

Message from the Principal

I hope that you have all had a good week.

I am delighted that from Monday we will be able to share with you student punctuality data on Go4Schools. Below are instructions on how to access this information. **Please join with us to focus on insisting that all our children and students arrive to school and lessons on time.**

It has been another busy week at Rivers with various trips and sporting fixtures.

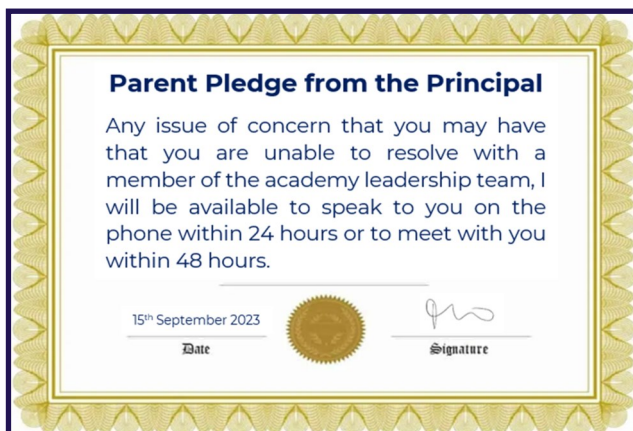
On Tuesday Ethan and Jess in Year 8 travelled to Ormiston Victory Academy in Norwich to represent Rivers and compete in the OAT Ormiston's Got Talent Southeast Regional Final. I have been told that they performed beautifully and were a credit to the school and I am really delighted to inform you that they have been selected to compete in the national final scheduled to take place on Thursday 11th July at The Rep in Birmingham. Congratulations to them both!

It was 'Young Carers Day' on Wednesday, and we teamed up with Action for Young Carers to take some of our young carers for trip to the Rio Cinema for a well-deserved treat.

Various sporting events took place this week. On Wednesday a group of our Year 9 boys represented the academy at a rugby festival taking place at Boswells School. On Wednesday a team of Year 7 and 8 girls represented the academy in a netball fixture at Anglo European School taking place at home after school. On Thursday a group of our Year 8 boys represented the academy at a rugby festival taking place here at Ormiston Rivers. I would like to say continued thank you to our PE department for organising these events for our students.

I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing our students back at the academy on Monday.

Jo Williams, Principal



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20th March 2024
Year 11 Parents Information Evening

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024
Easter Holiday
Academy closes at 1.50 pm on Thursday 28th March
Students return on Monday 15th April

Tuesday 23rd April 2024
Year 7 Parents Evening

Please can parents and carers continue to support our students to remember the 3 Rs of the academy's Code of Conduct:

Be Ready to Learn

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Aspiration - Independence - Resilience - Respect

Attendance Module

We are pleased to announce that we have added the attendance module to the go4schools package.

Please note that the module will have a 24hr delay.



**Ormiston
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Student Timetables - Will now display lesson by lesson attendance including late, absent and illness marks. To identify what the marks means, simply over the icon. This information is located in the 'Timetable' menu.

Day	08:40	09:45	09:45	10:45	11:05	12:05	12:05	13:05	14:00	15:00
Mo	Science 11Y2/Sc Mrs M MWANGELU S1		Dance 11A/Da1 Miss R ROACH CI		History 11y/Hi2 Mr K KALUKEMBI H6		Maths 11y/Ma3 Mr B BARBETT M5		P. E. 11y/Pe3 Mr Y YEARDSLEY PE	
Tu	Psychology 11B/Py1 Ms T TSEKOURAS E9		Maths 11y/Ma3 Mr B BARBETT M5		Science 11Y2/Sc Mrs M MWANGELU S1		English Literature 11y/En3 Mrs C COOKSEY E6		History 11y/Hi2 Mr E EARNSHAW H9	
We	Maths 11y/Ma3 Mr B BARBETT M5		English Literature 11y/En3 Mrs C COOKSEY E6		Dance 11A/Da1 Mrs A ADRIEN CI		Dance 11A/Da1 Mrs A ADRIEN CI		History 11y/Hi2 Mr K KALUKEMBI H7	
Th	Psychology 11B/Py1 Ms T TSEKOURAS E9		Psychology 11B/Py1 Ms T TSEKOURAS E9		English Literature 11y/En3 Mrs C COOKSEY E6		Health and Social Care 11C/He1 Mrs B BAIRD-TIMMINS CH, D13		Science 11Y2/Sc Mrs M MWANGELU S1	
Fr	Health and Social Care 11C/He1 Miss P PEGLER CH, D13		Health and Social Care 11C/He1 Miss P PEGLER CH, D13		English Literature 11y/En3 Mrs C COOKSEY E6		Science 11Y2/Sc Mrs M MWANGELU S1		Maths 11y/Ma3 Mr B BARBETT M5	

Attendance analysis – In addition to attendance marks being displayed within timetables, the attendance analysis will also increase with parents and carers now able to view:

Subject attendance

Subject	Year	Group	Possible	Present	Approved educational activity	Authorised absence	Unauthorised absence	Missing mark	Late	% Attendance
Business	10	10A/Bv1	62	60	0	0	2	0	0	96.8
English Literature	10	10YB/En	106	99	0	0	5	2	1	93.4
Geography	10	10y/Gg1	63	58	0	0	2	3	0	92.1
I.T.	10	10B/It1	62	60	0	0	2	0	7	96.8
Maths	10	10y/Ma2	85	81	0	0	4	0	2	95.3
P. E.	10	10y/Pe2	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	100.0
Science	10	10Y1/Sc	127	120	0	0	6	1	3	94.5

Weekly breakdown attendance

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Sessions	%
% Attendance	100.0	100.0	100.0	94.7	95.8	93.1	93.1	93.1	91.2	92.3	93.2	93.9	94.4	94.9	95.3	95.5	95.5	95.6	95.9	94.9	95.2	94.9	95.2	95.4	95.4	95.6	201	95.7
% Present	100.0	100.0	100.0	94.7	95.8	93.1	93.1	93.1	91.2	92.3	93.2	93.9	94.4	94.9	95.3	95.5	95.5	95.6	95.9	94.9	95.2	94.9	95.2	95.4	95.4	95.6	201	95.7
% Approved educational activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Authorised absence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Unauthorised absence	0	0	0	5.3	4.2	6.9	6.9	8.8	7.7	6.8	6.1	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.1	5.1	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.4	9	4.3	
% Missing mark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
% Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.3	4.5	4.1	3.7	3.4	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.1	3.8	4.2	5.1	5.4	6.6	6.6	6.3	13	6.2

Average daily trends

	Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
% Present	95.24	95.24	90.91	90.91	100.00	95.00	100.00	100.00	95.24	95.24
% Approved educational activity										
% Authorised absence										
% Unauthorised absence	4.76	4.76	9.09	9.09	5.00				4.76	4.76
% Missing mark										
% Late	4.76	14.29		18.18	10.00			4.76		9.52

Attendance and punctuality - Mrs Parry

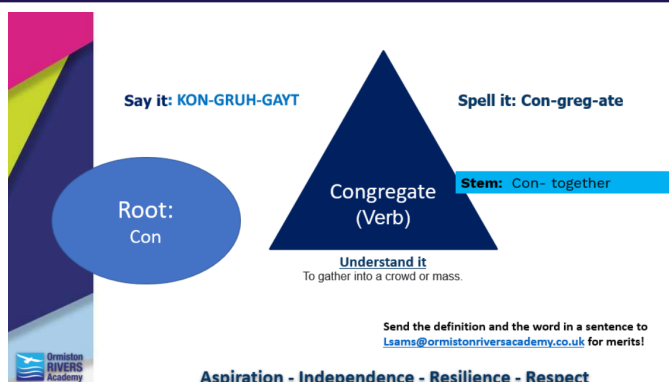
We are working to improve both attendance to school and lessons and punctuality. As part of this we have set up more visibility for parents with the changes to Go4schools outlined by Ms Williams. This will appear daily on a 24 hour delayed basis.

With our work to improve our punctuality, letters have been sent home for students who have been late to morning registration. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance. These letters include any lates to morning registration this academic year to date.

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 **"Congregate"**.

Why not have a go?



Say it: KON-GRUH-GAYT **Spell it: Con-greg-ate**

Root: Con

Stem: Con- together

Congregate (Verb)

Understand it
To gather into a crowd or mass.

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

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English Stars of the week

Shout outs for students with fantastic effort in English lessons:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	
Bella	Chloe	Tobi	Meade
Laura	Isla	Cooper	Jaya
Lou Lou	Oliver	Rishi	Sienna
Meghan		Hazel	
James			



English Writing Champions

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	
Olly	Maddison	Freya	
Riley	Izabelle	Sam	
Bobby	Thomas	Isabelle	
Harriet	Grace	Lola-Alice	



World Book Day Dress Your Door Competition

Last week form groups took part in the 'Dress Your Door Competition' for World Book Day. The doors looked fantastic and it was clear that students really worked hard on this project!

Special shoutout to the Sixth Form for their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory door and to 10M2, 9Z1, 8D2, 8A2 and 7A1 who were the winners for their year groups!



Oracy Champions

This week our Oracy Champions delivered an assembly on public speaking to Year 7s and other form groups in the school via video link. It was a great way to share some knowledge about public speaking and how important it is as a skill. Well done to the Oracy Champions who not only made the assembly but attended training and also delivered this too! Well done to Max, Molly, Oliver, Grace, Thomas, Owen, Alice, Daisy and Beau.

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:

- Jessica 8A2 and Ethan 8A2 for their excellent performance at Ormiston's Got Talent and the dedication and practice they have put in. We have made it to the final!
- Liam 7D2, Alex 7D1, Jude 7D1 and Tyler 7M1 for their focus and hard work in learning Hallejulah on the ukulele in music lessons.

Well done to all!



Library News

To celebrate Women's History Month in the Library, we have a display of books about women who made a difference to the world. There are also word search games with the names of 20 great women for students to complete at break and lunchtime.

Year 7 and 8 BookTalk & Craft Club

Year 7 and 8 BookTalk & Craft Club students made mini concertina -folded pocketbooks for Women's History Month. They used reference books, biographies and the internet to research important women in history and chose one person for their book. Names included Rosa Parks, Vera Atkins, Emmeline Pankhurst, Anne Boleyn and Mary Anning. The results are amazing with the amount of detail, information, pictures and illustrations completed in just one hour - well done.



Library Champions

Congratulations to the 3 students awarded Library Champion badges this week: Alisha 10A1, Katelynn 7D2 and Grace 7M1. If you wish to take part in the Library Champion challenge, please collect a Book Review form from Mrs Yerbury in the LRC or create a poster about an author whose books you have read.



World Book Day Vouchers

There is still time to use your £1 World Book Day vouchers, which are valid until 31st March. We still have WBD tokens for £1 books left over and if students would still like them, please collect from the Library.



Tea with the Principal

On Friday 15th March, the following Year 7 students, who had been nominated by their Head of Year and Tutors, were invited to tea with the Vice Principal to celebrate their outstanding demonstration of the academy's AIRR values..

Evie (7Z2)	Grace (7A1)	Alfie (7A2)
Callum (7Z2)	Kassa (7A1)	Jack (7M2)
Ellie (7D1)	Daisy (7Z1)	Olly (7M2)
Poppy (7D1)	Alice (7Z1)	Jessica (7D2)
Kayden (7M1)	Charlie (7A2)	James (7D2)
Annabelle (7M1)		



Young Lives V's Cancer - Mrs Corbett



I am swimming 5k in the month of March for Young lives V's Cancer. This is a charity close to my heart since my son was diagnosed with cancer aged just 14 years old back in October 2016. We saw first hand the life saving work they do.

To raise vital funds I will be hosting a cake sale in school on Wednesday 27th March at break and lunch. If anyone would like to bake and donate a cake for the sale please let me know. If not then please come along and purchase one, after all who doesn't like cake.



Netball - Miss Sametz and Miss Blogg

Year 7 and 8 Netballers played a fixture against Anglo European school on Wednesday. Despite the loss, both teams played well and we look forward to their matches next week.



Exercise Class Club

Exercise Classes Club had a blast this Tuesday doing a Rebounder workout. Remember, we are doing a variety of exercise classes from Just Dance to yoga so why not come and give it a go!



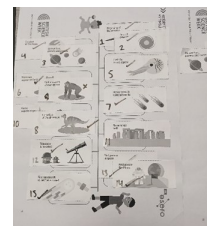
Science Club - Mr Williams



Exploring Time and Space with the Science Club!

On Tuesday 12th March, the Science Club embarked on an intergalactic adventure in celebration of British Science Week under the theme "Time". Our mission? To dive headfirst into the mysteries of the cosmos and play with the fabric of time itself.

Picture this: a room buzzing with excitement as students pondered the ultimate question — were humans the first life forms on Earth, or did other cosmic creatures beat us to the punch? It was a whirlwind of speculation and wonder as we pieced together the intricate puzzle of the universe timeline. (Check out the mind-bending sample timeline attached!)



But wait, there's more! Our journey through time didn't stop there. We dared to challenge time itself in a series of thrilling contests. How fast can you belt out the Happy Birthday song? Could you top the record-breaking 7 seconds? And let's not forget the adrenaline rush of crafting paper airplanes at warp speed, or the nail-biting suspense of testing our one-legged balance endurance.

As we laughed, learned and raced against the clock, one thing became abundantly clear: time is truly the heartbeat of our existence. Sometimes we're racing against it, other times we're drowning in it, but just like the ever-expanding universe timeline, time remains an essential and endlessly fascinating aspect of our lives.

So, here's to the timeless adventures of the Science Club, where every moment is an opportunity to explore, discover, and most importantly have a blast!

Science News - Mr Williams

Celebrating Diversity in Science and Engineering: Smashing Stereotypes during British Science Week!



In celebration of British Science Week, the Science Department embarked on an inspiring journey to challenge and debunk the stereotypes often associated with science and careers in STEM. Throughout the week, our lessons kicked off with a powerful exploration of how individuals have successfully shattered these misconceptions.

At the heart of our celebration was the recognition that while diversity in science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM) fields faces its challenges, the reality is far more vibrant and varied than the tired old stereotype of lab coats, goggles, and conical flasks. Enter "Smashing Stereotypes" – a captivating collection of stories showcasing the diverse array of individuals and roles within STEM. These narratives serve as beacons of change, illuminating the richness and depth of people and careers in science and engineering. Here's to smashing stereotypes and championing diversity in science and engineering!

Check out Profiles here: [Smashing Stereotypes: The profiles - British Science Week](#)



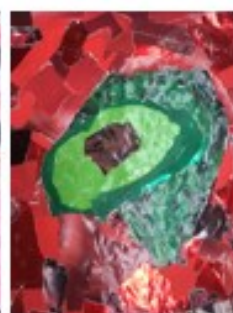
Art News

Supersix News

In the run up to the GCSE exam Art Supersix will run **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** afterschool in DO2



This week's
incredible Art



Through the Gap! - You will need paper, pen, scissors and patterns around your home or garden.

Have you seen the work of Nikolai Tolstyh? This artist cuts animal outlines out of a sheet of paper. He then photographs a bit of nature through the gap. Think carefully about animal shape, texture and colour, but also an interesting visual composition.



1. Draw your own silhouette
2. Create a cut out
3. Hold up your drawing to any interesting background you can find a Photograph your cut out held up against the background and share with your teacher.

Challenge: Cut out some more complex shapes and patterns,

March Photography Challenge

Why not complete the February Art Challenge to achieve merits and rewards? Submit to Ms Nice



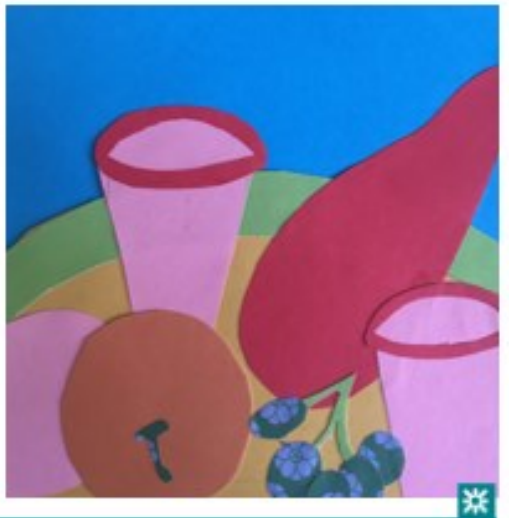
Art News



**Isabella
10M2**



An incredibly talented and committed student, Isabella can use a range of materials confidently. As you can see Isabella has a strong grasp of the formal elements. Fantastic work. Well done Isabella!!!!



- How to become an Ormiston Art Scholar**
- Consistent hard work and effort in all art lessons
 - Attend Art Club on Wednesday 3.20pm to 4.20pm
 - Create your own artwork at home and show Ms Nice
 - Complete 3 or more of the monthly Art or Photography Challenges and submit to Ms Nice

Cookery Club

It's beginning to look a lot like Easter!

Cookery club this week made Easter Egg brownies. They worked amazingly in small teams, independently followed the instructions (which were quite challenging) producing some beautiful results which they could take home and share with their families. Our older students were able to build on skills like whisking eggs and folding (learnt in Year 8) and our younger students tackled this beautifully for the first time and will now be well prepared for making Swiss Roll and Soufflé later in their food lessons.

Well done!

If any families are interested in trying this one at home over the break, the recipe is from BBC Good Food and called "Easter Egg brownies". We always love to see your results so please send on any photos of your cooks to Mrs Hyde who will award merits to students.



Year 7 - Mr Shanahan

Another week has been and gone at ORA for our Year 7's and this week the year group had an assembly delivered by Miss Sams and some of our wonderful students with regards to oracy and the oracy speaking challenge.

It was fantastic to see some of our year group speaking so confidently and eloquently in front of their peers.

I am delighted to announce that the following students had the most positive behaviour points in the year group this week;

Lila 7A1, James 7D2, Eleanor 7Z2, Sophia 7D2, Ingrid 7D2, Henry 7A2, Brianna 7D2, Jamie 7M2, Rose 7M1, Ellie 7Z2, Laila 7A2, Jake 7M1, Zach 7M1, Riley 7A2 and Riley 7M2



I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing the students on Monday.

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Year 8 - Mr Willingham

This week students had an assembly on International Women's Day where they heard about inspirational women who have contributed to history over the years.

Students have continued to do well and earn lots of positive points this week. It's been good to see how some of our Year 8 students really are making the effort when in school, and it is important that they are recognised and congratulated.

This weeks top 10 merit earners were:

Lully - 8Z2 Oscar - 8A1 Taylon - 8A1 Samuel - 8Z1 Isla - 8D1
Cheri - 8Z2 Skye - 8D1 Pippa - 8Z2 Daisy - 8Z2 Maisie - 8Z1



Please see me on Monday for a skip the queue pass as a reward.

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Year 9 – Mr Marklew

Wow what a fast week this has been!! The relief of passing the Options deadline and the sight of Easter in two weeks time has led to a positive feeling across the year group. We have seen 1000s of new positive behaviour points this week.

I have met with all the Year 9 form tutors this week to talk about our expectations for the year group. The basics of equipment, uniform and taking pride in their classwork should be a given by now.

We have been selecting our winners for the AIRR values after the teachers have made their nominations and we have discussed who will get the top prize of the Principal Award! The results will be announced in the assembly at the end of term. I will also be selecting students who have shown outstanding contributions for a rewards breakfast - over 45 students have been invited to this so far this year.

And we discussed how we can monitor and improve attendance across our form groups. The tutors are competitive and want to have the best attendance in the year group. They are present and willing to support students with attendance and punctuality needs!

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Year 10 – Mr Field

My learning walks this week included a variety of subjects and again it was a pleasure to listen to students talk enthusiastically about their work, whether it be Biology, History, Art or Computer Science.

It was great to hear from Amy and Connie explaining their artwork and how they are interpreting it in their own style. Harvey produced a great piece of work in the style of John Burgerman. In Biology I enjoyed listening to students discussing which disease is the most harmful to us as a society. The viewpoints from Poppy, Callum and Mia were very thoughtful. In Computer Science I was able to see the class reviewing a past test, with Jacob and Liam having many ticks on their sheet.

Top positive point earners this week are:

Amy (Z1), Will (M1), Vikram (D1), Jessica (D2), Ella (Z1), Abigail (Z1), Imogen (D1), Sophie (D1), Annie (M2), Charlotte (M2), Emily (A1) and George (A1). Please come and see me on Monday morning for your jump the queue pass.

Lastly, the work experience forms are coming in quickly now. A reminder that the deadline is the 28th March, so not long to go.

Thank you.

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Year 11 - Mr Swinnerton

No assembly this week for Year 11, which gave an opportunity for form tutors to touch base with their tutees and have those important conversations to support them as they move ever closer to the exams.

It was also an opportunity to remind Year 11 of the high standards of behaviour and uniform we expect of them all the way through to the end of the year. This does mean correct shoes and ties and blazers being worn. We have maintained high standards all year and I do not want to see them drop off now.

As usual there have been several students impressing us with their attitude towards their studies and this weeks stars are : Mia and Tim 11A1, Paige, Tegan and Pyper 11A2, Kacye 11D1, Adam 11M1, and Erin and Katie 11Z2.

Well done to all of them and to all Year 11 who are working hard to achieve their true potential.




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

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GCSE Masterclasses for High Potential Students

Year 11 students attended an English Grade 9 Masterclass where they explored how to achieve a Grade 9 answer. They looked at model full mark responses, discussed revision strategies (particularly the importance of completing timed essays independently) and top exam tips to achieve success! The top tips for revision and essay writing are attached for your reference!

Further Masterclasses for high potential students will be held to cover Maths and Science within the next couple of weeks.

 <p>Re-read Texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-read annotated texts and 'restudy' alongside Revision Guides. Make character and theme notes as you go along. 	<p>Revision Guides</p> <p>York Notes CGP Model Essays Sparknotes Schmoop Youtube</p>	 <p>Practice Timed Essays</p> <p>Teachers will happily mark extra essays!</p>
<p>Mastery of the question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an argument on question that is revisited First and final line of paragraphs must have WRITER – KEYWORD – BIG PICTURE <p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> complement and deepen analysis Don't bolt it on. 	<p>Literature Grade 8-9 Tips</p>  <p>Centralise the writer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin sentences with the writer's name Range of verbs beyond 'suggest': <i>mocks, critiques, undermines, satirises, attacks, advocates.</i> 	<p>Rooted in analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> joy of multiplicity of meanings Confident Terminology Embedded quotations How language, form and structure work together to complement/undermine each other. <p>Don't neglect the Poetry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> read the poems a lot, the rhythm helps you learn them. Structural and poetic devices prioritised. Writer's purpose
<p>Wide range of vocabulary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on verbs 	<p>Consistency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tone Genre Characterisation Voice <p>Know your weakness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is your weakness? Own it. Look for it. Check for it. Read backwards to check. 	<p>Sophisticated punctuation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> semi colon, dash, colon. <p>5 types of text</p> <p>Essay Leaflet Speech Letter Article</p> <p>Rule of 1 (creative writing)</p> <p>1 setting 1 viewpoint 1 relationship 1 change 1 event</p>
<p>Comparison</p> <p>Insightful comparison points Tone - humour Read question carefully Read Guardian, Independent, Metro columnists.</p>	<p>Language Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative connotations How elements work together and complement/undermine each other. Confident terminology Why the method is used Impact(s) on the reader. 	<p>Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where does the structure impact the WHOLE text. Use sequential language – THEN, AFTERWARDS, CONSECUTIVELY
<p>Wide range of sentences</p> <p>Use the OAT sentence structures to add WOW</p> <p>Edgingly Check</p>	<p>Structural Choice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCARS Refrain Drop Zoom Echo DPRN (Descriptive Hook, Position, Relevance, Now) Circular structure 	<p>Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharp focus on the question Justify interpretation Explore different interpretations and explain why YOU prefer one over the other.

RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 - Mrs Wilkins / Year 13 - Miss Sametz

Thomas F will be running a half marathon. He is doing this to raise money for his friend's child with spina bifida, as you may have seen in previous newsletters. We are very proud of Thomas for raising money to support not only his friend but a condition that many people in the UK have we hope that he continues to be a great role model for all of his peers and the community.

Year 13 Business

Thomas's Story

On April 7th, 2024, I will be running the London Landmarks Half Marathon to raise money for a charity called Shine. Shine is a charity which provides specialist support to anyone living with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus as well as the families. Shine enables people to get the best out of their lives.

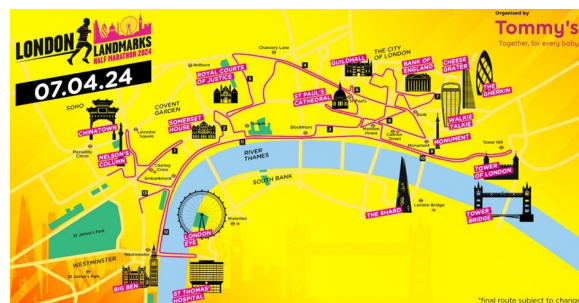


The reason that I have decided to take part in this is because a close friend of mine has recently had a baby born with Spina Bifida, and Shine have not only been a massive help to her but the family as a whole. There are nine of us taking part with a goal to raise £3,500. We all have Just Giving pages set up as a team and are very grateful for any donations that can be given.

I have attached a map of the route that I will be running.

If you would like to donate, please click on this [link](#).

Thank you



Year 13 Business students have been taking part in interviews as part of their course. As part of this, they have had to do an interview but also interview another peer. Students are meant to look the part and be fully suited and booted. We are very impressed with how well our Year 13 students are finishing off their last few months at Ormiston Rivers, working towards getting great qualifications.



Work Experience

Year 12 students need to continue to look for work experience, as many have still not secured their placements. It is important that all students reach out to companies, as work experience is about showcasing your skills, qualities, and characteristics, and ensuring that all students have a good reference when they leave our Sixth Form and go on to the next stages of their careers.

Lanyards

The most important part of the Sixth Form uniform is their purple lanyard and ID badge. It is important that these are around their necks at all time so they are identifiable, as they do not wear the ORA logo and it acts as their key to get on site and sign in. Many students are forgetting their lanyard. Please ensure your son or daughter has theirs and brings back any spare ones they have borrowed.

Finance Resits

Well done to students who have had resits for Finance yesterday. Results are in with all students passing. Good luck to those who have Part B coming up.

Drama Practical Exam

Year 13 Drama students also had their practical examination Tuesday. Staff, parents, carers, and students were able to watch their dress rehearsal Monday after school. Both the scripted and self-written pieces were fantastic and it is always incredible seeing our students put together show stopping pieces.



Attendance

Sixth Form attendance is still the best in the school with a huge shout out to Year 12 who are 97% across the whole school year. We are currently in the process of booking a rewards trip for Year 12s who have 100% attendance in the summer term. This will allow the few students who have had a day off ill from September to still get this reward.

We are among super stars in Sixth Form. Lily, Nicole, and Mrs Penberthy have received over 1000 likes and 50,000 views on last week's Fri-YAY reel! Check it out on instagram: @RiversSixthForm

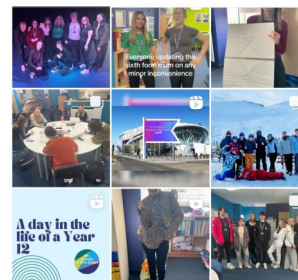
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Catering



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.

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.

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.

Academy Shop

All students are required to have sufficient equipment to allow them to learn and achieve their full potential. It is a students' responsibility to arrive at the Academy with the appropriate equipment for lessons:

Equipment:

2 x black pens

1 x purple biro for assessment feedback

2 x pencils

1 x 30cm ruler

Coloured pencils (not felt tips)

Eraser

Pencil sharpener

Maths set (including a scientific calculator)

Student Planner (student organiser)

Reading book

Books / folders for the days lessons

Water bottle

Basic art equipment

The Academy Shop, located near the main hall, is open before school 8.30 - 8.50am and at breaktime 11.20 - 11.50am every day. The shop stocks all of the above equipment, as well as a wide selection of revision guides & workbooks, for all year groups. You can also purchase new ties from here. We can only accept cash for shop purchases on site, we are unable to use credit on a students catering card. Alternatively, you can complete an order form and return it to finance@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Year 10 & 11 - You will find an item on ParentPay - KS4 Revision Guides & Equipment- just overwrite the amount with the total to be paid, we will check it against your order and let you know when the items can be collected from the shop (or you can call in and collect from main reception if you would prefer).

Year 7, 8 & 9 (KS3) - Once we have received your completed order, we will add it to your ParentPay account. When payment has been confirmed we will let you know when the items can be collected from the shop (or you can call in and collect from main reception if you would prefer).

You can access the up to date [KS3 order form](#) and the [KS4 order form](#) here; these are also available on our website www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk. Please contact finance on 01621 787845 if you have any queries.

Absence Reporting

Students should attend school unless they are very unwell. On every day of absence please contact the school with the reason why your son/daughter is not attending. Please contact us as early as possible and at the latest by 8am on the first day of absence. This can be via the following methods:

MyEd Messaging App

ConnectED absence line on: 0845 355 8104

Attendance line on: 01621 787855