



For what was expected to be a quieter week at the academy due to the industrial action on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July, we did have a number of activities that our students enjoyed taking part in.

Our Year 12 students have been attending work experience in the local community, which we hope has given them an insight into their future career options. We look forward to welcoming them back next week and hearing about the new experiences, skills and knowledge they acquired in the course of this week.

On Monday, our Year 10 Health and Social Care students attended the NHS Careers Expo at Anglia Ruskin University to learn about various career options available within the NHS.

Furthermore, on Monday three of our students represented the academy at the Essex Golf Championship.

Thursday saw the academy's PE department host some of our local primary school students competing in the Dengie Sports Competition ably supported by some of our Year 10 students. This is always a fantastic day when a number of parents from the primary schools also come and support their children competing. It was a nice surprise to note some of them being members of our staff team grabbing a moment in their break to support their children on the field.

On the same day, members of the British Army held an Elite Army Skills workshop for our Year 10 students which also took place on the academy field. This gave the students a taste of life in the armed forces.

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**

School Sports Day

### **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 “**Affidavit**”.

Say it: Affi-dave-it

Spell it: Af-fid-av-it

Affidavit  
(Noun)

Root: fid (*Faith and trust*)  
Prefix: Af (*Towards*)

### Understand it

A written or printed declaration or statement under oath.

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 winners are:

The Band Club for their continued commitment and passion!

Well done to all!



## Calm, Cultivate and Cook club - Mrs Hyde

This week students harvested more cabbages, onions and a few very early carrots which were big enough to use!

We added a few more ingredients and then created stir fry with some Chinese 5 spice, soy sauce and sweet chilli as well as some noodles.

It was enjoyed by all and they looked and smelled amazing!

Well done all!





## Environmental Group - Mrs Mahoney

Last week members of the environmental group visited Green Recycling in Maldon. They wanted to find out what actually happens to our waste, how it is processed and how we can improve recycling at the school. Students asked a lot of questions and found the machinery used fascinating.

"The machines were really good and there were not many people working there",  
Tegan (7SMO)

"It was really interesting to find out that all of our rubbish is recycled",  
Emme (7CGA)

100% of waste collected from the school is recycled in one way or another, being distributed to various processing centres dependent on the type of waste. This means that nothing goes to landfill. Green Recycling were the first company in the UK to move to robotic processing at the plant and continue to lead on effective recycling.

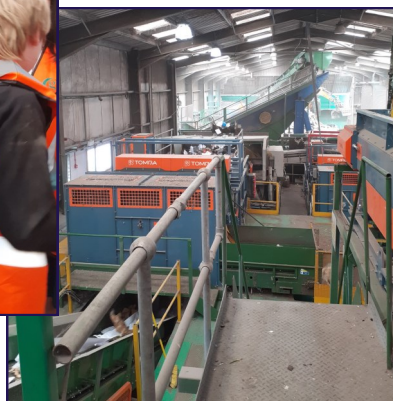
"I found it really interesting that our cardboard goes to a factory in Kent and is recycled into new Amazon boxes", Pippa (7SMO)

"I liked the pigeons that live there, but it was a bit stinky!",  
Archie (7CTH)

One point we did note was the fact that the conveyor belts cannot pick up black bags as they are also black. Green Recycling kindly donated some boxes of clear bags so that we can move across to these and improve our recycling strategy, making the task easier at the plant.

Recycling and waste reduction are one of the topics on our ECO schools action plan; we are currently working on the renewal of our Green Flag award and are working towards improving our status to distinction during the Summer.

All students were given some "goodies" to take away, including a wheelie bin pencil sharpener (see photo).





## OAT Competition

OAT Eco Trust and Estates are looking to run a long-term project for the next academic year.

The focus is for schools to try to reduce the amount of waste they generate and send to landfill. This is the right thing to do for the environment but can also result in savings.

OAT needs posters to promote this across the trust, in schools and offices. The deadline for submission is Wednesday 12th July.

Students can submit any poster that supports the aim of this project. The poster can focus on one type of waste reduction or could include all the types we are aiming to reduce.

### Poster Guidelines

- ◆ Please keep them to A4 size
- ◆ Put your name and class name on the back of the poster, so they are away from the design.
- ◆ Please do not put your academy name or logo on the design.
- ◆ Please avoid using metallic effect pens/ink/paint, as this doesn't scan well, and we don't want to be changing your design!
- ◆ You can create a computer graphic, draw or photograph anything you want to do with recycling/reuse waste, as long as it is in colour and is your own work.
- ◆ You can use crayons, charcoal, felt tips, paints or computer designs but please don't stick anything on it.







## Year 10 Army Elite Skills Day

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July some Year 10 students took part in an Army Elite Skills Day. This started with a presentation from the Army about life in the Armed Forces and then students were split into smaller groups to take part in problem solving and team challenge tasks.

Thank you to the British Army for coming along.



## Anglia Ruskin University Visit

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 15 of our Year 10 Health and Social Care students spent the morning at Anglia Ruskin University with the NHS looking at the various careers within the Health and Care pathway.

It was a really interesting morning, allowing students to find out about careers, many of which they had never heard of before. Many thanks for Mrs Cooke and Mr Jones for accompanying the trip.



## Dengie Sports Day

Dengie Sports day was held yesterday on the ORA field. It was a beautiful day for athletics and it was great to see so many youngsters out, throwing, jumping, and sprinting. As always, Dengie Sports Day results in a great competition between local primary schools, of which we had 6 attend.

A huge thank you to our Year 10 helpers and an extra thank you for Freddie and Tobiasz helping out on their Work Experience Week. The feedback and thank you's from staff, students, and parents was phenomenal and it was great to see our Year 10s being role models throughout the day's activities and when setting up and down the equipment.

Well done to Maylandsea for winning this year and a huge thank you to parents, carers, family, and staff of the primary school athletes. We hope you enjoyed the ice lollies, medals, and memories!



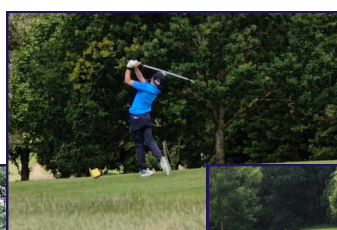
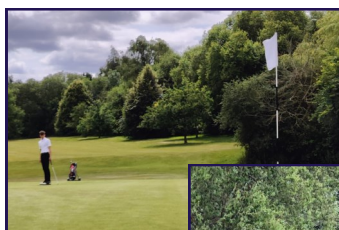


## Essex Golf Tournament

On Monday 3rd July, 3 of our students competed in an Essex Golf Tournament. Harry, Daniel, and Aidan competed at Colne Valley Golf Club. With a sunny start, it soon turned to a very windy day, with each hole having a new wind direction. However, this did not defeat our athletes, who did exceptionally well for the day. Aidan also came back on his Year 11 summer holiday only to place First in the U16 category, bringing home a trophy to be proud of.



Our boys should be exceptionally proud of their sportsmanship and drive throughout the day. Other parents complemented on how well they played. Thank you to the parents for dropping off all their clubs and for their support throughout the day.



## Winners announced!

Message below from the Parlour Café regarding the art students they selected for their summer t-shirt competition!

Thank you for the summer t-shirt entries for our competition, the work submitted is amazing!

We are pleased to let you know that three of the designs from your students, in ORA, were in our top four favourites and the overall winner of the competition is Emmaline (8PNI)!

As the winner of the competition, Emmaline's design will be printed on t-shirts for the staff of Parlour Café to wear. Emmaline will also receive a t-shirt and milkshake.

The other two runners up, Scarlet (7JFO) and Zoe (8AMU), as a thank you and congratulations, we would like to offer them a free milkshake each.

I will share images of the shortlisted designs next week, plus the exhibition that will be on display of students' in the Parlour Café.



## 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

With the warm weather can I encourage parents to check students have water bottles with them. The school has places these can be refilled during break times.

As we near the end of the year its been great to see the progress made by students from their reports and as we prepare for our awards assembly the positive comments on so many students.

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## Year 8 – Ms. Turnnidge and Mr. Moon

Year 8 have a very busy last two weeks of term. We have some tests next week for the whole of Key Stage 3. I have said there is nothing to be nervous about and that it helps inform progress for the school. I also want to congratulate the students with zero behaviour points. These students will be invited to watch a film and receive sweet treats in the drama studio next Wednesday 12th July. Students will be informed by their tutor and also you will get a text message.

If your child is attending the Stubbers Trip on Monday 17th July, you will have been sent a letter regarding the trip. Please check you have read this, including the timings for the day.

Thank you

Contact: [ltunnidge@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:ltunnidge@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) or  
[smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)

## Year 9 - Mr Field

A reminder that year 9 will have exams in the sports hall next week.

Tuesday 11th July - English

Wednesday 12th July - Maths

Thursday 13th July - Science

Pupils are to bring **black pens**, and any other equipment required for that exam e.g. calculator. Mobile phones, smartwatches and headphones/earbuds are **NOT** permitted during the exam.

It is good for the pupils to get into good exam habits now so when it comes to the GCSEs it will become second nature.

Please spend some time over the weekend preparing for the exams and I wish you all good luck.

Contact: [sfield@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:sfield@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)



## **Year 10 - Mr Swinnerton**

Exams continued apace this week and I am pleased to report that the attitude and behaviour of the year 10 students was praised by school staff and external invigilators alike.

May I stress again that the purpose of these and all PPE's is to find out how we can best support our students by identifying any gaps in knowledge and to give them the best 'dress rehearsals' that we can in preparation for the exams that really do matter next May and June.

Despite disruptions this week, Year 10 were at the forefront helping the PE department with the organisation and running of the Dengie Primary school sports day and taking part on an army experience day, both on Thursday, details of which will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Well done to all who took part, you are a credit to the year and the Academy.

I must also thank Mrs Compton for all her hard work organising the work experience week which starts on Monday. Good luck to all our students, I hope you have an enjoyable productive week.

Finally, may I say again, if I can help in any way to support your child with their school life, please contact me at the Academy.

Have a good weekend!

Contact: [rswinnerton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:rswinnerton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)



## Sixth Form Induction Day

Year 12 Induction Day was on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. It was great to see many of the students who are looking to return to us in September coming in to meet with their tutor group, teachers, and spend a day in Sixth Form. Speaking with students and parents in the afternoon session was really fantastic and it is always a great day to learn more about our future Year 12s and what they want to do.

We look forward to seeing everyone on registration day, which is part of GCSE Results Day on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August. As students are aware, their Sixth Form Team will have tables set up that day for final confirmation of their subjects and enrolment ahead of starting Sixth Form on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

If you were unable to make it because of holidays or other arrangements, the Sixth Form Team is building packs to send home. In the meantime, if you have any questions about Rivers Sixth Form or Year 12 Induction, please do email our team at: [sixthform@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:sixthform@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) or Miss Sametz directly.

Thank you again to all staff involved delivering induction lessons. We received lots of positive feedback from students about the day. They very much enjoyed their induction lessons, and the opportunity to attend induction lessons for subjects/courses that they were not necessarily their first choice. Special mention to Social Studies - students said that Mrs French's lesson was very engaging and insightful.

We were so happy with the maturity of the Y11s who attended, they showed great keenness for their future studies.

The catering team (as always) put on a feast.







## Year 12 Work Experience Week

This week our year 12 students have been out on their first work experience placements. Students had to source their own placements, get the relevant paperwork completed and plan their journey to work. We had a wide variety of placements, including nursery schools, primary schools, lawyers, solicitors, the London Underground and many more.

We hope this has been a good week for students to gain an understanding of the world of work and we look forward to hearing about their experiences on their return to school.

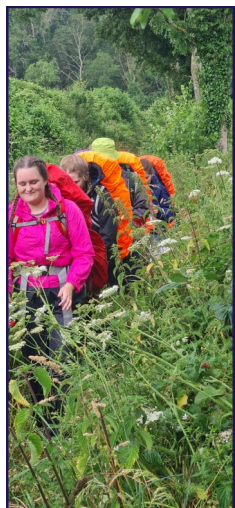






## Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

Here are our five intrepid explorer's on their practice expedition for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Generally all in good spirits hiking around the North Downs and Box Hill. All did incredibly well and Ben and myself were proud of how well they did. We are off next week on the Qualifying expedition.



## Sixth Form Summer Ball

Last Friday, 30th June, we celebrated with our Year 13's at The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club for the Sixth Form Summer Ball. After having finished their examinations, it was so nice to see them all dolled up and dapper, celebrating their summer. Our photo booth with props was a hilarious addition for staff and students alike.

We cannot wait to celebrate one more time on Thursday 17th August for A-Level Results Day. The Sixth Form area will be open from 8am for results and support.





## 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

7MJO 95%  
8HZA 91%  
9RCO 94.9%  
10LTA 99.29%  
12CHO 96.41%

### Top House overall for attendance:

Zambezi 74.45%

### Best form overall:

10LTA

### Achievement points

#### Best student

Alex 8HBR 240 Points

### Best form by year group

7SMO 620 points  
8PNI 590 points  
9KRA 450 points  
10EHE 150 points







# 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 [lwarn@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:lwarn@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) with any comments / suggestions.

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## Information for Parents

### Contact Information

If you have changed your address or telephone number, please remember to email [admin@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto: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

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> June, at St Lawrence Bay Village Hall, from 18:00-19:30.

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

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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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**Calling all 10-16 Years Olds!**

Join BASE @ St Lawrence Bay  
The new Youth Club

**OPENING 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

<p><b>Where?</b> St Lawrence Village Hall</p> <p><b>When?</b> Every Friday</p> <p><b>Time?</b> 18:00-19:30</p>	<p><b>What's on?</b> Pool Table Football Table Darts Board Play Station Chill out Area Music Sweets/Crisps/Drinks</p> <p><i>(And much more!)</i></p>
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Come and be a part of a  
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**MINI:**  
**U4S - U12S**  
**SUNDAYS**

**JUNIOR:**  
**U13S - U16S**  
**SUNDAYS**

**LADIES: U18S +**

**O2 TOUCH**

**MENS SENIOR:**  
**1ST XV & 2ND XV**  
**TRAINING TUESDAYS**  
**AND THURSDAYS 19:00 -**  
**20:30**  
**MATCHES ON**  
**SATURDAYS**

### **BURNHAM ON CROUCH RFC**

Millfields

Dengie Hundred Sports Centre  
Burnham on Crouch

CMO 8HS



Aspiration - Independence - Resilience - Respect



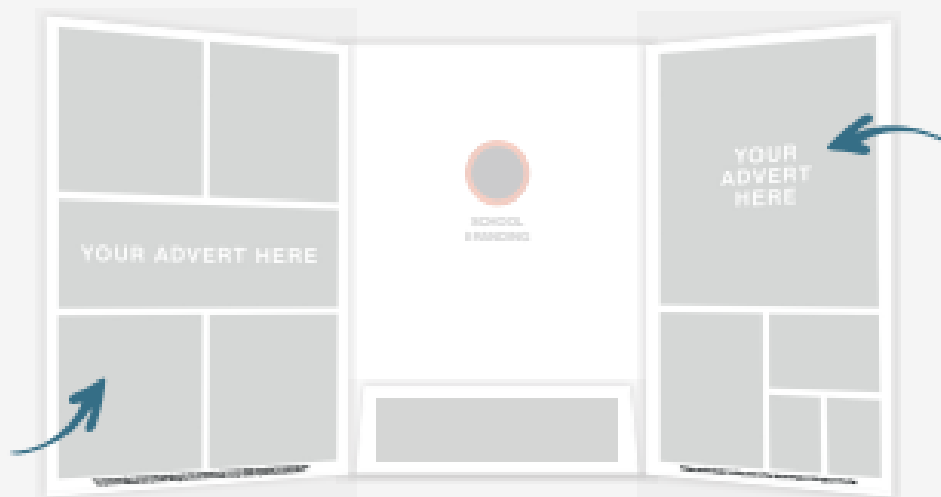
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We are currently compiling a presentation folder for all of our parents. Inside the folder there will be space to include

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