

Message from the Principal

It has been another productive week at Rivers in the run up to the long bank holiday weekend.

We recently held our termly ORA Anti-Racism committee meeting to discuss and share what we as a school are doing to develop racial equity within the academy and the wider community. It was decided to broaden out the focus of this committee while keeping racism as a standing agenda and it was agreed to rename the committee the "ORA Equality & Diversity Committee".

If any parents or members of the community would be interested in joining this committee which meets once a term, please let Ms James know by emailing: sjames@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

This weekend fifteen of our Year 10 students have travelled to the North Downs to complete their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition, spending three days and two nights in the countryside. We wish them the best of luck with their trip and will keep our fingers crossed that the weather stays fair!

I would like to thank all our parents that are speaking to students about the importance of being punctual to school and class. Please don't forget this can be supported by the G4S app, which can inform your conversations.

I wish you all an enjoyable long weekend and look forward to seeing our students back at the academy on Tuesday.

Jo Williams, Principal

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th May 2024
Bank Holiday

Monday 27th to Friday 31st 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.

15th September 2023

Date

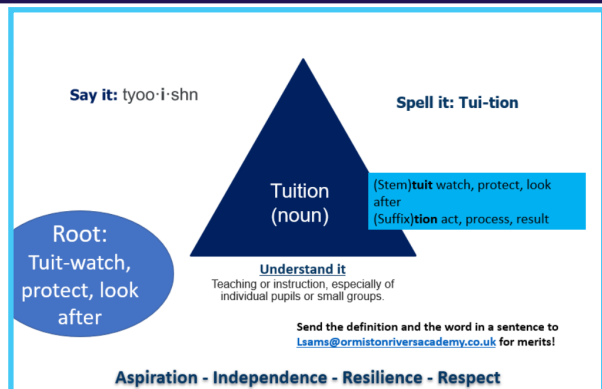


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WORD OF THE WEEK

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 **"Tuition"**.

Why not have a go?



Say it: tyoo-i-shn

Spell it: Tui-tion

Root: Tuit-watch, protect, look after

Tuition (noun)

Understand it
Teaching or instruction, especially of individual pupils or small groups.

(Stem) tuit watch, protect, look after
(Suffix) tion act, process, result







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

Aspiration - Independence - Resilience - Respect

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:

-  Amelia 13E/Dr for making great progress and achieving top marks in her A Level drama written work.
-  Millie, Harriet and Anthony 12A/Dr for putting in extra rehearsal time to prepare for their drama practical exam.
-  Tom 11E/Dr for excellent engagement in lessons and super 6.
-  Bethan 10MP for her amazing vocal performance in practical music.
-  Abigail, Mikie 10D/Mt and Alisha 10A/Mt for their fantastic music technology coursework.
-  Year 11 dance 11C/Dd1 for completing all of their BTEC coursework.



Well done to all students - what a brilliant week for the Performing Arts Department!



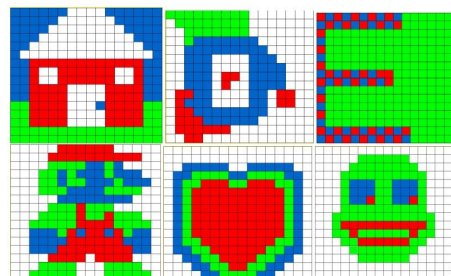
Year 7 and 8 have been learning about Bitmap mages this week. With some students managing to create their own 16x16 pixel favicons. Favicons are the little images you see on your browser page tabs.

Year 9 have been programming using python and have learned how to use iteration and selection within their programs and then how to concatenate their outputs using strings and variables.

Year 10 have been looking at secondary storage devices, including how CD's and DVDs are read by lasers. Some students have also been designing flowcharts and creating a working program based on them.

Year 8

16 X 16px, 2-bit, bitmap images made pixel by pixel. These are by: Adele, Evelyn, Ethan, Dennis, Rose, and Aliyah





with the Principal

On Friday 3rd May, the following Year 12 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.

Scarlett W & Billy M (SF1)

Olivia S & Shannon T (SF2)

Jacob H & Alex S (SF3)



Year 7 - Mr Shanahan

Another week has been and gone at ORA for our Year 7s and unfortunately our speaker was unavailable to lead on today's assembly. This allowed me to go through some behaviour expectations, pass on messages and revisit some school rules with the year group. The short assembly also allowed some time with tutors to check on equipment and log any uniform issues.

I am delighted to announce that the following students had the most positive merits this week;

Henry J 7A2, Ingrid B 7D2, Ryan S 7A2, Riley N 7A2, Jamie T 7M2, Lara M 7Z1, April F 7A2, Brianna B 7D2, Alfie M 7A2, Eleanor B 7Z2, George R 7D2, Charlie S 7A2, Annabelle L 7M1, Teddy K 7Z2 and Ollie S 7M2.

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

Contact: pschanahan@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 8 - Miss Thurtle

Beyond the classroom, Year 8 students have visited the 'Drugs Bus' this week. This was an interactive, educational experience for students. On the bus, students took part in an escape room and educational presentation from the team about drugs/alcohol and being 'street wise'.

Students really enjoyed this experience.

Congratulations to:

Sylwia P - 8D1

Pippa G - 8Z2

Oscar R - 8A1

for receiving the most merits in Year 8 this week. Next week, students will be rewarded if they have 100% attendance or for scoring 250 merits or more.

Contact: cthurtle@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 9 – Ms Taylor

Year 9 have been focusing on independence skills this week. In assembly, they were reminded of the need to take responsibility for their own learning and to ask their teachers targeted questions to support their learning. They will get far more from asking teachers a specific question about how something applies to their work rather than using a blanket statement like "I don't get it".

Now we are in May, they will soon be receiving their options and will have the opportunity to make any changes before the start of Year 10.

Congratulations also to the following Year 9s for completing their Mental Health Ambassador training:

Hayden - 9Z1

Edward - 9M1

Elsa - 9A1

Wishing all year 9's a happy May Bank Holiday and I look forward to reporting on their achievements next week.

Contact: staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 10 – Mr Field

Assembly this week focussed on Shakespeare and the importance of it within English and to our heritage as a nation. It is interesting that many common phrases we use today originate from Shakespeare. e.g. 'cruel to be kind' from Hamlet, 'the be-all and end-all' from Macbeth and 'all that glitters isn't gold' from Merchant of Venice.

I hope the D of E pupils trekking in the Surrey Hills have had a great time achieving their silver award (and I hope it didn't rain too much!!!!).

Top positive points earners this week were: George, Mia, Isabella, Imogen, James, Sophie, Sophia, Charlotte, Ethan, Amelia & Emily. Please see me Tuesday morning to receive your jump the queue pass.

Enjoy the extended weekend.

Contact: sfield@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students have worked so hard this week on some really complex skills. They made puff pastry from scratch, crème patisserie and then practiced their piping and assembly skills to create Mille-Feuille over a series of lessons. These are all very complex skills which allow them to access the top mark bands for their qualifications and they really amazed me with their effort, demonstrating resilience and aspiration over this week. A huge well done Year 10!

*Hospitality
and Catering*



Year 11 - Mr Swinnerton

Another week draws to a close and takes us another step closer to the exams. At this time, it is important to remind all of Year 11 to maintain the high standards of behaviour and attitude to learning they have displayed this year. It would be a shame if any of them let themselves down with such a short period of time left.

Mr Rumary led the assembly this week going through the procedures and protocols which will apply during the exam period. He particularly highlighted the need for good diet, hydration and rest, as well as punctuality to exams. The morning exams will all start at 9.00am, so it is important that everyone arrives early to get settled for the exam. There is nothing worse than rushing in a panic to get there! I must also stress again, as we did with the students, that there is no opportunity to re-sit any of these exams!

The majority of students continue to work well and special mention this week must go to Tim 11A1 who received the Chocolate for most merits towards exam studies. Well done Tim!

As always if I can help in any way, please contact me by email at the Academy.

Contact: rswinnerton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

RIVERS SIXTH FORM



Years 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

This week marks the start of exams and coursework deadlines for our year 13 students. We are very proud of how they have taken to this and how they are using their free time productively to revise. Congratulations to our fantastic Year 13 Art students who successfully completed their 15-hour Art exam this week.

Thank you to Anna in Year 12 who confidently gave at the Year 8 First Give assembly. Anna was a previous winner of this competition.

Year 13 will have all received an email asking them to complete an online form for awards at their leavers assembly and the Year 13 Summer Ball payments need to be made so we can confirm numbers with the venue.

As the weather is starting to improve, the Sixth Form area will feel a lot warmer. Please make sure you have a water bottle on you to keep hydrated and are dressing appropriately for Sixth Form study.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Contact: 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 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.



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:

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: 0845 355 8104

Attendance line: 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.