



## Message from the Principal

It has been another warm and busy week at the academy and both our new and current students have been settling back into the academy routine.

On Thursday evening we had our annual **Open Evening** where we invited potential new students and their families to visit the academy to give them a taste of what we can offer when they move up to secondary school. It was a really successful event and we have received some excellent feedback from our visitors. I would like to personally thank **all our student volunteers** who helped during the evening, giving speeches, taking families on tours of the academy and providing wonderful demonstrations within each subject department. They were all fantastic ambassadors for the academy and their support is greatly appreciated by me and all our staff.

Next Wednesday at 3.45pm, we are holding a meeting to **welcome parents/carers of our new Year 7 and Year 12 students**. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to come along and meet some of your children's new teachers and hear about how the academy has been supporting your children in their transition to their new school. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

This weekend, our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students are heading off on their final expedition and we wish them all the best of luck!

Please can I encourage you to view the Go4school demonstration on our YouTube channel [Ormiston Rivers Academy - YouTube](#) which shows how to use the new modules, along with the old ones for our new parents and carers, to ensure we are communicating your child's attainment, progress, attendance, behaviour, and homework.

As the weather is due to be cooler going forward, please could I remind you that **students should be in full uniform including blazers**.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing our students again on Monday.

**Jo Williams**  
Principal

### Parent Pledge from the Principal

Any issue of concern that you may have that you are unable to resolve with a member of the academy leadership team, I will be available to speak to you on the phone within 24 hours or to meet with you within 48 hours.

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Date



Signature



## 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 “**Gravitational**”.

Why not have a go?

**Say it:** Grav-i-tey-shuh-nl      **Spell it:** Grav-i-ta-tion-al

**Gravitational**  
(adjective)

**Root:**  
Grav:  
heavy/weighty  
(Gravity)

**Stem:** - / Grav / heavy

**Understand it**  
to do with gravity, the force which  
pulls objects towards a central point

Send the definition and the word in a sentence to  
[Lsams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:Lsams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) for merits!

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## English Star of the Week

The English star of the week for fantastic work and contributions to the class, and also for kindly volunteering to help at Open Evening this week is:

**Scarlett 7A1**

Well done Scarlett!!

## 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:

Shannon (SF2) for outstanding attitude to learning in Music Technology and a brilliant work ethic in show rehearsals.

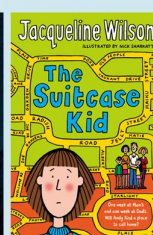
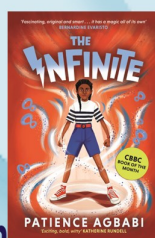
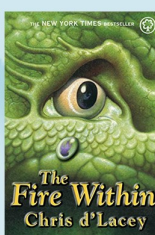
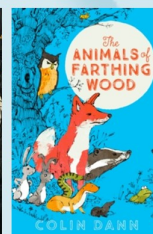
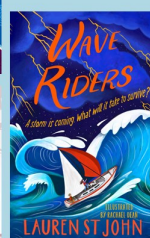
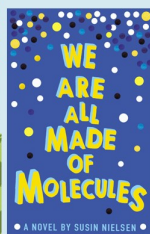
Well done Shannon!!







## Year 7: Library Reading Challenge



Start by choosing one of these titles to read, and borrow the book from our school library.

You should aim to read at least 2 or 3 of these books this term.

When you have finished your book, complete the questionnaire form and write a book review.

Tell Mrs Yerbury, Librarian or your English teacher that you have finished the book so it is added to your reading log. Decide which title to read next!

Merits and certificates will be awarded for the best book reviews.



University of Southampton

## The National Cipher Challenge

A mathematical mystery with £1,000 in prizes

7th September 2023 – 6th January 2024

WWW.CIPHERCHALLENGE.ORG

The book next to the body should have been the clue that something was wrong, but the police ignored it. Can you break the code and convince them to re-open the mysterious case of *The Body in My Library*?

22<sup>nd</sup> NATIONAL CIPHER CHALLENGE

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Calling All Code Breakers... The University Of Southampton is once more running the National Cipher Challenge this year! The Challenge is suitable for any student or group of students interested in Mathematics and/or Computing, and takes place over the next few months, finishing in early January. Teams can register on the website (link below) and expert (?) help will be available from Mr Tompkin and Mrs Gibson – although we don't promise to know how to do the Challenges immediately, especially the later ones! [www.cipherchallenge.org](http://www.cipherchallenge.org/)

## Health & Social Care—Mrs Proctor

Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 Health and Social Care groups have returned to the new term with a positive and enthusiastic attitude to the subject.

Well done to you all.

## Milkshakes and Ice Lollies with the Principal

On 15th September, 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 Principal to celebrate their outstanding demonstration of the academy's AIRR values..

Christopher (7M1)  
Annabelle (7M1)  
Lewis (7A1)  
Izabelle (7A1)  
Sofie (7Z2)  
Leo (7Z2)  
Jude (7D1)  
Emmie (7D1)  
Samuel (7A2)  
Ava (7A2)  
Harley (7M2)  
Jake (7M2)



## Dates for your Diary

### Wednesday 20th September 2023

Welcome to Year 7 & 12 parents evening  
3.45pm-4.45pm

### Tuesday 10th October 2023

ORA Sixth Form Open Evening

### Monday 23rd October to Friday 3rd November 2023

Half-term (two weeks)

## 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 your 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





## Year 7 - Mr Shanahan

Another week at ORA completed for our Year 7s! It has been lovely to receive some really great feedback from teachers and tutors about how nice the year group are. Well done to them for making such a positive start to secondary school. This week Year 7's completed their PASS tests and were joined by The Riot Act, a theatre team, who delivered a performance on Road Safety.

During some lessons next week, all Year 7 students will be participating in CAT and NFER reading age testing and we look forward to meeting parents/carers on the 20th September for the welcome to Year 7 Parents Evening.

I am delighted to announce that the following students have had the most positive behaviour points logged in the year group for this week:

Teddy 7Z2	Reuben 7A2	Hannah 7Z2	Riley 7A2
Olly 7M2	Emilija 7D2	Edward 7A2	Ellie 7Z2
Sophie 7Z2	Riley 7M2	Harley 7M2	Josh 7D2
Megan 7D2	Em 7M2	Ingrid 7D2	

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing them all again on Monday morning.

Mr Shanahan

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

## Year 8 - Mr Willingham

Students are already starting to be rewarded with the positives on go for schools Top 10 at the moment are:

Tegan (8Z2)	Pippa (8Z2)	Eilena (8Z1)	Emme (8D2)	Charlie (8Z1)
Jamie (8A1)	Keegan (8Z1)	Ryan (8Z2)	Mollie (8D1)	Mirella (8A1)

Hopefully you are seeing all the effort students are putting in lessons with the Go4schools app.

We have spoken to students about uniform this week, please ensure they have the correct uniform and there should be no false nails, bracelets or trainers.

Finally, it was lovely to see so many students helping at open evening yesterday and showing the pride they have in their school.

Mr Willingham

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## Year 9 – Ms. Turnnidge

Year 9 have had a great week, and it is lovely to see how many students volunteered to be stewards and help in departments for our Open Evening.

Uniform is looking good, but please check that skirt lengths are suitable and just above the knee. This is important as students grow.

I will be announcing our Student Council team in assembly this week and want to thank all the students that took the time to apply.

I am very proud of all students that received positive points in the first two weeks. Our top students so far are:

Riley - 9D1 = 198	Thomas - 9Z1 = 188	Madison - 9M2 = 183	Freya - 9D1 = 153
Matthew - 9M2 = 131	Katalinah - 9A2 = 128	Jayden - 9A2 = 126	Alex - 9M1 = 125
Jasmine - 9M2 = 125	Suzie - 9D1 = 122	Becca - 9M2 = 121	Ashlee - 9A2 = 117
Evan - 9D1 = 116	Bobby - 9A2 = 111	Tia - 9D1 = 109	Sam - 9D1 = 109

Please tell your children to keep up the wonderful work and it is also lovely to see the postcards being sent home.

Have a good weekend.

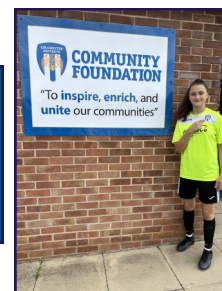
Mrs Turnnidge

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## Year 10 - Mr Field

Thank you to all the year 10 pupils who were tour guides and departmental helpers at the open evening last night. Your interaction with parents and prospective pupils was superb, from answering questions, to helping with the activities on show.

Congratulations to Billie-Jo (10M2) who has recently been accepted onto the Emerging Talent Centre at Colchester United. The club gave the reasons for being successful as 'being strong in/out of possession' and having a 'strong attitude'. We hope you continue to be successful with the club.



Mr Field

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## **Year 11 - Mr Swinnerton**

The busy start to the year has continued this week with students starting the morning intervention sessions and opting for the super six sessions which begin next week.

Mr Priddle led the assembly for Year 11 this week, explaining what caring for someone means, and explaining that the reason staff might appear to be pushing hard this year is because they really do care how well our Year 11 students do in the final exams, which are now only 29 school weeks away. I cannot emphasise enough how quickly this final year will go.

Also in assembly, Year 11 were told some of the details of next year's Prom; always a popular event for Year 11. It will be held on 26th June 2024 at Hylands House in Chelmsford. Full details will be coming out to parents and students very soon.

As I said earlier it has been an incredibly busy start to the year, but some students have worked especially hard and received merit points for their efforts. The following deserve a special mention:

Eva (11Z2), Blake (11A1), George (11Z2), Kieran (11A2), Maisie (11A1), Olivia (11D1), Jasmine 11M1, Finley (11A2) and Kai (11Z2).

Keep up the fantastic start Year 11, well done!

As always, if there is anything I can do to help or support you, please contact me at the academy.

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



## RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Thank you to all the Sixth Form students that helped out with the Year 6 open evening this week. They were all very supportive and the evening was a great success.



### **Year 12**

It has been another successful week for our Year 12's as they adjust to life in Sixth Form.

On Wednesday 20th September we will be holding a welcome to Sixth Form parents evening from 15:45 to 16:45. During this you will have the opportunity to speak with your child's form tutor to find out how Sixth Form works, what is expected and to ask any questions that you may have. You will also have the opportunity to meet with the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team, the Pastoral Team, Sixth Form Support Staff and the Sixth Form Leadership Team.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible attend.

### **Year 13**

Our Year 13 leadership team have all received their new lanyards. This way they are recognised around the school for being part of this amazing role.



Ellen (SF4) has attended the OAT Oxbridge Scholarship today. We hope she has a fantastic day.





# Catering



## Menu

We have pleasure in enclosing a link to next week's 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](mailto:lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) with any comments / suggestions.

<https://ormistonriversacademy.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2023/09/Week-3-2023-Food-Menu.pdf>

## Parentpay

The daily limit for students to spend is set at £4.50 as a default. This means, should a student select items at break and / or lunch which take them over the limit, they will be asked to put something back. If you would like to change the limit on your child's account please email our catering manager [lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk). Please note: it can take a while before the cashless system updates once you have added funds to your child's catering account. Please be mindful of this and try and get the money on there in plenty of time for break / lunch. When adding funds please ensure you add it to Dinner money and make sure it's not just sitting in your parent account.

## Free School Meals

The daily limit for free school meals is £3.30. Funds will need to be added to your child's Parentpay account should you wish them to be allowed to exceed the limit.

## Catering Cards

Students must tap their catering card each time they wish to make a purchase, even if they are entitled to free school meals. Please remind them that they need to bring their catering card in every day. Those students without their card will be held back until the end of the queue, allowing those through with cards first. The cards really speed up the catering service, giving students more time to socialise with friends and eat their food. If a card is lost or damaged, a new one can be purchased for £1 on Parentpay. The new card will be delivered to tutors the following morning.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please contact either Leanne Warner, Catering Manager [lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) or Angela Mahoney, Finance & Business Director [amahoney@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:amahoney@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).



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# Weekly Newsletter

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**SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER**



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**Burnham Ramblers**

**3PM**

**Halstead Town**

**FA VASE - ADMISSION £6 CONCESSIONS £4 U18'S FREE ENTRY**

**Enter our raffle to win a  
cash prize.**

**WIN!**

**Free bouncy castle**

**WIN!**

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## Burnham Carnival FUN DAY FOR ALL

Main Sponsor



### Stalls

Local Dance Schools  
Face Painting  
Cosplayers & Pirates  
& Princesses  
BMX Stunt Team  
Kids Fancy Dress  
Bam Bam, Kids Entertainer  
Live Singers  
Circus Workshop  
Punch & Judy  
999 races  
Tug of War  
Zumba Display  
Stevens Funfair  
And much more!

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**VISION**

## Saturday 30th September

From 10am with Illuminated procession from 7.30



"carnival day public parking"  
Saturday 30th September

Parking in Burnham as you know is difficult.

You may park in back roads and any public carpark in the town (not in road closure between chapel and riverside rd, obviously lol) but these get full very quickly and there are parking restrictions in place throughout the day, please look out for tow away signs, these are on the procession route.

Please do not park on the procession route after 5pm.

This year we will have parking available at Ormiston Rivers Academy, and St Marys Church, these are best for the evening procession and you will be directed to these carparks after 6/6.30pm when the road is closed into Burnham.

Also this year we have the big field by the marina (best for daytime events and fair), gates will be open about 10.00am parking is free but donations will be accepted. Gates will be closed at 11.00pm all vehicles to be removed by then any vehicles left will be liable for a small fee to release them.

(Parking is available at the railway station but charges apply, please check signage for cost)

There will be a small walk to the daytime events which starts at CMo8AA, (approx 20min from marina) but it's a lovely walk along the Quay down to the high street.

Please follow car park signs and help from the marshalls on duty, please do not park on road leading to the marina.

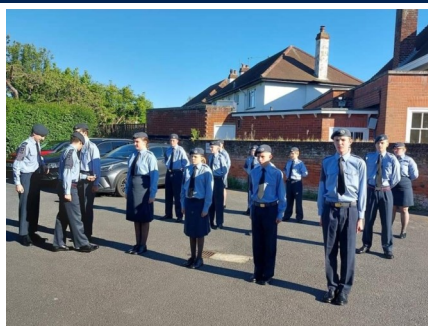
Postcodes for parking are:

Ormiston school CMo 80B  
ST Marys church CMo8DA  
Marina Carpark CMo8BL

Day events CMo 8AA for walking.

Please put these into sat navs

Stall holders please use CMo8AA, thanks.



**RIVERSIDE PARK - BURNHAM - CMo 8HS**  
**IN CONJUNCTION WITH BURNHAM CARNIVAL**  
**FRI 22nd to SAT 30th SEPT**  
OPEN: WEEKDAYS 5pm, SAT 2pm & SUN 4pm  
**GIANT FREE FIREWORKS DISPLAY - SAT 23RD AT 9.30PM!!**



## Burnham Carnival FUN DAY FOR ALL



10.20 WARM UP  
10.30 TUG OF WAR  
10.40 ST MARYS SCHOOL  
10.45 BURNHAM AIR CADETS  
11.00 CIRCUS WORKSHOP  
11.45 999 RACES  
12.30 ORMISTON ACADEMY - ROCK BAND  
1.00 BELLY DANCERS  
1.30 E AND E DANCE  
2.00 KIDS FANCY DRESS  
WITH PIRATES, PRINCESSES AND COSPLAY  
2.40 BAM BAM - KIDS ENTERTAINER  
3.20 VIBE DANCE COMPANY  
3.50 STAR STRUCK THEATRE SCHOOL  
4.20 WHEEL 2 WHEEL DISPLAY TEAM  
5.15 ZUMBA DISPLAY WITH AMANDA  
5.30 LUNCH  
5.55 CARNIVAL DRAW  
6.00 SINGER - THOMAS NEWMAN-CLARK  
6.35 SINGER - MICHEAL JOSLIN  
7.10 PARTY MUSIC  
7.30 PROCESSION

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