



Message from the Principal

We continue to have a successful and eventful week at the academy.

In uncharacteristically fine weather, 18 of our Year 10 students headed out for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition to the North Downs on Thursday morning.

On the same day, a number of our Year 10 & Year 12 students helped to run the Dengie Sports training day designed to help the local primary schools prepare for the Dengie Sports competition which we host here at the academy.

As part of our ongoing partnership with Felsted School, nine of our Year 8 ORA Scholars attended a Model United Nations (MUN) project hosted by Felsted this Friday. The event gives a fantastic opportunity to our students to learn about diplomacy, international relations and the United Nations. At a MUN conference, students work as the representative of a country, organization, or person, and must solve a problem with other delegates from around the world.

Please note that blazers will be optional for students while the weather remains hot, and this will be reviewed again next week. Please remind students to bring a water bottle to school to keep them hydrated during the hot weather.

Parents will have learnt from the media that the National Education Union have announced that they will be taking further industrial action in the form of strike action on the 5th and 7th July. The action is not against the school itself but is part of national industrial action organised by the NEU. There is no requirement on the union to inform the school of which members of staff will take action, each individual member can make their own decision, up to and on the day of action itself. We are, however, working closely with our teaching staff to ascertain any possible impact of strike action and our priority will be the safe operation of the school during strike days. We will be confirming our plans for these two days in due course.

We wish you all an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing students again on Monday.

Dates for your Diary

Year 11 prom Friday 7th July

Three Rivers Country Club
Starts at 6:30pm until 11:00pm

Wednesday 19th July

Gym & Dance Show
Show starts at 19:00pm

Thursday 20th July

Gym & Dance Show
Show starts at 16:15 pm and 19:00pm

Friday 21st July

Last day of term
School closes at 13:50pm



Literacy

One of the literacy challenges we run weekly is “Word of the Week” where students are invited to use the word in a sentence and submit it in order to receive merit points. The WOTW for next week is “**Hyperactivity**”.

Say it: Hi-per-act-iv-ity

Spell it: Hy-per-act-iv-ity

**Hyperactivity
(Noun)**

**Prefix: Hyper
Root: Act
Suffix: ity**

Understand it
abnormally or extremely active.

Why not have a go?

Performing Arts Stars of the Week

The Performing Arts Team have introduced “Performing Arts Stars of the Week”, where one or two students will be recognised each week for their work and effort.

This week’s worthy winner is:

Aiden (10LTA) for his great effort and dedication to the music department.

Well done!



RECOMMEND A BOOK FOR THE LIBRARY



Is there a book you would like to read that is not in the school library?

How do I enter the competition?

Collect a form from the Library and write your book recommendation.

Books must be suitable for students at this school to read.

Forms will be available until 6th July 2023.

Student name:	Form Tutor:
Book title:	
Author:	
Rating: ★★★★★	Genre (e.g., fantasy/romance/adventure/mystery/TA):
I recommend this book for the school library because:	



Is there a book you have read that you would recommend other students to read?

What happens next?

Students who write the best book recommendations will receive merits !
If the book you choose is purchased by the Library, you will have first chance to read it !

Healthy Eating Week

The academy marked Healthy Eating Week with a number of themed days across the canteen and the food department to help students focus on adopting healthy eating habits.

On Friday we ran a "hydration station" with The help of the School Food Champions. Students could come and make a fruit infusion to add to their water bottles, making it more refreshing and helping them drink more water.



We are lucky we already have many chilled water filling points around the Academy so students can stay hydrated and this enhanced the flavour of the water in a healthy way. Students added fruits such as lemon, lime, orange or grapefruit and there was also mint and ice to add to their bottles. On such a hot day it was popular and student feedback was very positive, with many saying they would try this at home. A reminder to ensure students do have a refillable water bottle with them every day as hydration is so important for our brain function as well as our bodies - especially in this recent warm weather!

The Big Bang Fair

This Wednesday, 52 of our Year 7 students visited the Big Bang Fair at the Birmingham NEC. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore how STEM has a key role to play in the environment, sustainability, and engineering careers. They spent the day visiting exhibits from companies such as Rolls Royce, National Grid, RAF, BBC, Amazon, and so many more. There was quite a focus on coding this year with FUZE offering the students the chance to learn how to code their own game on a Nintendo Switch, and Robocode showing students how to get robots to play hide and seek. The students really made the most of the opportunity and were so polite and engaged when speaking to the volunteers around the exhibition. It was a pleasure to take them on the trip and we really hope they came away feeling inspired about careers in STEM!

Miss Brooks





Individual Student Success

Last Sunday Lois (10LRY) and Evan (8HZA) completed the 5K pretty muddy run to raise money for Cancer Research UK. So far they have raised over £500. Evan has raised extra money with help from his friends at Burnham on Crouch Royal Air Force cadet squadron and Lois and Evan are looking forward to raising more at the school cinema night.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/tanyas-team-44>



Milkshake and Ice Lollies with the Vice Principal

On 26th June, the following Year 7 students, who had been nominated by their Head of Year and Tutors, were invited to have milkshakes and ice lollies with the Vice Principal to celebrate their outstanding demonstration of the academy's AIRR values..

Daisy 7SMO
Haidyn 7JHA
Samuel 7CTH
Evelyn 7JFO
Lily 7MJO
Raiff 7CGA
Ethan 7MVE
Owen 7MVE
Eilena 7CTH



Information for Parents

PE - Swimming Club Information

If your child is in Years 7-10 and swims at a swimming club, could you kindly complete the questionnaire using the link below. This will help us to gauge if we have enough swimmers to enter into district competitions next year.

Thank you

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cCy76NwEk0ilgsR7VNvSkgyqtVqeIR1Bh7a24p1J6jpUQIRETUNZRkhLVlpSSUVCM0hVR1Q4SFA0Ui4u>

Contact Information

If you have changed your address or telephone number, please remember to email admin@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk to notify the school. If we do not have your correct contact information, this may cause delays when trying to reach you. When sending you email, please include your name, your child's name, your previous contact information and your new contact information with the date of when this change happened.

Thank you

Used / Unwanted Uniform

If you have uniform that no longer fits, or your child has now left ORA, and you would like to donate it, please drop it off at main reception. We will be having a used uniform sale in the Summer break if we have sufficient uniform to sell. Thank you.

School Ties

We have been working with our uniform suppliers, following your feedback, and have introduced a full length tie (non clip-on). This is now available to purchase from the Academy or online www.yourschoolwear.co.uk and is £4.25, opposed to £5.25 for the clip on. Both versions will remain available.

Uniform Sale Date

Our uniform suppliers will be holding a uniform sale event on 12th July from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. This is by appointment only. Please contact Mrs Peterson on main reception 01621 782377 to book an appointment, there are plenty of slots for everyone..



PE Extra Curricular Clubs

Day	Morning (7.50am-8.25am)	Lunch	Afterschool (3.20 - 4.20pm)
Monday		Indoor cricket Year 7 SMO and KFI	Badminton Club Years 7 and 8 KFI
Tuesday		Sixth Form Sports Club DSA Indoor cricket Years 8 and 9 KFI	Track Athletics All years MCL Athletics Field Events All years LTA and DSA Cricket - Years 7-9 SMO and KFI
Wednesday	Weights Room All Years LAJ	Indoor cricket Year 7 KFI	Badminton Club Years 9-13 KFI
Thursday		High Jump Year 7 and 8 MCL and KFI	Track Athletics All years SMO Athletics Field Events All years MCL, DMA and KFI Rounders - All years DSA and LTA
Friday		High Jump Years 9-11 LTA and KFI	



Year 7 - Mr Willingham

It was great to hear how so many students enjoyed the trip this week and a thank you to the staff that took them.

There have been a number of incidences of students bringing in water pistols, these will be confiscated and be required to be collected by a parent or carer. Please emphasise with your children they are not appropriate for school.

I would also ask you to check on the students equipment as many are turning up without the basics.

This week also saw the students below have milkshakes and ice lollies with the vice-principle for a reward for displaying the AIRR values

Daisy 7SMO
Evelyn 7JFO
Ethan 7MVE

Haidyn 7JHA
Lily 7MJO
Owen 7MVE

Samuel 7CTH
Raiff 7CGA
Eilena 7CTH

Well done to them!!

Contact: pwillingham@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 8 – Ms. Turnnidge

Year 8 have had a fantastic week. I want to say a big well done to the students that competed in the District Sports this week.



I am very proud of Madison and Daisy (8MWR) who play for Maldon Pumas and won an under 13's football tournament in Broomfield. Well done to both of them and the rest of the team.

Year 8 thoroughly enjoyed Enterprise Day and I was very impressed with all of their Community Project Ideas.



There will be a letter regarding the details of the school trip to Stubbers coming out soon, so please keep an eye out.

Have a great weekend!

Contact: ltturnidge@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 9 - Mr Field

Well done to the pupils who received postcards home to reward those pupils for continual hard work, focus within lessons and work ethic.

HHE - Emily and Jacobs
KRA - Ava and Oscar

CCR - Kiera and Emily
KDA - Aimee, Darcey and Will

Good luck to all completing end of year tests over this week and next.

Contact: sfield@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 10 - Mr Swinnerton

Assembly this week was led by Mr Rumary explaining the rules and regulations that will be used in the forthcoming year 10 exams. At this time, we like to start using the same processes that will be in place for next year's final exams. The reason is to prepare our students as thoroughly as possible for next year.

Although the forthcoming exams are important, they should not be a cause for stress for our students. Unless it is a coursework based subject, most of the exams will have no bearing on the final grade for next year.

These tests give us and the students themselves the chance to see where there are gaps in knowledge and where we need to put in the correct support moving forward. Obviously students will need to do some revision, but most importantly they need to get a good nights sleep before and make sure they eat breakfast and are well hydrated on days of exams.

As previously stated, please do not let your children over stress about these tests. They are to help us make correct decisions for the future, not to have any lasting judgement.

Not long left now until work experience in July. Still a handful of students without a placement. Please try and get this sorted as soon as possible.

Have a good weekend!

Contact: rswinerton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 13 Examinations:

Exams are officially done! Well done to all of our students for the hard work and effort they have put in over the past two years. Chemists you finally got there after having the last examination of the year this morning. We are still open for our vocational students finishing up practical examinations and coursework and are always just an email away for any other support. Just some Y13 Engineering students will be seen around school for their Engineering resits.

Sixth Form Summer Ball is next Friday. With almost the whole year group having a ticket, we are looking forward to celebrate with you all and can't wait to see what Nathan wears as our 'Best Dressed' winner!

Results Day:

A-Level Results Day is Thursday 17 August. Sixth Form will be open from 8:00am to celebrate students Sixth Form results. We ask that Year 13 can start arriving at 8am. Please do bring family to celebrate with you. The Sixth Form Team will also be around to help with any last-minute university offers and clearing.

Year 12s collecting EPQ or BTEC results, we ask that you wait until 9am to start collecting so that we get the Year 13 results out first.

Year 12 PPEs:

Year 12 PPEs started this week. Students have really done themselves proud already and some have even had a two day, 10 hour mock! We are very happy with how seriously students are taking this set of examinations. They know this is a very pivotal point to show their progress midway between their final examinations at the end of Year 13. These grades will help guide predicted grades for their universities and apprenticeships. However, we want to reassure students that this is not the be all and end all. Teachers and the Sixth Form Team have seen the progress. One bad paper over a year does not mean a bad predicted grade. Keep showing your staff how capable you are. We have had so many positive comments from teachers about Year 12s in the lead up to PPEs.



Role Models:

A huge well done to Freddie and Charlie who helped out at District Sports this week. They helped run Intermediate Discus all morning and Charlie must have put in more steps than some of the athletes with all the running he did!

Mr Moon was very impressed with the Sport Leadership Team who had their assessment yesterday doing the Dengie Sports practise day. He went on to say that Oliver was one of the best working with the children and he was very enthusiastic and helpful with them. Oliver's leadership skills really shone. Tim and Will also had the most organised station of the day, and other schools came up to Mr Moon to give feedback on how great Kane was. We are extremely proud of all of you. Sports Leadership has been a new course to ORA Sixth Form this year and this event went really smoothly.

Year 11:

A gentle reminder to any Year 11 parents and carers reading this that Sixth Form Induction Day is Tuesday 4 July. Confirmation emails have been sent home so please make sure you do let us know if your student is attending. If they are unable to make it, please let Mrs Penberthy know so we can get an information pack together. If you haven't had any communication about this or are now looking at ORA Sixth Form as an option, please do get in touch with us as well.

Part of the Induction session will go through how to formally register with us on Results Day.



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SIXTH FORM LEADERSHIP TEAM

As mentioned before the half term, we want to do some small features on our Sixth Form Leadership Team for the 2023-2024 year group.

For the next few weeks, we will be introducing our amazing role models so you can find out more about them.



I'm currently studying A Level Engineering, Motor Vehicles and Art. I'm hoping to go to university to study an Engineering degree.

I'm excited to be part of the Sixth Form Leadership Team, where I will be the leader of the Diversity Team. This will include me organising student academic and social opportunities that are inclusive and representative for all.



Grace
Diversity

Hi, my name is Dan and I have been at ORA since I was in Year 7.

I am currently studying Drama and Theatre, History, and Media Studies at A Levels in hopes of becoming an Actor/Singer for film, theatre, and video games.

I am excited to have the role of Sixth Form Leadership Team for Well-Being as I enjoy helping people and I see this role as providing that for me. I hope to be as much help as possible.

Fun fact: I recently was awarded a Distinction in my LAMDA Grade 6 singing results; I got 95% overall and have already started Grade 7.



Daniel
Well-being



Catering



Menu

We have pleasure of enclosing a link to next weeks menu. Please note that items are subject to change at short notice due to availability of produce from our suppliers. We welcome feedback on our catering offer; so please email our catering manager, Leanne Warner at lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk with any comments / suggestions.

<https://ormistonriversacademy.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2023/06/Week-4-26.06.2023-Food-Menu.pdf>

Attendance & achievement Champions

Here we will celebrate the tutor group in each year that achieved the highest attendance this week:

Top form from each year

7MVE 97.59%
8AMU 94.67%
9HHE 97.04%
10EHE 92.27%
12CHO 96.80%

Top House overall for attendance:

Danube 87.25%

Best form overall:

7MVE 97.59%

Achievement points

Best form by year group

7SMO 600 points
8PNI 320 points
9KRA 650 points
10IKE 240 points
12CHO 80 points

Best student

Kacye 10IKE 170 points

Best overall form:

9KRA 650 points





Base at St. Lawrence Bay

A new Youth Club is opening in St Lawrence Bay for children aged between 10-16 years. BASE at St Lawrence Bay opens on Friday 30th June, at St Lawrence Bay Village Hall, from 18:00-19:30.

Activities will include:

We also have a FOOTBALL TRAINING evening scheduled for 7th July, and have BOXING, KARATE, BIKE LIFE-SKILLS evenings in the pipeline, alongside a talk from Essex Fire and Rescue on the importance of Water Safety!

Bookings can be made through this link: <https://bookwhen.com/stlawrencebase>

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Calling all 10-16 Years Olds!

Join BASE @ St Lawrence Bay
The new Youth Club

OPENING 30TH JUNE 2023

Where? St Lawrence Village Hall	What's on? Pool Table Football Table Darts Board Play Station Chill out Area Music Sweets/Crisps/Drinks
When? Every Friday	
Time? 18:00-19:30	

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And much more!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BASE @ ST LAWRENCE BAY

30 JUN OPENING EVENING

7 JUL FOOTBALL COACHING

21 JUL ESSEX FIRE & RESCUE TALK

4 AUG CBBJ BOXING

11 AUG SNOOKER PROFESSIONAL

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