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Dear Parents

I have the pleasure of writing to you at the start of this new academic year to introduce an exciting new curriculum element that we will begin teaching to all students this academic year. At Maritime, we are constantly reviewing our curriculum and from this review have made the decision to remodel PSHE and RE into a new subject area now known as '**Learning 4 Life.**'

Learning 4 Life has come about from an opportunity we have for us to consolidate the excellent teaching from the two subject areas. We have reinvigorated this curriculum area to focus on ensuring your child can understand their place in British society and the wider world; promoting respect, tolerance and understanding of each other. Through this programme, we intend on helping your child understand how they can make an impact on the society and world they live in. Learning 4 Life will focus lessons around 4 strands of which you can see more details below in 'Appendix 1', the core of these being:

- **Local and Global Citizenship;**
- **Personal Development;**
- **Religious and Cultural Awareness;**
- **Education for Employability.**

Through the teaching of 'Learning 4 Life' lessons, we will seek to help and give guidance to your child in understanding elements such as keeping safe, how to be active and involve citizens, democracy, build cultural and religious understanding and help them recognise careers and pathways they may wish to take in future. At the heart of the programme, we have centred the provision around core British values and the promotion of tolerance and respect of each other's differences.

If you wish to discuss this curriculum area further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at Maritime by ringing the academy on 01472 310015 or e-mailing at bennett-browni@omacademy.co.uk. I would be more than happy to show you our detailed curriculum mapping and intended impact of this new and exciting curriculum area.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I Bennett-Brown", written over a horizontal line.

Mr I Bennett-Brown
Head of Humanities

Appendix 1:

Learning 4 Life – Aims and Objectives:

Local and Global Citizenship –

- To understand the rights and responsibilities of citizens in the United Kingdom.
- To understand British values and appreciate the cultural diversity of modern Britain.
- To show compassion and tolerance of different groups within our society.
- To appreciate the democratic process and understand how to be an active citizen in the community.

Religious and Cultural Awareness:

- To foster an awareness of spiritual and moral issues in life experiences.
- To understand the range of religions and value systems found in Britain.
- To develop an understanding of religious traditions and cultures within British society.
- To challenge stereotypes, develop skills of mutual respect and celebrate diversity in society.

Personal Development –

- To understand how to have a healthy and safe lifestyle, and understand the risks of unhealthy lifestyles.
- To develop the skills to make positive and safe life choices, and understand how actions have consequences.
- To develop self-awareness, developing skills to manage emotions and developing skills of empathy.
- To understand what it means to have healthy and safe relationships.

Education for Employability –

- To understand how skills and interests can be used in shaping a career plan.
- To access information on the world of work.
- To develop the skills involved in sensible decision making.