

9 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Ormiston Maritime Academy. We are committed to ensuring every student feels safe, supported, and able to succeed. Regular attendance is essential for learning, progress, confidence, and wellbeing.

Our attendance aspiration is 95% or above, while recognising that individual circumstances vary.

If your child is experiencing barriers to attendance, including wellbeing concerns, health issues, bullying, SEND needs, family circumstances, or anxiety, please contact us as early as possible.

Early communication allows us to provide appropriate support and remove barriers to attendance.

If your child is absent, please inform the academy on the first day of absence by calling **01472 310015 (option 1)** or using the academy messaging system.

Unexplained absences may be recorded as unauthorised and could lead to further intervention. This year we will continue to promote and celebrate positive attendance and improvement through a range of recognition activities, including opportunities for families to receive **Aldi shopping vouchers** and for students to earn **Meridian Money**.

We believe attendance is a partnership between the academy, students, and families. By working together and addressing concerns early, we can help every young person achieve their best.

Every Day Matters.

Kind regards,
Attendance Team
Ormiston Maritime Academy

7 September 2026

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Confirmation of Student Enrolment – **Chidubem Sean-Michael Okoye**

This letter is to confirm that Chidubem Sean-Michael Okoye is currently enrolled as a student at Ormiston Maritime Academy and is currently in Year 11.

I can confirm that the Academy will close for the October half-term holiday on Friday 16 October 2026 and will reopen to students on Monday 2 November 2026.

Chidubem Sean-Michael Okoye is expected to return to the Academy on this date to continue their studies.

We understand that this confirmation has been requested in support of Chidubem Sean-Michael Okoye's Turkish visitor visa application, for planned travel to Türkiye from 19 October 2026 to 25 October 2026. These travel dates fall entirely within the Academy's scheduled school holiday period and will therefore not result in any absence from school.

Should you require any further information or verification regarding Chidubem Sean-Michael Okoye enrolment at Ormiston Maritime Academy, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Thornton
Year 11 Head of year

7 September 2026

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Confirmation of Student Enrolment – **Chizaram Michelle Okoye**

This letter is to confirm that Chizaram Michelle Okoye is currently enrolled as a student at Ormiston Maritime Academy and is currently in Year 9.

I can confirm that the Academy will close for the October half-term holiday on Friday 16 October 2026 and will reopen to students on Monday 2 November 2026. Chizaram Michelle Okoye is expected to return to the Academy on this date to continue their studies.

We understand that this confirmation has been requested in support of Chizaram Michelle Okoye's Turkish visitor visa application, for planned travel to Türkiye from 19 October 2026 to 25 October 2026. These travel dates fall entirely within the Academy's scheduled school holiday period and will therefore not result in any absence from school.

Should you require any further information or verification regarding Chizaram Michelle Okoye enrolment at Ormiston Maritime Academy, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Gourlay
Year 9 Head of year

7 September 2026

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Confirmation of Student Enrolment – **Ebube Ryan-David Okoye**

This letter is to confirm that Ebube Ryan-David Okoye is currently enrolled as a student at Ormiston Maritime Academy and is currently in Year 7.

I can confirm that the Academy will close for the October half-term holiday on Friday 16 October 2026 and will reopen to students on Monday 2 November 2026.

Ebube Ryan-David Okoye is expected to return to the Academy on this date to continue their studies.

We understand that this confirmation has been requested in support of Ebube Ryan-David Okoye's Turkish visitor visa application, for planned travel to Türkiye from 19 October 2026 to 25 October 2026. These travel dates fall entirely within the Academy's scheduled school holiday period and will therefore not result in any absence from school.

Should you require any further information or verification regarding Ebube Ryan-David Okoye enrolment at Ormiston Maritime Academy, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Fawcett
Year 7 Head of year

23 July 2026

Dear Miss Thompson

As requested please see below the feedback from your son's teachers regarding his behaviour and work in the classroom.

IT:

Mason can work well independently but is very easily distracted by others and will play up in front of peers.

He reacts well to praise and requires regular prompting during the lesson.

Science:

Mason can be easily distracted if not placed very carefully in the seating plan. He works well when given praise and can really apply himself in science. Sometimes he needs reminders to get on or extra support in understanding what a task requires from him.

Geography:

Capable of good work, easily distracted by others. Takes a while to be on task.

Head of year/PE:

Mason is a very likeable lad, who has a lot of great qualities, however he does lack confidence in new/unfamiliar situations. He does ask a lot of questions and likes reassurance about uncertain situations. He is a talented sports man and represents the school in a variety of different sports. He sometimes has to be told to stop play fighting with friends at social times.

English:

I have no problem with Mason behaviour wise at all. He works hard and always tries his best. At worst he can be slightly chatty.

Yours Sincerely

Mr D Dickinson
Year 7 Progress Leader

21 July 2026

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.

 ACADEMY DAY SCHEDULE ACHIEVE. SUPPORT. PERSEVERE. INDEPENDENCE. RESPECT. ENGAGE		
TIME	ACTIVITY	NOTES
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	 Period 4 Learning Split
12:30pm – 1:00pm	 Lunch B Yrs 7	
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 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 student 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.

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

Mr R Spendlow
Principal

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7 July 2026

To whom it may concern

Re Olly Robert Joshua Leaning
DOB 24/12/2011
Address 42 Evesham Avenue
Grimsby
DN34 5RT

Olly Leaning has been on the SEND register with speech, language and communication needs since 2020.

Olly has significant difficulties with his fine motor skills and his handwriting is illegible, despite having interventions for this, there has been little improvement. He difficulty with handwriting is around both style and speed which can make it difficult in all lessons for Olly. In technology lessons he has been seen to find it difficult to use practical equipment, for example uses of scissors, pouring and measuring things. He can also struggle with his concentration and organisation skills.

He has difficulty with adapting to new situations, and his understanding of language is very literal. He has difficulty with making friends and can find social situations difficult. He also has difficulties with expressing his emotions in socially acceptable ways.

I would ask therefore if it would be possible for you to refer Olly for an assessment of developmental coordination delay (Dyspraxia).

Kind regards

K M Allard

Kirsty Allard
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26th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather is forecast to return to more typical temperatures next week, we would like to remind you that all students are expected to attend the Academy in their full, correct school uniform from Monday 29 June 2026.

We appreciate your support during the recent period of hot weather, when temporary adjustments were made to our uniform expectations to ensure the wellbeing and comfort of our students.

We will continue to monitor the weather forecast closely and, should any further changes to our uniform expectations become necessary, we will communicate these with parents and carers as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Spendlow
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12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support as we reinforce our current policies and expectations for students. It has been wonderful to welcome students into the Academy each day, ready to learn and engage positively in their education.

Reminders

1. Our Blue Line system is working well. As we continue to embed this process, please note that from **Monday 15 June**, our current Year 9 students will begin using the **KS4 gate** in preparation for their transition into Year 10.
2. The Academy gates close at **8:25am**. Any students arriving after this time should make their way promptly to the **Late Gate** for registration.
3. We will communicate with all parents and carers before the end of the school year, providing the information you will need in preparation for September.

Following the recent letter from Ormiston Academies Trust regarding the proposed transition to Delta, a number of parents and carers have raised questions regarding school uniform. We would like to reassure families that all students will remain in **Ormiston Maritime Academy uniform until further notice**. Should any changes be introduced, these will be communicated clearly and in advance. Any additional costs arising from a uniform change will be covered by Delta.

Further communication regarding upcoming changes will be shared towards the end of the summer term.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this period of change.

Kind regards,

Mr R Spendlow
Principal



18th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child comes to school with a refillable water bottle so that they can stay hydrated through the day especially as the weather warms up. Our catering team do not supply drinking cups, but students can access the fountains at break and lunchtime to refill their bottles.

Mobile Phones

As we review what we do and move to assume personal responsibility and accountability for all our students, we are removing the phone pouches from the 13th July – 23rd July in readiness for September.

This remains a **NO PHONE** academy; students will be expected to have their phones **switched off** in their bags for the duration of the school day including breaks and lunch.

Any student who is seen or heard with their phone will have it confiscated and collection will be required by their responsible adult.



Thank you for your support as we continue to help students to take personal responsibility for their actions and behaviours in readiness for the world of work.

September School Day

Please also be reminded that the timings of the school day are changing slightly from September as per our letter of the 18th May 2026 (available on the website under Letters Home).

Gates open at 8.05am and close at 8.20am, students are welcomed at the blue line from that time and go straight to their first lesson which starts at **8.25am**.

The school day will end at 2.30 with year any 11 interventions and after school clubs running until 3.30pm. Timetables for this will be available in September.

Thank you for your support as always.

To Whom it May Concern,

I understand that you are requesting to take your child out of school for a period of time. At Ormiston Maritime Academy we have high expectations of student's attendance and expect them to achieve at least 95% attendance across the academic year.

We require parents to observe the term times of the academy. The academy will only authorise leave of absence during term time in exceptional circumstances, generally we cannot authorise holiday during term time. If the academy grants a leave request we will determine the length of time that the student can be away from the academy. Taking leave in term time will affect your child's educational future as much as any other absence. It is our legal obligation to issue fixed penalty notice to any parent or carers taking their child out of school for a holiday.

If term time leave is not granted, taking a student out of the academy for 10 consecutive sessions (each day is 2 session AM/PM) this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and may attract sanctions such as a penalty notice for each of their children who fail to attend school regularly. Penalty Notices issued for unauthorised absences on or after 1st September 2013 incur a fine of £120 to be paid within 28 days, which is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of the notice being served. Failure to pay a Penalty Notice may result in prosecution.

Any requests for leave during term time will be considered on an individual basis and the student's previous attendance record will be taken into account. Requests for leave will not usually be granted in the following circumstances:

- During year seven when a student is settling into the academy
- Immediately before and during assessment periods
- When a student's attendance record shows any unauthorised absence
- Where a student's attendance is below 95%
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Please complete the form on the back of this form and submit it to main reception or students services at least one week before the proposed absence. If you have any evidence of the exceptional circumstance that your child needs to have leave from the school please accompany it with the form on the back of this letter. Once your request has been assessed we will send you a letter informing you of the decision.

Yours Sincerely
Mr R Spendlow
Principal

Leave of Absence request

Name of Student: _____

Tutor group: _____

Date of first school day of absence: _____

Date of last school day of absence: _____

Reason for requesting leave of absence:

Name of parent/ carer (s) requesting the holiday: _____

Parent/ Carers Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Criteria	Yes / no or %
Date received by Ormiston Maritime Academy	
Students current attendance (with unauthorised noted)	
Students previous year attendance	
Taking leave would result in missing external examinations	
Exceptional Evidence submitted	

Your child currently meets all the criteria and I am able to authorise leave of absence.

☐ Your child does not meet all the criteria for exceptional circumstance and I am not able to authorise leave of absence.

☐ Penalty notice required.

Authorised signatory: _____

Name of Signatory in BLOCK CAPITALS: _____

Date of signature: _____