

Message from the Principal

Thank you again for your feedback on our newsletter. Please do continue to provide us with ideas and suggestions via:
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The majority of Year 11 and 13 exams have been completed this week. We wish every one of our students the very best of luck in their eventual outcomes. The Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and celebrations took place on Thursday, and I am pleased to be able to share further information and some lovely photos of this with you below. We look forward to welcoming both Year 11 and Year 13 students back on their respective exam results days in August.

Year 12 "A" Level Performing Arts students presented their examined showcase pieces on Thursday this week. The showcase was based around various musical theatre pieces, and the students' obvious hard work and exceptional talent shone through. The performance was very well attended by parents, staff and fellow students, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the spectacle! Well done to all.

A reminder that Monday 27th June will be an INSET day, so students are not required to attend school on this date.

As always, I wish you all a happy, fulfilling and relaxing weekend.

Jo Williams
Principal

Important dates

Week beginning 27/06/22
Year 12 Work Experience

27/06/2022
INSET day – academy closed to students

29/06/2022 & 30/06/2022
Sixth Form induction days

08/07/2022
Sixth Form Summer Ball –
Royal Corinthian Yacht Club

Week beginning 11/07/22
Year 10 Work Experience

13/07/2022
Year 11 Prom – Hylands House

22/07/2022
Last day of term –
academy closes at 1.50 pm.

18/08/2022
A Level results day

25/08/2022
GCSE results day



Year 11 Leavers' Celebrations

On Thursday 23rd June we said "farewell" to Year 11 students, with our Leavers' Celebrations.

Students were treated to free ice cream whilst collecting their leavers' hoodies, and then attended the official Leavers' Assembly, where they were presented with academic, achievement and memory awards, including a photo slide show of their time at the academy since Year 7.

They then enjoyed complimentary pizza and sweet treats, followed by shirt signing by their peers and teachers, before being waved off by several staff, hopefully full, happy and contented!

We look forward to welcoming those students returning to Rivers' Sixth Form to the induction days on 29th and 30th June, and to seeing them all at the GCSE results collection day on xx.





Year 12 Performing Arts Showcase

As mentioned above, Year 12 “A” Level Performing Arts students presented their examined showcase this week, based around various musical theatre productions.

The audience (and examiners) were treated to dance routines from “Chicago” and “Matilda the Musical” and both individual and group songs from “Rent”, “Wicked”, “Hamilton”, “Ghost”, “Dear Evan Hansen”, “Jekyll and Hyde” and “Mamma Mia”.

All of the performances were simply stunning. I hope you enjoy the accompanying pictures. Although they cannot truly capture the essence of the showcase, they give some idea of the extreme hard-work and effort exhibited by the students.





Year 12 Mock Interviews

On Friday 24th June, all year 12 students participated in “mock” interviews as part of the academy’s careers programme. Students were required to complete an application form or CV and then attend an interview, conducted by several members of the local and wider community, and academy staff.

All students presented themselves with great professionalism and pride, and we hope that this process helps them in their future journeys or career paths, whatever they may be.

I would like to thank Mrs Compton, our Careers Co-ordinator, for organising this event, and to express our great appreciation to all of the volunteers who gave up their time in order to make this possible.

Year 12 students will also undertake a week’s work experience from Monday 27th June, and I look forward to sharing news of their various experiences in next week’s newsletter.





Afternoon Tea with the Principal

This week, on Friday 24th June, it was the turn of students in Year 9 to enjoy afternoon Tea with the Principal, to celebrate their achievements.

The students were nominated by their mentors and by their Head of Year, Miss Marks, in recognition of their excellent efforts in representing the academy's AIRR values (Aspiration, Independence, Resilience and Respect). Further to parental feedback, we will also try to include the reasons for their nominations.

Well done to the following students:

- Luke (9OAK): for always striving to do his best and being generally very polite, helpful and respectful.
- Marli (9PFI): for going the extra mile with everything, including being part of the environmental group.
- Kai (9EHE): for being a great ambassador for a new student since they arrived.
- Nathan (9TFR): for working unbelievably hard in all aspects of school and being polite and respectful.
- Theo (9BEJ): for always striving to achieve his best and for being polite and respectful to staff and peers alike.
- Jasmine (9DGI): simply for being an absolute delight.
- Emily (9RCH): for working hard towards everything and being polite and respectful towards others.
- Laura (9LTA): for always being polite and working to the best of her ability in all subjects.



We look forward to sharing Year 10's achievements with you next week!



Academy Enrichment

Globe Theatre Visit

On Friday 17th June, a group of year 8 students, accompanied by staff and Sixth Form English Literature students, experienced a visit to The Globe Theatre in London, opened in 1997 in homage to the original theatre, associated with William Shakespeare, opened in 1599.

Students experienced a guided tour, including an explanation of the history and significance of the theatre, after which they enjoyed a picnic lunch and the views over the River Thames.

We look forward to further visits in the future, to enable students to enjoy some of Shakespeare's iconic plays in an authentic setting.



BraveArts "Unity" Project

Four of our year 10 students volunteer as Essex Young Commissioners. Their role is to commission projects in the local community that aim to positively impact young people.

They have commissioned a project with local graffiti artists, BraveArts, who will come into the school for a day (date TBC) to work alongside students to create a positive graffiti mural on one of the school walls. This project is aimed at helping young people express themselves creatively. The theme selected for this mural is 'unity.'

The Young commissioners have been working with student council representatives to encourage students to submit their ideas for the mural, and explain why they would like to be part of the team of students that work with the artist on the day.

There has been lots of interest and some great ideas. All students that have submitted these will be part of the project on the day. I look forward to sharing further details of their work in due course.



Dengie Primary Sports Event

18 students from Year 10 supported the Dengie Primary Sports event held at the academy on Wednesday 22nd June.

The event brings together students from local primary schools to compete in various events. Ormiston Rivers Academy students were excellent ambassadors to the younger students, helping them with new and unfamiliar disciplines, encouraging their competitive spirits, and generally cheering them on and supporting them.

The weather was kind to us, and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thank you to our P.E. department for organising and hosting this event.





Attendance Champions

Here we will celebrate the mentor group in each year that has achieved the highest attendance this week.

Year 7: 7PNI

Year 8: 8KDA

Year 9: 9RCH

Year 10: 10LRY

(We have not included Year 11 or sixth form this week, due to study leave)

The overall winner this week is 10LRY with almost 98% attendance.

Very well done to all.





Congratulations

Here we will celebrate those students who have achieved the highest number of achievement points in each year group to date.

Year 7: Thomas (7BJN)

Year 8: Sofia (8PLI)

Year 9: Felix (9BEJ)

Year 10: Natalie (10KLE)

The mentor groups with the highest number of achievement points this week were:

- 7BJN
- 8KDA
- 9LTA
- 10KLE

Very well done to all of them.

