

### Message from the Principal

We reach the end of another busy week at Rivers. As we move into exam season, I would like to wish all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students the best of luck in their exams over the coming weeks and assure them that we are all on hand to give them any support they need.

On Monday six students travelled to Theydon Bois Golf Club to compete and represent Rivers in the Essex Team Golf Championship and for the first time in Rivers history, the Year 11 Boys Football team played in the District Finals against Great Baddow High School at Melbourne Park in Chelmsford. Congratulations to all our students who represented the academy in these competitions!

This week, five of our Year 9 students were invited onto the next stage of the Essex Boys & Girls Club 'Life Skills Course'; a week residential trip taking place at High Row, Carrock Fell in the Lake District.

We are continuing to focus on improving both attendance and punctuality to school and lessons. The student punctuality module on Go4Schools is now up and running and your child's timetable will now display lesson by lesson attendance including late, absent and illness marks displayed daily on a 24 hour delayed basis as well as showing individual subject attendance, a weekly breakdown and average daily trends for your child's attendance. Please can we ask parents to use this information to support and encourage your children to arrive at school and to their lessons on time.

Please can I also ask you to support our students to maintain the academy's uniform expectations, in particular skirt length (skirts should not be rolled up) and the shoes your child is wearing to school:

- Black school shoes: Shoes must be plain black leather with no white or coloured logos or stitching. We do not allow suede shoes, boots, slingbacks, wedges or trainers like 'Nike Air Max'. However, we do allow all black Nike Air Force 1s, Converse, All Stars, Puma and similar but again, they must be all black leather.
- Academy Blazer with blue trim and Ormiston Rivers Academy Badge – this must be worn to and from lessons.
- Plain black school trousers or Academy tartan mock kilt. Skirts should not be rolled up and the length should be below mid-thigh.
- Black socks or black or neutral plain tights.
- White school shirt that can be done up to the top button (long or short sleeves).
- School tie - to be worn at all times.
- Hoodies and non-school jumpers are not permitted.
- Leggings are not permitted at all, whether worn as trousers or under the academy kilt, neither are jeans or chinos.

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

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**  
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
Bank Holiday

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
Summer half term holiday

#### 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

## 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.



**Student Timetables** - Will now display lesson for 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	<i>I</i>	Dance 11A/Da1 Miss R ROACH CI	<i>I</i>	History 11yHi2 Mr K KALUKEMBI H6	<i>I</i>	Maths 11y/Ma3 Mr B BARBETT M5	<i>I</i>	P. E. 11y/Pe3 Mr Y YEARDSLEY PE	<i>I</i>
Tu	Psychology 11B/Py1 Ms T TSEKOURAS E9	<i>L</i>	Maths 11y/Ma3 Mr B BARBETT M5	<i>I</i>	Science 11Y2/Sc Mrs M MWANGELU S1	<i>N</i>	English Literature 11y/En3 Mrs C COOKSEY E6	<i>I</i>	History 11yHi2 Mr E EARNSHAW H9	<i>I</i>
We	Maths 11y/Ma3 Mr B BARBETT M5	<i>I</i>	English Literature 11y/En3 Mrs C COOKSEY E6	<i>I</i>	Dance 11A/Da1 Mrs A ADRIEN CI	<i>I</i>	Dance 11A/Da1 Mrs A ADRIEN CI	<i>I</i>	History 11yHi2 Mr K KALUKEMBI H7	<i>I</i>
Th	Psychology 11B/Py1 Ms T TSEKOURAS E9	<i>I</i>	Psychology 11B/Py1 Ms T TSEKOURAS E9	<i>I</i>	English Literature 11y/En3 Mrs C COOKSEY E6	<i>I</i>	Health and Social Care 11C/He1 Mrs B BAIRD-TIMMINS CH, D13	<i>I</i>	Science 11Y2/Sc Mrs M MWANGELU S1	<i>I</i>
Fr	Health and Social Care 11C/He1 Miss P PEGLER CH, D13	<i>M</i>	Health and Social Care 11C/He1 Miss P PEGLER CH, D13	<i>M</i>	English Literature 11y/En3 Mrs C COOKSEY E6	<i>M</i>	Science 11Y2/Sc Mrs M MWANGELU S1	<i>M</i>	Maths 11y/Ma3 Mr B BARBETT M5	<i>M</i>

**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/Og1	63	58	0	0	2	3	0	92.1
I.T.	10	10B/H1	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	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	0
% Late	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

### WORLD OF THE WEEK

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 **"Intuition"**.

Why not have a go?

**Say it:** in-tyoo-i-shn

**Spell it:** In-tui-tion

**Intuition (noun)**

**Root:** Tuit-watch, protect, look after

**Understand it:** the ability to understand something instinctively, without the need for conscious reasoning.

**Prefix:** in-, into, on; not; very - can be 'en'  
**(Stem):** tuit-watch, protect, look after  
**(Suffix):** tion-act, process, result

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

**Aspiration - Independence - Resilience - Respect**



For performing the three witches' scene from Macbeth this week in all assemblies:

- Emme 8D2
- Danica 8M1
- Lily 8A2



This Friday two of the judges from the Young Writer's Rotary Competition came into the Year 7 Assembly to hand out certificates to all participants of the competition, and prizes to the winners. Over 30 students from the Academy entered this competition and the judges were impressed by the quality and creativity seen. Well done to all those involved and especially our Intermediate Winner Lexi-Jaye, our Senior Winner Jessica, and our District Winner Alicia!



### Tea with the Principal

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, the following Year 10 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..

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| Jacob S (10D1)     | Louis M (10D1)   | Abigail R (10Z1)       |
| Oscar E (10Z1)     | Katie M (10D2)   | Scarlotte-May H (10D2) |
| Ailsa H (10M1)     | Samuel M (10M1)  | Molly H (10M2)         |
| Billie W (10M2)    | Dominic D (10M2) | Alisha R (10A1)        |
| Lilliemae G (10A1) |                  |                        |



### Careers Talk - The Beauty Industry

On Monday, Ellie, an Ex-Pupil, who now has her own successful business in Burnham, came in to talk to students about her career in the beauty sector and the different courses and pathways that are available to students.

Thank you Ellie for taking the time to come into school and talk with our students.





A huge congratulations to all the students who performed for the National Theatre's youth theatre festival, Connections. Students travelled to The Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch and took part in technical rehearsals to then perform the play 'Age is Revolting' to a large audience. We are extremely proud of student's effort and how many compliments they received in regard to their acting and professionalism.

# PERFORMING ARTS STARS OF THE WEEK

Thank you to all the parents and staff that came to support.



This week also was the Year 11 Dance exam. Students performed to a live audience, with the film being sent to an external examiner. They performed to an extremely high standard and worked hard in rehearsals. Parents enjoyed watching the final exam pieces and we know that they will achieve excellent results.



Six of our students represented the Academy at Theydon Bois Golf Club in the Essex Schools Teams competition on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, a competition that attracted this year a full entry and featured golfers of all abilities.

The course was in good condition and although a chilly northerly breeze was blowing, all the players enjoyed their round and were a credit to the school. Of particular note were the efforts of Dan P (Year 11) who was paired with a new golfer, and not only played his own round but also supported his playing partner effectively with the scorecards on the way - a tribute to the spirit in which the game of golf should be played.

We look forwards to further competitions later this year and into next year.



### **Year 7 - Mr Shanahan**

The second week back after the Easter Break has been and gone at ORA for our Year 7s and the assembly this week was delivered by Miss Sams. It was fantastic to welcome two guests to help present awards to some of our Year Group. Thank you Miss Sams for a very positive assembly.

It was also our first official parents evening this week and it was great to see so many parents/carers in attendance supporting our students. No doubt many positive conversations were had and thank you to those who attended for your continued support.

I am delighted to announce that the following students had the most positive merits this week; Lara M 7Z1, Ella B 7A1, Liam F 7D1, Brianna B 7D2, Ryan S 7A2, Henry J 7A2, Annabelle L 7M1, Daisy G 7Z1, Sophia S 7D2, Katelynn C 7D2, Bella D 7A1, Hayden F 7D1, Alice M 7Z1, Jamie T 7M2. and Kayden B 7M1.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing the students next week.

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

### **Year 8 - Miss Thurtle**

Year 8 have put in a fantastic effort this week with many students receiving over 200 merits! It has been a pleasure to meet so many supportive parents and carers and to speak with you on the phone.

Miss Murphy would like to extend a positive message out to 8r/Ps2, who have been working outstandingly in lessons, with an excellent attitude towards learning so far this term. Well done!

Congratulations to: Oscar R - 8A1, Sylwia P - 8D1 and Jack B - 8D1 for achieving the most merits in Year 8 this week.

A reminder about the Stubbers Reward Trip and the Drugs Bus educational day. Please check your emails and ParentPay.

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

### **Year 9 – Ms Taylor**

Many Year 9 students have supported the school at the Year 7 parents evening this week, and I am pleased to see them contribute so positively to school life. The vast majority of the year group are conducting themselves superbly, and are looking forward to receiving the GCSE options in May.

Students have been reminded this week of the need for full engagement, attendance and punctuality to all lessons, regardless of their option choices. Standards are especially important in the run up to the start of their GCSE courses, and students know that the expectations are that they need to conduct themselves appropriately, attending all lessons on time.

Their mentors and I will be putting together some study skills workshops in the second half term so that they are skilled up for the start of their GCSE courses.

I am enjoying getting to know them better!

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

### **Year 10 – Mr Field**

During my lesson walks this week it was great to see so much learning and focus from our Year 9 students on their subjects.

I visited core subjects this week, both English and Maths, and it was lovely listening to students talk about their work and feeding back to me about how to solve maths equations, as well informing the teacher of their perspective on specific text.

It was wonderful to see Tommy, Harry, and Luke focused on working out and answering exam questions in Maths. It was also great listening to Poppy explain how to solve ratios, and well done for getting the correct answer.

During English I enjoyed listening to Rory highlighting similes in some text and Beth identifying the different opinions from two sources of text.

The following pupils have gained the most positive marks this week:

Alisha (A1), Charlotte (M2), Brennan (A1), Nancy (D1), Isabella (M2), Sofia (Z2), Oscar (Z1), Ella (Z1), Ella (D1), Georges (A1), Darcie (M1), Connie (M1), and Holly (D2).

Please can the above pupils collect their jump the queue pass from me on Monday morning as a reward.

Superb and well done all.

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



**Year 11 - Mr Swinnerton**

Another busy week for Year 11 as we continue to prepare for the Exams. Great to see so many students focussed on their studies and earning merits for doing so.

Student of the week this week and celebrated in assembly was Theo 11D2.

Unfortunately, in assembly this week we made an error when we announced the leaving assembly would be on 11th June. This was because when looking at the exam timetable, we were looking specifically at Level 2 examinations (GCSE level). As a result, we completely missed the fact we had 25 students sitting a higher level further maths exam in the afternoon. Because of this the date will be adjusted to ensure that all of Year 11 can enjoy the occasion. I hope to be able to let everyone know the new date on Monday.

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

**Sixth Form - Mrs Wilkins**

Well done to all Year 12 & 13 student's who completed their EPQ presentations this week.

We still have some outstanding work experience forms, that have not be handed in. Please ensure Mrs Penberthy has all forms in by Friday 3rd May. If any students require support with this, please ask them to go and see The Sixth Form Team.

A letter has been emailed to all Year 13 parents and students today regarding the End of Term Arrangements. If you have any questions, please contact The Sixth Form Team.

Also, can we ask that parents ensure Sixth Form students check their school emails daily, as we provide information on Sixth Form, Careers, Universities and Apprenticeships through this.

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



# 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](mailto: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](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).





# Rivers Academy Shop

## 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:

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| 2 x black pens                          | Maths set (including a scientific calculator) |
| 1 x purple biro for assessment feedback | Student Planner (student organiser)           |
| 2 x pencils                             | Reading book                                  |
| 1 x 30cm ruler                          | Books / folders for the days lessons          |
| Coloured pencils (not felt tips)        | Water bottle                                  |
| Eraser                                  | Basic art equipment                           |
| Pencil sharpener                        |   |

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](mailto: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](http://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

### **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](mailto:kcannon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).