be monitoring all students below 90% with targets supported by the Local Authority for those who fail to attend.

**Changes to the Academy Day** As previously communicated, from the start of the **2026/27 academic year**, the school day will include:

- A one-week timetable.
- Split lunchtime arrangements for different year groups this will make for calmer social time and improved access to the canteen and toilets.
- Reduced transition times between lessons.
- Continued use of the Blue Line, which helps ensure students arrive prepared and ready to learn.
- These changes have been carefully designed to maximise learning time and support positive routines throughout the day.



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|  <b>ACADEMY DAY SCHEDULE</b><br>ACHIEVE. SUPPORT. PERSEVERE. INDEPENDENCE. RESPECT. ENGAGE |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                             |
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| TIME                                                                                                                                                                        | ACTIVITY                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                             |
| 8:05am                                                                                                                                                                      |  Gates open for Blue-Line checking                                          |                                                                                                             |
| 8:25am – 9:25am                                                                                                                                                             |  Period 1                                                                   |                                                                                                             |
| 9:25am – 10:25am                                                                                                                                                            |  Period 2                                                                   |                                                                                                             |
| 10:25am – 11:00am                                                                                                                                                           |  Tutor/Assembly & Break Rotation                                            |                                                                                                             |
| 11:00am – 12:00pm                                                                                                                                                           |  Period 3                                                                   |                                                                                                             |
| 12:00pm – 12:30pm                                                                                                                                                           |  Lunch A Yrs 8/10                                                           |                                                                                                             |
| 12:30pm – 1:00pm                                                                                                                                                            |  Lunch B Yrs 7                                                             |  Period 4 Learning Split |
| 1:00pm – 1:30pm                                                                                                                                                             |  Lunch C Yrs 9/11                                                         |                                                                                                             |
| 1:30pm – 2:30pm                                                                                                                                                             |  Period 5                                                                 |                                                                                                             |
| 2:30pm – 3:30pm                                                                                                                                                             |  Gates open for Blue-Line checking<br>Intervention for selected Year 11's |                                                                                                             |

**Blue Line Routines** Our **Blue Line** routines will continue next year, and we are already seeing significant benefits in terms of students' readiness for learning.

From September, as they welcome students some staff will also be chatting with students to discuss and reflect on learning from the previous day or week. These conversations will help strengthen knowledge retention, build confidence and further support academic progress.

From September **no students** will be entering or exiting the academy via the reception. They will be supported as required at the **Blue Line**

**Parents and Visitors on Site** from September for safeguarding reasons the school gates will be closed , we kindly ask at drop off and collection:

- All parents and carers to wait at the academy pedestrian exit gates.
- If by car, please park safely outside the school, or close by avoiding cycle paths.
- If you have an appointment, need to arrange one, or require assistance, please report directly to the academy reception via the intercom or phone





**Educational Visits and Rewards** We know how much students value educational visits, trips and enrichment opportunities, and these will continue throughout the year.

However, participation in trips is dependent upon meeting our expectations for attendance and behaviour. Students who do not attend regularly or who fail to meet behaviour standards may not be eligible to take part.

We intend to offer more enrichment than ever before. To qualify a students must have at least 90% attendance and display no concerns regarding their behaviour.

These experiences are an important reward and privilege, and we want students to understand the importance of earning such opportunities through their commitment to academy expectations.

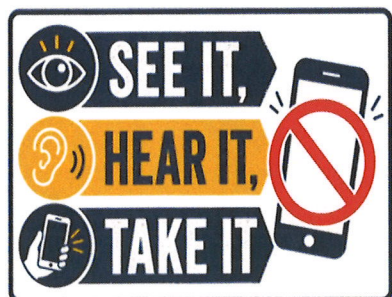
**Uniform Expectations** As previously advised, students will continue to wear the **OMA uniform** until the transition to **Delta Academies Trust** is complete. Further information regarding any future uniform changes will be communicated in due course.

We would like to reassure parents and guardians that any transition to a new uniform will be **at no additional cost to families**.

Uniform expectations will continue to be applied consistently and include:

- **No jewellery of any kind including piercing retainers**
- No smart watches
- No false nails or nail polish.
- No leggings; tailored trousers only.
- Tailored, knee-length skirts (stretch-fabric miniskirts are not permitted).
- Black, polishable school shoes only, no trainers.
- Hair should be natural in colour – no coloured streaks or weaves, neat in appearance and tied back during practical lessons where required.
- No makeup aside from discreet natural coverage if needed
- Fake tan not permitted
- False eyelashes and enhanced eyebrows are not permitted

#### Phones



Following the trial over the last two weeks we are maintaining our revised policy of **See it Hear it Take it** we are wanting to trust our students to follow the guidance and have their **phones switched off in their bags all day**. It must not be in their blazer it must be in their bag.

If a student is seen with their phone, it will be confiscated and you will need to collect it for them.

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We want to empower students to make good decisions and so this is a trust issue!

**Year 11 Support** from September, **Friday morning breakfast sessions** will be available for all Year 11 students. These sessions will provide an opportunity for students to come together, reflect on the week, prepare for the week ahead and receive additional support from their teaching team.

- Year 11's are normally required to come to the Blue Line at 8.05am.
- On Fridays we hope to receive them at 7.45am for breakfast.

**Delta Academies Trust Update** Our transfer to **Delta Academies Trust** remains ongoing and, as with all academy transfers, will take time to complete. If you would like to learn more about the Trust and its work, please visit: [Delta Academies Trust • Changing Lives, Improving Outcomes](#)

Ultimately these changes are all geared to ensure that each and every student leaves OMA with the highest qualifications and with those the best life chances for employments and or further study.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We wish all our students and their families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for a successful year of learning and enrichment.

Yours Sincerely

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Principal