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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 students are about to start the options process to select the subjects they will continue to study in the next academic year. The Academy will support students, as well as parents and carers, through this process in order to prepare students, and yourselves, in making important decisions about options choices.

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Options Information Evening:**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, from **4.30pm to 6.30pm** parents, carers and students are invited to receive an overview of the options available to Year 8.

Heads of Department for each subject will be available in the Zone to provide information and answer your questions about the content and requirements of the courses available between **4.30pm and 4.50pm**. We will also be serving a selection of the food available at lunchtime in the Zone at this time. At **4.50pm** a talk will be delivered in the hall by the Principal to provide valuable information regarding KS4 and Post-16 pathways for learning and beyond. This talk will be repeated at **5.50pm**. Departments will also open up rooms and you will be welcome to visit these rooms from **5.15pm**. Post 16 providers from Grimsby and beyond will be in Centrepont to answer questions about further education.

### **The Options Booklet:**

All students in Year 8 are expected to follow a broad and balanced personalised curriculum that aims to provide the students with the knowledge, understanding and skills required for KS4 study and onto Post 16.

Over the coming months, Ormiston Maritime Academy will provide students with comprehensive guidance on their options through assembly presentations and individual interviews with students. Most students will base their option choices on a decision based purely on their enjoyment of specific subjects and this is to be encouraged, as students who enjoy their courses are more motivated. However, it is also important to ensure that they select a balance of subjects. The options booklet provides further guidance relating to the core subjects that must be studied as part of the curriculum in KS4. In addition there is an outline of the course content and assessment procedures for each of the available option subjects. Please use this information to help you make your choices. Ormiston Maritime Academy will try to ensure that students receive their first choices, but this cannot always be guaranteed.

The options booklet can be view online via the Academy website from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Yours faithfully

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