



Message from the Principal

As you are aware, I needed to take a compassionate leave of absence during the past few weeks. I am delighted to be back at Rivers and really appreciate all the messages of support from our families and the hard work that our staff have been undertaking during the busy exam season and in the run up to the end of the academic year.

I was thrilled this week to be able to inform you that following the Ofsted inspection on the 7th and 8th June, it has been confirmed Ormiston Rivers Academy remains a 'Good' school. The full report is available to view here [ORA Ofsted Report June 2023](#). This positive result really is a team effort, and I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to achieve it.

Due to my absence, we have been unable to proceed further with our consultations around academy uniform and the timings of the school day. To give these important decisions the time they deserve, we will be revisiting these consultations in the next academic year and in the meantime, they will remain as they are.

Our Year 10 students have been attending work experience in the local community this week, which we hope they have enjoyed and has given them the opportunity to build new skills and inform their future career decisions.

Congratulations to Emmaline (8PNI) who was selected as the winner of the Creeksea Parlour Café summer t-shirt competition. Her design will be printed on t-shirts for the staff of Parlour Café to wear.

We wish you all an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing students for a successful final week of term which will include Sports Day on Wednesday and our Gym & Dance Show performances on Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Jo Williams
Principal

Dates for your Diary

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 “**Anarchy**”.

Why not have a go?

Say it: An-uh-kee

Spell it: An-arc-hy

Prefix: An / to, towards; for; addition, into; not, without

Stem: arch / old, from the beginning, original; chief, leader

Suffix: / y / like, full of

Anarchy
(Noun)

Understand it
A state of disorder due to a lack of leadership or a refusal to obey leadership; a belief in having no formal government.

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:

Riley (10LTA) Aidan (10LTA) Hayden (10IKE)

For being amazingly hard working this week whilst on their work experience with us. They have been beyond helpful and a positive addition to the team!

Well done to all!



Milkshakes and Ice Lollies with the Vice Principal

On 14th July, the following Year 9 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..

Izzy (9APT)	Josh (9SBM)
Katie (9CCR)	Leo (9KRA)
George (9RCO)	Connie (9CCR)
Ethan (9KDA)	





Winner – Emmaline (8PNI)



Runner-up – Scarlet (7JFO)



Runner-up – Zoe (8AMU)

Exhibition of ORA Student Artwork at The Parlour Cafe

Photos of the winning entry and runners up of The Parlour Café's summer t-shirt competition!

Emmaline (8PNI) will have her winning design printed on t-shirts for the staff of Parlour Café to wear. Emmaline will also receive a t-shirt and milkshake.

The two runners up, Scarlet (7JFO) and Zoe (8AMU), as a thank you and congratulations will receive free milkshakes.

Enjoy the photos of the selected designs, plus the exhibition that is currently on display of some of our ORA students' designs in the Parlour Café. Well done KS3 art students!

Catherine Williams
Art Teacher & Head of Y13 (MAT Cover)



First Give Project

On Monday 3rd July our year 8 semi finalists of the First Give project we're joined by Najeed from First Give, who delivered a 2 hour session with the pupils on presentation skills and confidence. The session was a great success. We look forward to the final on 18th July!





ORACY Across OAT

This competition is open to all students Years 7-13.

Please send entries to Isams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk if you are interested in becoming an Oracy Champion or ask Mrs Sams for further details..

**ORACY
ACROSS OAT**

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Ormiston Academies Trust
ACHIEVING MORE TOGETHER

*Would you like
to be the oracy
champion for
your school?*

*Are you confident?
Opinionated?
Passionate?*

If so, please apply to be one of our OAT Oracy Champions and represent your school*.

Apply with a short one-minute video explaining why you should be the oracy champion for your school.

Applications to be sent to Amy Rose, lead practitioner for English (amy.rose@ormistonacademies.co.uk) by **Friday 15 September 2023**.

*OAT schools only



Year 10 Work Experience Week

Please see below some photos of student enjoying and gaining real world knowledge during their first work experience from 10th to 14th July

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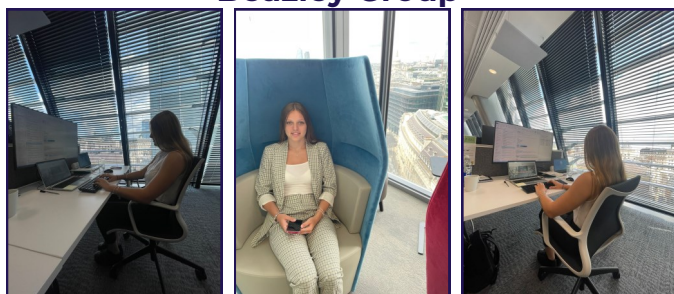
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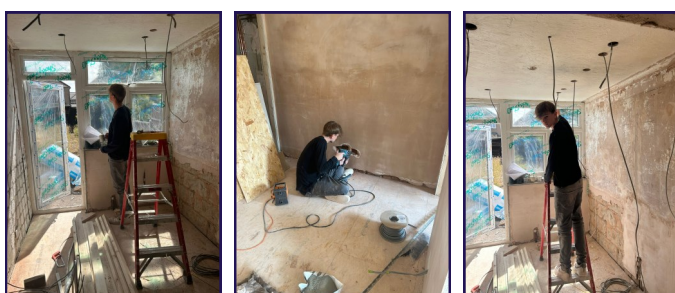
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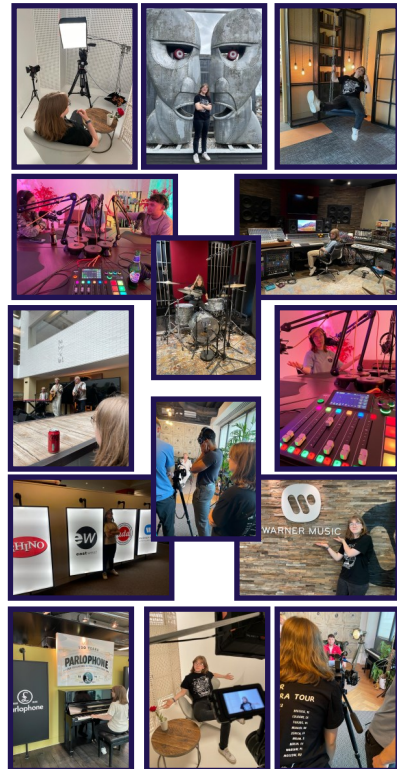
Beazley Group



DW Electrical



Warner Bros. London



Barbican Library



Here's Joni putting together a library book display that she researched herself. This display will help readers discover new books and promote the summer reading challenge. Well done Joni!

Yours in Sport





Maldon Promenade Zoo



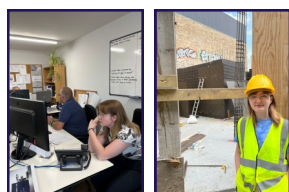
Rannoch Adventure Ltd



Spice Radio



Schöck



ABK Engineering



Jacaranda



Erin's first flower arrangement

Smiths Butchers



J.P.M



Redwood Bank



Felsted Summer School

The following Year 8 and 9 students will be attending Felsted School's International Summer School for the next two weeks where they will be taking part in a fantastic Global Studies programme.

Bethany, 9HHE Sebastian, 8TRI Eve, 8AHA Max, 9DTR Katie, 9MBU

Oscar, 9RCO Jessica, 9APR Aimie, 9KDA Keira, 9MBU Skie-Orchid, 9RCO

The aim of the Felsted Summer School is to provide an incredibly beneficial experience for all those who take part, providing opportunities to grow, communicate, create and collaborate with other students from all around the world.

We hope they have a fantastic time and look forward to hearing about their experience when they return to Rivers in September.





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

This week students sat progress tests which help us make sure students are equipped for the future with knowledge but its also an opportunity for students to get used to exam conditions. These also help for future exam evidence if students need extra provisions.

As we enter the final week after a busy year I'm looking forward to our awards assembly next week

Contact: pwillingham@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 8 – Ms. Turnnidge and Mr Moon

I hope that you have all had a good week. As you know, the Year 8 students, along with Years 7 and 9 had some progress tests in the hall this week. This was a good practice in regard to what is expected for GCSE exams. Students are absolutely expected to bring equipment to school, as well as follow invigilator instructions, be silent and show respect. We appreciate your support on this. Correct uniform, including shoes is still mandatory until the end of term.

The students with no behaviour points thoroughly enjoyed their end of year treat of a film, popcorn, cookies and drinks on Wednesday. I will be looking to do more rewards of a similar nature as we head into Year 9.



The students are all excited for the trip on Monday 17th July to Stubbers. Just a reminder that students have to wear PE kit and bring a spare set of clothes, as well as bring food/water for the day. Any questions then please contact cjones@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

The students not attending the trip will have lessons in collapsed classes for that day and will be informed of their timetable by their tutors. Students are still expected to attend school if they are not going on the trip.

Have a great weekend

Contact: ltunnidge@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk or
smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 9 - Mr Field

I would like to say well done to the year 9s in the way they handled their exams this week. They were calm, focused and very well behaved before, during and after the exams. The experience will be invaluable for when they take more exams during their GCSEs.

Well done to the pupils listed below, for helping with our second year 6 induction day. They were superb in showing the young ones around the school, answering questions and being good role models for our future pupils.

Thomas RCO	Louis HHE	Aimie KDA	Darcie KDA	Jack HHE
Imogen HHE	Charlotte APT	Amelia KDA	Charlotte SBM	Keira CCR

In preparation for September, please ensure pupils have correct uniform, shoes and equipment for the new term. Regular ties are available to be purchased, which are cheaper than the clip-on version and do not break!!

Mrs Procter would also like to add that she is very proud of Jessica (9APR) in her form for her attendance and acceptance to Felsted Summer school. Good Luck Jess

Contact: sfield@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 11 – Miss Towns

Year 11 PROM! WOW! What a fantastic night for our class of 2023. If I do say so myself, probably the best prom I have ever been too! A special thanks to Mrs Edwards for supporting me in the organising and running's for this special event. The girls looked absolutely stunning and boys extremely dapper.

They all made me feel so proud to be their head of year, they're a brilliant bunch. I wish them all the best in the next chapter of their lives and onto their new endeavours.

I will see you all again on August 24th for GCSE results day. Please follow the link and then select On-line at the top of the page, followed by ORM Prom and then enter password 3rivers2023 to see the professional photos taken and to be able to purchase them.

<http://www.photoweddings.co.uk/>

Contact:

stowns@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk





Work Experience

It has been fantastic hearing all of the Work Experience stories from our Year 12s. They have had some amazing opportunities, and some have even gotten job offers for the summer and information on how to apply for apprenticeships.

Here is some of the feedback from our students:

Ruby - I enjoyed my work experience as it helped me with my people skills as I had to serve customers consistently.

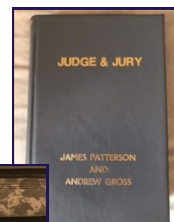
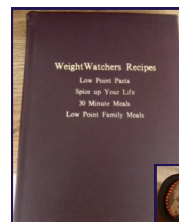
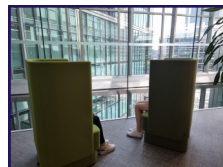
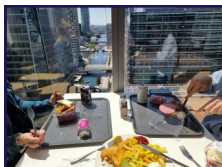
Luke - I would like to thank TECNIQ and all of their staff member that I met for their kindness and willingness to teach me their job roles and what they entail and considering my current skill level and allowing me to undertake tasks and make me feel a part of their company even though I was only there for a week.

Millie - I really enjoyed my work experience! The doctors were very helpful and taught me a lot about obstetrics and gynaecology. They answered any questions that I had and gave me lots of useful advice about applying to medical school. I learned about how every surgery performed in a hospital requires a lot of teamwork and communication. I also learned how to successfully build a rapport with patients. My favourite part of my work experience was watching a C-section and learning how to give someone an ultra-sound in the early pregnancy clinic.



Oliver - In my work experience I had so much fun and I also learnt quite a lot too. Firstly, I learnt how to change all the different types of filters on plant vehicles (diggers and dumpers). Additionally, I have learnt the differences between types of mechanics ranging from plant to civil vehicles (cars, vans, trucks etc). With this I found many different routes of career I may be interested in and there's many more options i can now explore rather than being focused on one area.

Scott - I enjoyed the friendly atmosphere that made every day always enjoyable. I learnt how the manufacturing process must be tracked at every stage.





PPEs

Students are getting their PPEs results back. Just a reminder that these should be used as progress points to show students strengths and weaknesses. We are very impressed with the maturity of our students going into these examinations.

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.

Duke of Edinburgh

Our Gold Duke of Edinburgh went out on Monday for their final expedition. They have been fantastic on their practice run. Mrs Coulson and Miss Brookes have been raving about the great leadership skills our students have been demonstrating and we can't wait to hear their stories when they get back.





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 with any comments / suggestions.

<https://ormistonriversacademy.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2023/07/Week-1-17.07.2023-Food-Menu.pdf>

Information for Parents

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

Equipment for learning

If you have a new child starting with us in September, or want to purchase new school equipment for a child that is already here, we stock all items required items in the Academy shop.

Equipment starter pack:

We are currently offering a "starter pack", consisting of the following: Clear pencil case with 15cm ruler, 2 black pens, 1 purple pen, 2 pencils, eraser, double sharpener, coloured pencils. Casio FX83GT-CW scientific calculator (Amazon £13.50)
Maths set (Amazon £3.25)
Total = £15.00

To place an order please email: finance@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

We are able to offer equipment at hugely discounted prices due to buying in bulk through an education procurement plan. You will be able to collect your order throughout the Summer break at an agreed time, which we will confirm by reply to your emailed order.



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

7JHA - 95.83%
8MFR - 95.60%
9APT - 93.06%
10RCH - 92.05%
12SCK - 96.15%

Top House overall for attendance:

Zambezi - 90.22%

Best form overall:

12SCK - 96.15%

Achievement points

Best student

Oliver 8AMU with 100 points

Best overall form:

8AMU with 390 points

Best form by year group

7FO with 350 points
8AMU with 390 points
9CCR with 150 points
10DGI with 140 points

