

THE VOYAGE



A Journey to
Maritime Academy
Term 1 2022





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Welcome to our Term 1 edition of The Voyage

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WELCOME

Term 1 Reflections

The Maritime Academy has now been open for seven weeks - what a wonderful Term it has been!

Our students have settled very well into the Academy, developing as Thinkers within our framework of cognitive education, as well as the habits and skills that make them highly effective learners.

When I reflect on how the Academy has progressed over the Term, I am incredibly proud. Proud of our Students and families as well as equally proud of the team of staff we have. Together we have created an incredible school, one that truly holds excellence and high aspirations for each and every student at the core.

The launch of our One:One strategy has been hugely successful as we support our students to be digital citizens and learners of the future. There have been some wonderful Black History Month lessons and brilliant artwork entered into our Trust wide competition. There have been too many highs to share over this term to list here, but I hope you join me in celebrating the Academy we have built together.

I hope you all have a restful half term,

Head of School - Mr Evans



STUDENT ELECTIONS

Unity - Team Maritime

In the first few weeks of term, our Students put themselves forward to take up roles to support the effective running of the Academy.

Student Leadership is an integral part of the Academy as we seek the views and thoughts of our young people.

Over the course of this term, our ambassadors have met with Governors of the Academy to discuss their transition to Maritime and their thoughts about supporting future cohorts of children move to the school.

They have supported Community Lunch arrangements as well as discuss our sustainability initiatives.

Thank you to our Team of leaders - the support for our school is very much appreciated.





HORIZON

Developing Strength of Character

We are incredibly proud of our Friday Horizon sessions that we provide for our Students.

Students are provided with a range of options to pick from to provide wider opportunities to develop their interests in other aspects of Academy life.

Trying new things is important and supports the development of our Students into well-rounded citizens within our Community.

This term we have offered the following options:

- Boxing
- Maths in Motion
- Creative Writing
- Football
- Topical Talk
- Performing Arts
- Spanish
- Cooking
- Mindfulness
- Citizen Science





MEET THE FLEET

Coffee Afternoon

We welcomed the vast majority of our families to Maritime on Thursday 6th October to see our school and see where your children learn.

All families were able to hear from Mr Evans, tour the school and meet the Fleet Captain.

We are all incredibly proud of what we have achieved as a team here at Maritime and it was an absolute pleasure to share this with our families.

It was lovely to hear so many positive comments from our families, who were pleasantly surprised at the provision that we have here at Maritime. We know that many of you picked us for your child based on our ethos and culture as you believe in what we are working to achieve together, however finally being able to see where your child learns we know has been an important step forward for us all.

We know that the Students are very proud of their school and it was heartening to see them showcase to you all.





OPEN EVENTS

Maritime Students Shine!

Over the course of this term we have invited families to visit the Academy both during the school day and at our Open Evening held on Wednesday 12th October.

We have been overwhelmed with the interest in our Academy, including 190 families visiting the Open Evening and over 80 visiting during the school day.

Whilst prospective parents have been very impressed with our school, what has been incredible is the feedback about your children. The students who showed families around the Academy embodied our values of Strength, Pride and Unity in abundance.

They were confident, articulate and able to share our ethos and values of the school with the wider community.

Our students are excellent examples of how you can achieve the highest standards - thank you for your continued support.





ONE:ONE

Technology in the classroom

As an Academy, we have invested in One:One devices so that within each lesson, students have access to the latest technology. This is to support their learning, including digital literacy, in preparation for the world beyond education.

Our subject specialist teachers have been focusing on how they can incorporate the use of the One:One device within lessons to enhance learning and foster academic excellence.

Over the course of this term we have introduced the device to the Students and worked to ensure that they are able to meet the 5 sails to success in every aspect.

Thank you to all of our families who completed the recent survey regarding the use of One:One at Maritime. Feedback is important to us as we develop our school community together.

Please see some of the highlights from our families and Students.










5 SAILS TO SUCCESS



At the Maritime we have devised a One:One success criteria to support our Students to know and understand the expectations when using their device both in school and at home.

-  1. Students will show the values of Strength, Pride and Unity with their One:One device.
-  2. Students will bring their One:One device to school every day fully charged and ready for the day ahead.
-  3. Students will display behaviours of good digital citizens by protecting their personal information, use good judgment, respect their device and treat others with respect.
-  4. Students will only use their One:One device when directed to by their teacher.
-  5. Students will complete work on their One:One device to the deadlines set and seek support if they need it.

DIGITAL CITIZENS

I love to do homework on my One:One device because in the past I never had a chance to take laptops home to use them and I am very grateful to use my One:One device at school and at home.

I enjoy using my One:One device as it helps me in my learning and I find doing work and homework easier to do on the One:One device

The One:One device has really enhanced my learning by using carousel to understand how I got a question wrong.

I think that the use of the One:One is outstanding and is a magnificent way to help us with our learning.

I really like the devices because they help me to improve my computing skills

I really enjoy using my One:One device for learning, homework and it's improved my typing skills

I just want to say I think the One:One device is very useful

I think the One:One device help me to understand the work and help me know what to do in the lesson.



DIGITAL FAMILIES

My child is finding it so much easier with homework also school work

Works well and enjoys homework more

We all know what he's doing which means we can be supportive.

They will need to be able to use it in the future so they might as well start now.

Essential to be able to use computers and software like Teams so good

I think the device is great.

Very easy to use - easy to navigate now we have got our heads around Teams

It's improving the more he uses it

A good way to learn and sets them up for the future

Learning her way around a computer is extremely important.





ATTENDANCE

Developing Strength of Character

We know that for children to be successful at school, they need to attend school every day. Missing school means missing out on vital learning and therefore we take any absence from school very seriously.

It is our ambition that all students attend school 100% of the time. Where there are any unavoidable absences in extreme circumstances, each student's attendance does not drop below 97%.

- 54% Students still have 100% attendance
- 74% Students have over 97% attendance

If your child's attendance is below the expected minimum of 97%, please support them to attend the Academy every day in Term 2 to improve their overall percentage.





OUR FRINDSBURY SITE

September 2024 update

As you know Medway is steeped in History and something that we should be very proud of. Whilst the archaeology has caused delays to the building of the school, it is important that the history of our area is celebrated and preserved for generations to come.

The items that have been found on the location of the main building site are of National Significance and this has placed Medway firmly on the map for archaeologists.

The build program is due to commence in the next few months and we will endeavour to share further updates as the building progresses over the next few years.

You will know from visiting our current home that we can provide an excellent education for our Students and comfortably accommodate two year groups from September 2023 until we move to our new home in September 2024.





KEY DATES

A few dates for your diary

Please note the following dates in your diaries, more information will follow nearer the time:

- Monday 31st October - First day of Term (Week B)
- Thursday 3rd November - Individual Student Photographs
- Friday 11th November - Whole School Remembrance
- Friday 18th November - Whole School Children in Need
- Wednesday 14th December - Whole School Christmas dinner



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