



Message from the Principal

It has been another busy week at the academy with various trips and visits.

On Sunday myself and two of our Year 7 students attended the Remembrance Sunday service at Burnham's War Memorial. I was very proud to be there as our students, who were very smartly dressed in their uniforms, laid a wreath on behalf of the academy. Thank you to Ingrid and Bobby for agreeing to accompany me.

On Wednesday eight of our 6th Form students attended a Maths Competition at Southend High School and our A-Level drama students attended "The Play that goes Wrong" at the Duchess Theatre in London. Today some of our Year 10 students took a field trip to Debden Brooke Rivers.

On Wednesday I met with the ORA Anti-Racism Committee which meets once a term to discuss the strategies that are being put in place to educate and challenge both our students and the wider community around equality and diversity. If any parents/carers would be interested in joining this committee, please email sjames@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk to be added to the invitation to future meetings.

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

Jo Williams

Principal

Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th November

Inset Day (academy closed to students)

Thursday 30 November

3.45pm - 7.15pm

Year 11 Parents Evening

Thursday 7th December

4.30pm - 5.30pm

Vision & Values Parent Consultation

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.

15th 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 **“Interdependence”**.

Why not have a go?

Say it: In-tuh-duh-pen-dns **Spell it: In-ter-de-pen-dence**

Interdependence (noun) **Stem: / pend / hang**

Root: pend: hang (suspend/ pendant)

Understand it
The condition of several things depending on each other

Send the definition and the word in a sentence to Lsams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk for merits!

Aspiration - Independence - Resilience - Respect



English Stars of the Week

The English stars of the week are:

Beau 7M1 and Zach 7M1 for writing fantastic poem and story.

Well done!!

Performing Arts Stars of the Week

The Performing Arts Team would like to recognise and celebrate the fantastic work that happens in the department each week. .

This week a shout out goes to

Year 12 and 13 A Level Drama students for a fab evening out to see The Play That Goes Wrong

Well done to all!



Remembrance

The academy was proud to receive this photograph of our students Josh Y10, Fred Y8, Harrison Y9, Sally Y11 and Tommy Y8 doing their service as Air Cadets selling poppies for The British Legion for Remembrance Day. For any students that would like to join the Royal Air Force Air Cadets Burnham-on-Crouch Squadron, the next intake will be in February 2024 for students in Year 8 up to age sixteen.





Careers News

On Thursday, a group of students sat in on a Careers Presentation from the Royal Air Force, they were given information on what the RAF do, what opportunities there are for them and the application process. Thank you to SGT Ward for coming in to talk to our students, it was really informative.



Guinness World Record

We did it! Following on from our world record attempt for the largest baking lesson across multiple locations, Guinness has officially announced our record break and presented us with a certificate. Our students are now official record breakers and not only did they break the record, THEY SMASHED IT!!!



Thank you to all involved, especially Miss Slade and Mr Argent, who gave up their time to help and act as witnesses and steward!

Girls Football

Our Year 8 and 9 girls football team played a match this week against The Boswell School! The girls played so well considering it was their first match playing together. Despite playing some amazing football and having a great goalkeeper, we were unlucky to lose 1-0 in the last 5 minutes of the match!



Player of the match Skye K!

Thank you to all of the parents / carers that came to watch and support the girls, it is much appreciated!

Tea with the Principal

On Friday 17th November, the following Year 7 students, who had been nominated by their Head of Year and Tutors, were invited to tea with the Principal to celebrate their outstanding demonstration of the academy's AIRR values..

Beau Y & Rose T (7M1)
Charlotte B & Harry C (7D1)
Ella B & Oliver K (7A1)
Kasey R & Thomas F (7Z1)

Hannah B & Thomas O (7Z2)
Megan R & Theo G (7D2)
Em J & Riley N (7M2)
Laila C & Charlie S (7A2)





#iWillWeek 23 Competitions - Miss Compton

#WeWill

We have two amazing competitions for you to get involved in to celebrate #iWillWeek's 10th anniversary. Throughout the week the #iWill movement will be hosting a series of scheduled events asking young people to consider the impact of the YSA movement and youth agency, the importance of youth social action work, and explore what an inclusive future looks like.

Our creative mini competitions are an opportunity to take inspiration from these events underpinning the theme 'optimism'. To be a youth social activist is to be optimistic about the positive difference young people can make when they are supported and empowered to play their part in society to tackle issues that affect local communities and beyond. Optimism gives us hope for a better future. It's this passion that will drive us to continue to help others!

We would like you to incorporate this and anything that makes you hopeful about the future of youth social action when submitting your entries.

Competition 1 - Designing an Alternative Future Competition

Taking inspiration from the #iWill movement and the #WeWill programme, we want you to consider how the programmes and communities you support improve environmental issues, look after our well-being, combat poverty, and create an inclusive caring community.

What do these spaces look like? Could you design an alternative school that embodies the quality values that make a positive difference? How would this shape your school environment? What would you do differently?

Competition 2 - A Letter to Future Me

We are encouraging young people to write a letter to their future selves, in which they are asked to envision a better future and think about how they might make it happen.

Perhaps they might set goals for themselves, make a prediction about the world, and look back at how life has changed and improved. The mission is to look ahead with optimism.

Full details of both competitions, how to submit entries and what prizes are up for grabs can be found [here](#).



School Show

Our school show, The Neighbourhood, is coming up soon and tickets are on sale at main reception, payable by cash only.



Change of Personal Details

It is essential that we are kept up to date with changes in your contact details. This may be a change to a mobile number, an e-mail address, a full address or even a change of who is the first priority to contact. By keeping us up to date with changes we can ensure that you are receiving information regarding your child's progress and that we can contact someone in the case of an emergency. Or preferred means of communication is by e-mail, please ensure that we have a current e-mail address for you. Please notify us of any changes by e-mail to: kcannon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.



Year 7 - Mr Shanahan

Another week has been and gone at ORA for our Year 7s! On Friday we did not have an assembly, so this gave some time for some of the student voice representatives to collect the form's views on a variety of topics before I meet with them all next week. I have also popped into some lessons this week and it was great to see the students working so well in their English and Science lesson.

Talking of positivity, I am delighted to announce that the following students had the most positive behaviour points awarded to them in the year group this week; Freya 7A1, Oliver 7A1, Henry 7A2, Harley 7M2, Zach 7M1, Em 7M2, Phoebe 7A2, Ivy 7M1, Georgia 7M2, Brianna 7D2, Jenna 7M1, Annabelle 7Z2, James 7D2, Jude 7D1 and Katie 7A1. Well done all!!

Finally, just to remind parents/carers that the school will be closed for students on the 24th November as there is an INSET day. Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing the students on Monday.

Contact: pshanahan@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 8 - Mr Willingham

This week students were told about anti bullying week, and encouraged to tell us if they feel they are being bullied.

We have had another positive week and very impressed with 8Z2 with so many in this weeks top positive points earners. This weeks top 10 earners are:

Pippa 8Z2	Ryan D 8Z2	Ryan G 8Z2	Lorna 8Z2
Erin 8Z2	Tegan 8Z2	Sylwia 8D1	Henry 8Z2
Louis 8Z2	Oliver 8Z2		

Next week will be having a meeting about student voice and looking at how we can improve the school based on student opinions.

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Year 9 – Ms. Turnnidge

Year 9 had a fantastic assembly this week on Anti-Bullying, led by Mr Simpson. There are some activities to take part in and we would like to encourage our Year 9 students to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. As Year 9 are getting older, it would be a great opportunity for them to support the lower year groups with any bullying issues. If your child is interested in becoming one, they can see Mr Simpson to discuss further.

It was a pleasure to see so many students with 100 percent attendance so far. I reward this weekly in assemblies with sweets.



Congratulations to our new Student Council this year: Kiera 9A1, Alissa 9D1, Lillie 9M1, Thomas and Steven 9Z1, Poppy 9A2, Avril 9Z2 and Jaya 9M2. In their first meeting we will be going through our student voice feedback and making an action plan, along with arranging our next fundraiser for charity.

Just a reminder that there is large amount of information on how to monitor your child's apps and what they write on our school website. This in under 'key info' and 'e safety'. I would ask that all parents monitor their child's behaviour towards one another on apps such as Snapchat and WhatsApp to ensure that what is written is not offensive or inappropriate. If you need any support with this, please feel free to contact me.

A massive well done to my top positive point earners this week:

Alex 9M1 - 1374

Madison 9M2 - 1366

Thomas 9Z1 - 1186

Matthew 9M2 - 933

Amelia 9A2 - 908

Kayden 9D1 - 893

Lillie 9M1 - 826

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Year 10 - Mr Field

Another great week for the Year 10s. It was great to see pupils engaged in the lessons as I walked round their classes. I observed option subjects this week and it was superb to see their focus, and to listen to them speaking about their work. Pupils were proud to let me know their scores and grades as well what they had learnt. Well done to Darcie (M1) in scoring high on her Health & Fitness long answer question and well done to William (D1), Jude (Z2) and Dominic (M2) for working hard on their Health and Social Care assignments. It was also great to see Emily (D1) producing her wrench in Engineering.

The following pupils received the most positive behaviour points this week:

William (D1), Liam (M2), Connie (A1), Poppy (D2), Ella (Z1), Alisha (A1), Oliver (Z1), Nancy (D1), Lilliemae (A1), Liam (D2) and Angelina (M1). Well done all.

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Year 11 - Mr Swinnerton

Another busy week in the Academy for Year 11. This week has seen a focus on student voice, gaining the opinions of all students and finding out how we can improve and make their experience as positive as possible.

Once again, I have been impressed with the resolve, attitude and determination the vast majority are showing towards their studies, I am sure this will be worth it in the end. Top achieving students this week for their attitude to their studies are Finley 11A2, George 11Z2, Suraya 11D2, Kai 11Z2, Eva 11Z2, Josh 11Z2, Henry 11Z2, Amy 11A2, Jess 11Z2 and Freya 11Z2. 11Z2 leading the way this week. Well done to all!

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.

Contact: rswinnerton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 11 Football - Mr Clay

Well done to the Year 11 football team who came through a tense game in the quarter final of the district cup against Anglo European School.



The game started evenly and we were the first team to break the back line on a couple of occasions, with the final ball or finish just missing the target. With about 20 minutes gone, it was Anglo that scored first after a tricky shot rebounded to their striker for a tap in. Shortly after however, Anglo then gifted the equaliser after confusion between their keeper and defender allowed Blake to nip in and slot the ball home after taking it around the keeper.

The second half started evenly, and the game was heavily fought in midfield until 15 minutes to go, when a golden patch brought us two goals. Archie scrambled one home from a corner and Blake yet again, broke the line and beat the keeper as he slotted it in with an angled finish from just inside the box. Sadly, for us, we couldn't see the game off and as we sat deeper and deeper, Anglo kept attacking. A goal from a corner made the score 3-2 and then in the dying seconds, a controversial penalty was given for handball in the box. Anglo converted to make it 3-3.

Because of the light, it was agreed the game would go straight to penalties. Most of the penalties from both teams were virtually unsavable. With the score at 3-3, Anglo shot straight down the middle for Kieran to save low at his feet. Leaving Billy with the chance to win it. He struck the ball well to the keepers right and despite guessing the correct way, he couldn't save it - Ormiston won 5-4 on penalties!!

Very well done to all the players, it was a jubilant finish to a great game. In the semi finals they will either play Plume or Shenfield.



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 and 13 Sports Leadership students ran a Primary school dodgeball tournament on Wednesday. It was very successful and our students received lots of positive feedback from the primary school staff and students. Keep it up!

It has been fantastic having Charlie Dix in Sixth Form for assemblies, working with our Year 12s on CVs and applying of jobs and Personal finance and loans in Year 13.

Year 12s have had 100% attendance over multiple days this week. They are leading the school on both Attendance and Behaviour figures – Keep being role models!

GCSE Resits have taken place over the last week. The feedback from students has been positive and we look forward to getting their grades in January. Our Year 12 and Year 13 students have also taken part at a Maths competition in Southend against other Sixth Forms across the county.

PPE timetables have gone out to Year 13s this week (and Year 12 BTEC Sport). Please ensure your child has a good area to revise at home. It is important that they are studying regularly but with breaks, and need food and hydration. Breakfast the morning of examinations is so important – Mr Moon recommends salmon and eggs!

Year 13's continue to have offers coming back from universities. Miss Sametz has been meeting with students and their parents/carers for progress meetings and future planning. It has been very successful meeting with all of you and helping ensure our students feel they can ask for support. If you haven't had a meeting yet, be patient! We have gotten through over half the year group but there are still many to go.

Sixth Form Maths Competition - Mr Kennedy

On Wednesday, eight Year 12 students, Alex, Anna, Julia, Izzy, Harry, Charlie, Jacob and Luca, took part in a maths competition at Southend High School for boys, competing in 3 rounds against other teams. The teams were from all over Essex, with some teams travelling from Saffron Waldron, Colchester and Chelmsford. The other teams had a mixture of Year 13 students as well as Year 12. The other teams had all previously entered maths competitions. Although the two Rivers teams finished outside of the top 3 teams it was both enjoyable and a great experience. Anna said, "we can't wait to go back next year with competition experience".





Catering



Menu

We have pleasure in 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.

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. 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 or Angela Mahoney, Finance & Business Director amahoney@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.



Catering



School Christmas Lunch

We will be holding a student & staff Christmas lunch on Friday 15th December. The meal will consist of roast turkey, with all the trimmings, a pudding, drink and a Christmas cracker, with a vegetarian option available. The cost of this meal is £6.50 and is available on Parentpay, please include any dietary requirements in the notes field; payment confirms the booking.

Even if your child is entitled to free school meals, you still need to book. You can do this by sending an email to finance@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk and please state your child's name and year group, together with any specific dietary requirements.

The deadline for ordering is Thursday 23rd November.