

Message from the Principal

It has been busy and exciting last full week at Rivers as we head towards the end of the Summer Term next Wednesday.

I had the great pleasure of attending our annual Gym & Dance show on Wednesday and was thoroughly impressed by the performance of all of those students involved. I would like to thank Ms Wilkins and all of the Performing Arts department for putting on such an amazing show for our students, staff, parents and carers.

On Tuesday, as a reward for all their hard work at the MESME Maths Circle club, a group of Year 7 students were taken to the Science Museum in London on Tuesday to show them where Maths and Science can take them in the future.

On Thursday, our Year 7 students went on a visit to the local Rio Cinema in Burnham to celebrate the end of the academic year and to celebrate everything they have achieved this year.

On Friday, a selection of Year 9 students spent the day at Thorpe Park to celebrate the end of the academic year and to celebrate everything they have achieved this year.

Next week, a selection of Year 8 students will be visiting Stubbers Adventure Centre in Upminster to test their spirit of adventure and celebrate their achievements. We also look forward to welcoming back Year 10 after their week of work, we are looking forward to hearing about their experiences.

I wish you a restful weekend and look forward to seeing our students refreshed and ready to learn on Monday full school uniform, blazers included.

Jo Williams, Principal

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 24 July 2024

Last day of Summer Term
(Academy closes at 1.50 pm)

Monday 2nd September 2024

Staff INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Year 7 & 12 return for Autumn Term

Wednesday 4th September 2024

All year groups return for Autumn Term

Thursday 12th September 2024 5-8pm

Year 7 Admissions Open Evening

Tuesday 1st October 2024 6-8pm

Rivers Sixth Form Open Evening

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

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 **“Reconcilability”**.

Why not have a go?



Say it: REE-CON-SIL-AB-ILL-ATEE

Spell it: Re-con-cil-ab-il-ity

Reconcilability
(noun)

(Prefix)con together, with;
altogether
(Prefix)re again, back, thoroughly
(suffix)ity state, condition, quality

Understand it
Able or willing to be reconciled (to restore)

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

Aspiration - Independence - Resilience - Respect

Summer Reading Challenge!

All year groups are welcome to take part in Ormiston Rivers Academy's Summer Reading Challenge!

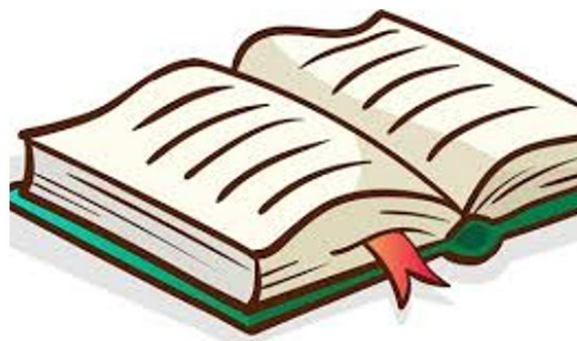
It is pretty simple! All you need to do is read a book, write a review and your name will be put into a prize draw in September!

Your name will be put into the draw for each book that you read and each review you submit.

Collect a book review form from the Library or write your own. Reviews must be between 200-250 words!

All entries must be submitted to the Library by Monday 9th September.

Happy reading!



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. The shout out this week goes to:

A big thank you to Thomas 9Z1 and Amelia 9Z1 for their help with the Performing Arts Year 5 Day. They were fantastic and joined in all their activities. The students from St Mary's C of E school took part in African Drumming and African Dance and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as you can see in the photos.

Performing Arts Star is also Abigail 10Z1 who has been doing work experience with us this week. She has done a fantastic job supporting dance, drama and music and has shown great initiative.



ORA Notices

ORA PE and Match Kit

If any students have PE kit at home which has 'ORA PE' printed on it, could it please be returned to the PE Department. This is spare kit which is kept in school.

In addition to this, if any football kits or school match kits are at home, can they please be returned.

Pre-Loved Prom Dresses & Suits

We are looking to start a pre-loved prom dress and suit shop in school. If you have any items you would like to donate, please drop them into front reception.

Thank you , Ms Sexton

LOST PROPERTY

We have several items in lost property, mainly coats, PE kits, blazers and drinking bottles.

Students can check in Student Reception for lost items. Items not collected before the end of this term will be donated to charity.

Thank you, Mrs Reed

Exam Certificates

The Exams Department are storing a large quantity of uncollected certificates from the last 3 years of public examinations, we would very much like to hand these over to their owners. If these belong to any of your family or friends, please could you remind them that they may be collected from main reception between the hours of 9:15 and 3:00 during term time. These may be collected by someone else on their behalf as long as they bring written permission with them.

Please allow a few minutes for your visit so that the certificates can be retrieved from our storage area.

Public exams for this Academic Year are now complete. Certificates will be available from the week beginning the 1st of December 2024.

Thank You, The Exams Team

ORA Notices

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Congratulations to Alex J and Poppy R in Year 9 for completing their Bronze DofE Award. Well done to both students this is a big achievement!

One last shout out to all students who have taken part in DofE this year or last, please can you return any outstanding equipment to the main office, thank you.

To everybody, if you have any spare waterproofs (Jackets/trousers), fleece jumpers (or walking type clothing) I would be grateful for it (Well students would!) to add to my spare kit box.

Thank you,

Mrs Coulson



School nurse lunchtime drop in

A time to speak to your school nurse about any concerns.

**WE ARE HERE ONCE A WEEK EVERY
WEDNESDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

We can help you with:

- Physical health problems
 - Emotional wellbeing
- Social problems/ bullying/ friendships
- Sexual health and contraception
 - Body changes and puberty
 - Issues at home

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk



Year 7 - Mr Shanahan

Our final full week at school for this academic year has been and gone at ORA for our Year 7s and what a busy week it was. On Wednesday he had our final rewards breakfast of the year and we celebrated some of our unsung heroes in Year 7. There were over fifty students that I haven't personally taught this academic year, who have caused me no bother with their behaviour and have consistently shown a positive attitude inside and outside of the classroom. Fifteen of these were selected at random to attend the breakfast, so well done to the following; Bobby P, Ivy N, Grace A, Liam H, Izabelle Q, Adora H-W, Ava B, Beau Y, Laila C, Erika G, Emily L, Katelynn C, Riley N, Daisy G and Alfred H

On Thursday, we had the pleasure of taking 150 students to the Rio Cinema in Burnham to watch Inside Out 2. Overall, the students behaved well during the film and they represented the school impeccably on the way to and from the cinema. We hope they enjoyed the film and thank you to the staff who helped on the day. I would like to thank Mr Jones especially, for all his efforts behind the scenes with the logistics of the trip and to Miss Corbett for her support and organisation on the day. It was much appreciated.

On Friday we celebrated our final Honours Assembly of the year which was a lovely way to start such a warm and glorious day. Many congratulations to the students who received a prize for their efforts. Thank you Miss Williams and Mr Marklew for your time this morning.

At the end of the assembly this morning, I informed the students that this morning was the last time I would present to them as a year group as I will be leaving ORA next week and will continue my teaching career at another school. I have thoroughly enjoyed being their Head of Year and it is a job I am passionate about. Thank you to you the parents/carers for your support throughout the year and I wish the students, their tutors and the school all the very best. Miss H Scott was introduced to the year group and she will be their Head of Year next year and I wish her all the best.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing the students on Monday.

Contact: pshanahan@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 7 Honours Assembly



Year 7 Honours Assembly



Year 8 - Miss Thurtle

As we conclude a successful school year, I am filled with immense pride and joy for our Year 8 students. This year has been marked by incredible achievements, growth and memorable experiences. It has been a pleasure to work with the year group at a Head of Year capacity and I am pleased to say I will be continuing in Year 9.

I would like to congratulate the following students for their outstanding merit contribution to our year group. Your dedication, hard work and perseverance have earned you the highest merits and I am incredibly proud:

Oscar R (8A1) - 6379
Pippa G (8Z2) - 5987
Samuel S (8Z1) - 5820
Lully C (8Z2) - 5359

I look forward to taking our students out for their rewards trip on Monday. At the moment, weather is looking to be hot, so please ensure students have plenty of water and wear appropriate clothing for the outdoor activities.

I would like to thank parents/carers and students for your unwavering support and partnership this term. Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Contact: cthurtle@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 9 – Ms Taylor

As we come towards the end of the summer term, I would like to congratulate Year 9 on their hard work and effort this year. I look forward to moving forwards with you into Year 10 as you embark on your GCSE journey.

I hope Year 9 enjoyed the reward trip to Thorpe Park on Friday.

Thank you for your continual support and I wish you all a wonderful summer break.

Contact: staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 10 – Mr Field

It has been great to hear stories and see photos of the pupils during their time during work experience. I hope you have found it a valuable experience in preparing yourself for the world of work. I look forward to hearing your stories when you return to school.

Contact: sfield@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

RIVERS SIXTH FORM

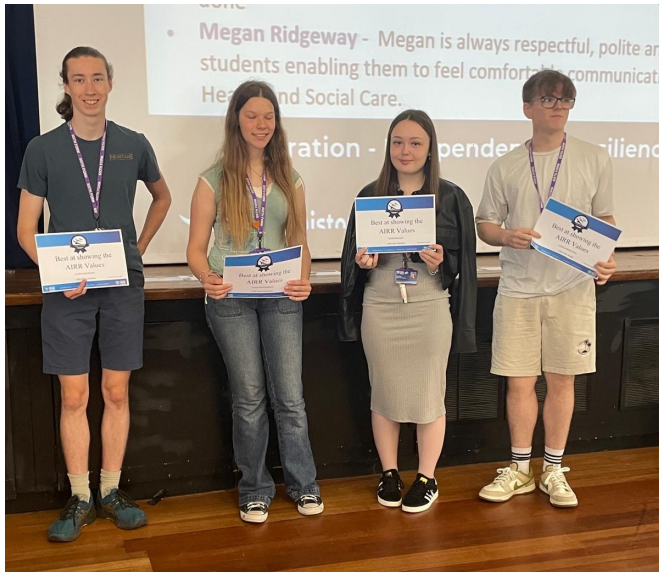
Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

On Monday all of the year 12 students took part in an Employability Masterclass run by an external company 'Young Enterprise'. The sessions helped students to understand the skills and qualities that are required to be successful in the workplace, and build awareness of how to present the very best version of themselves through an application process. This was a fantastic opportunity for the year group.



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

We had another fantastic Honours assembly where multiple different students received awards across subjects, attainment, attitude to learning and the principal.



RIVERS SIXTH FORM



On Tuesday we will be taking the year group to Laser Warfare in Brentwood to compete in a Laser Tag challenge. This is an opportunity to celebrate the outstanding attendance in Sixth Form and end the year with a fun activity.

We wish you all a wonderful Summer and look forward to seeing the new year 12 students with the Sixth Form Leadership Team on Tuesday 3rd September and the rest of year 13 on Wednesday 4th.

Link attached for Year 11 Sixth Form transition work:

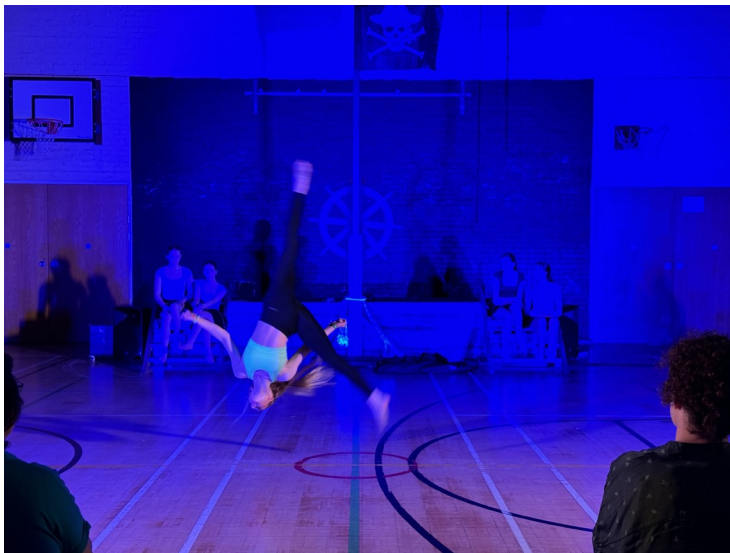
<https://ormistonriversacademy.co.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-transition-work>

Contact: mwilkins@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Gym and Dance Show 2024 - Pirates of the Caribbean

Students from across the school took part in the annual Gym & Dance show which this year was 'Pirates of the Caribbean'. Every night was a complete sell out and our students were absolutely outstanding. Alongside our students, we had 40 primary school children involved, all dressed perfectly as pirates. Their energy was electric and the audience loved them. Not only did all students perform to a high standard every night but their ability to work seamlessly together and support each other is commendable. The Performing Arts department would love to thank the cast of Gym & Dance for being an exceptional team.





Food Technology—Stars of the Week

8RDt2 for being absolutely brilliant this week!

Both lessons I have had with your class you have been the first lined up and ready, smartly dressed, respectful and following all instructions.

You worked hard to create a recipe plan for your free choice dish and today you executed them perfectly. I am so impressed with you all and it's been a pleasure to see your skills progress this term! Have a lovely break!

Mrs Hyde



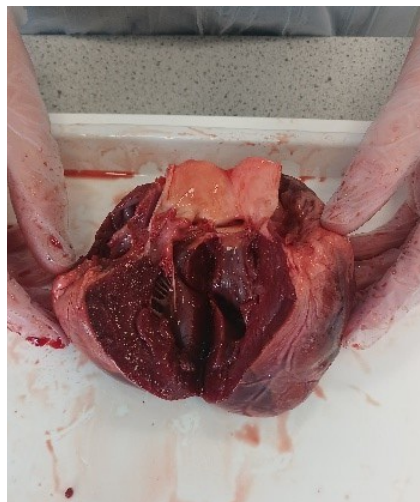
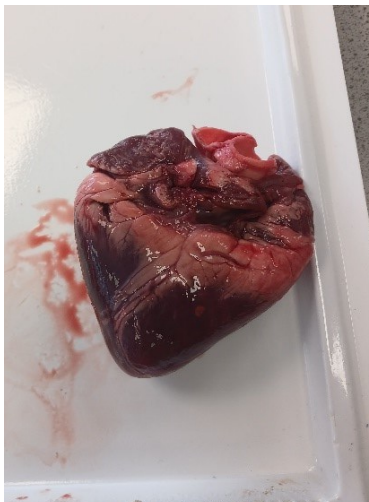
A Scene Straight Out of Grey's Anatomy at Science Club!

On Tuesday, July 16, 2024, our science club transformed into a scene straight out of Grey's Anatomy with our special event, "Dissect with a Biologist!" – and it was an unforgettable experience!

Our very own Biologist, Mrs. A. Morgan brought the magic of a medical drama to our classroom, guiding students through the fascinating world of the heart anatomy. Students embarked on an exciting journey, learning to identify the various parts of a pig's heart. They even got to touch and feel the distinct differences between the heart's chambers. Did you know that the heart has a right and left side? Can you guess which side is bigger and why? If you guessed the left side, you're right! The left side is larger because it pumps blood all around the body.

Mrs. Morgan, an Animal Science Major also captivated us with her university research on the effects of feed with green-lipped mussel extract on boar semen – a fascinating study that had everyone intrigued.

Then came the moment we were all waiting for: the dissection! Students donned their imaginary surgeon caps and carefully cut open the heart specimens. It was an amazing hands-on experience. Ever heard your Nan talk about "pulling on her heartstrings"? We discovered what that really looks like – they literally resemble strings! (Check out the image below.)



**"Heart
String"**

This exciting session wrapped up our Science Personalities Series and marked the end of the science club for this academic year. A big thank you to all the parents/guardians and students for their enthusiastic participation. We look forward to even more exciting discoveries in the new school year. Until then, keep exploring – who knows what incredible discoveries await you!

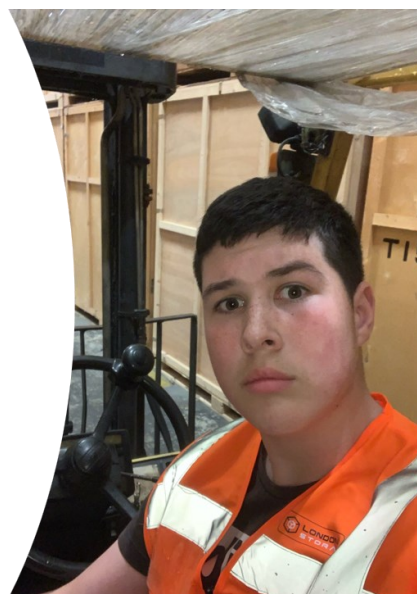
Stay curious and keep the science spirit alive!

Mr Williams

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10s have been out on work experience placements this week 15-19th July, students have been at a wide variety of places from pre-schools to solicitors, to carpentry to financial companies.

Here are some of our year 10s in their places of work. We hope that students have gained lots of new skills this week and put some skills they learn at school into action in the workplace.





ORA Notices

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.

Term dates can be found on the academy website:

[Ormiston Rivers Academy - Term Dates](#)

Duke of Edinburgh's Award—appeal for clothing donations

Dear Parent & Carers,

Do you have any old/spare/ grown out of waterproof jackets or trousers that we can have for spare equipment for our DofE expeditions?

All sizes welcome. These items are really useful for Bronze to Gold level.

If you do please send/bring them in to me at school.

Thank you!

Mrs Coulson, DofE Lead



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.

Nut Allergies

Any form of nut or products that contain nuts should not be brought into school. We do have students with severe nut allergies, which can be life threatening, and we would appreciate your support in keeping them safe.

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	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.

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.



**Mid Essex Secondary Schools
Open Evenings
for Years 7 and 12
and Tours for
2025-2026 intake**

The Boswells School

Tel: 01245 264451 www.boswells-school.com



The Boswells School - Year 7 Entry Meet Our Students

Date: Saturday 21 September 2024
Timing: 9.30 am and 10.30 am. Please contact Reception to book.

The Boswells School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 2 October 2024
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm

The Boswells School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Dates: 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 September 2024
Timing: 9.15 am to 10.30 am. Booking required. Arrive at Reception 9.10 am

The Boswells School - Sixth Form Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 6 November 2024
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Booking required.
Headteacher's presentation: 6.00 pm and 6.45 pm
Sixth Form Open Morning tours: Wednesday 13 November 2024, 9.15 am

Chelmsford County High School

Tel: 01245 352592 www.cchs.co.uk



Chelmsford County High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 1 May 2025
Timing: 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 4.45 pm, 5.30 pm and 6.15 pm

Chelmsford County High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 3 October 2024
Timing: 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm

Hylands School

Tel: 01245 266766 www.hylands-tkaL.org



Hylands School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 3 October 2024
Timing: 4.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.15 pm and 6.30 pm

Hylands School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: Week commencing Monday 7 October 2024. Please contact Reception to book.

Hylands School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 14 November 2024
Timing: 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm

The Beaulieu Park School

Tel: 01245 943400 www.beaulieuparkschool.com



The Beaulieu Park School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Monday 30 September 2024
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Executive Headteacher's presentations: 6.15 pm, 6.55 pm and 7.35 pm

The Beaulieu Park School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: Various dates in September and October. Please visit our website to book.

The Beaulieu Park School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Monday 4 November 2024
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Please visit our website to book.

Head of School and Director of Sixth Form presentations: 6.15 pm

Chelmer Valley High School

Tel: 01245 440232 www.chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk



Chelmer Valley High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 19 September 2024
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

Chelmer Valley High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Dates: 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 September 2024
Timing: 9.00 am and 10.00 am. Booking required. Arrive at Reception 8.55am

Chelmer Valley High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 10 October 2024
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.45 pm

Great Baddow High School

Tel: 01245 265821 www.gbhs.co.uk



Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Tuesday 24 September 2024
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Headteacher's presentation: 5.45 pm, 6.30 pm and 7.15 pm

Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Tour times by appointment throughout September and October 2024. Please contact the school office to book an appointment.

Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Sport Selection Day

Saturday 5 October 2024 (Application deadline midday on Friday 27 September 2024). Application via the school website: www.gbhs.co.uk

Great Baddow High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 23 October 2024
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.30 pm (external applications only) and 6.15 pm (internal students)

King Edward VI Grammar School

Tel: 01245 353510 www.kegs.org.uk



King Edward VI Grammar School - Year 7 Entry Open Days

Tours in Spring and Summer 2025 for Year 5 students will be advertised on our website.

King Edward VI Grammar School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 13 November 2024
Timing: 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.00 pm and 6.30 pm - no booking required

King Edward VI Grammar School - Year 12 Open Afternoon

Date: Wednesday 15 January 2025
Timing: 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm
This event is for those unable to attend our Year 12 Open Evening on Wednesday 13 November 2024.



Mid Essex Secondary Schools

Open Evenings for Years 7 and 12 and Tours for 2025-2026 intake *continued...*

Moulsham High School

Tel: 01245 260101 www.moulshamhigh.org



Moulsham High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 19 September 2024
Timing: 5.45 pm to 8.15 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm
Music aptitude presentation: 7.00 pm

Moulsham High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: 24, 25 and 26 September and 1, 2, 3, 7 and 11 October 2024
Timing: 9.00 am and 10.00 am on all days

Moulsham High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 14 November 2024
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm

Ormiston Rivers Academy

Tel: 01621 782377
www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Ormiston Rivers Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 12 September 2024
Timing: 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm

Ormiston Rivers Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: Monday 16 September until Friday 27 September 2024

Ormiston Rivers Academy - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Tuesday 1 October 2024
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 7.00 pm

Plume Maldon's Community Academy

Tel: 01621 854681 www.plume.essex.sch.uk



Plume Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 26 September 2024
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm

Plume Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: Monday 7 to Friday 18 October 2024.
Please refer to the Plume Academy website to book your tour.

Plume Academy - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 3 October 2024
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of College presentations: 6.30 pm

The Sandon School

Tel: 01245 473611
www.sandon.essex.sch.uk



The Sandon School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 3 October 2024
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

The Sandon School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Various dates in September and October - please contact our reception team.

The Sandon School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 24 October 2024
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.30 pm

St John Payne Catholic School

Tel: 01245 256030 www.sjp.essex.sch.uk



St John Payne Catholic School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 26 September 2024
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm, 6.45 pm and 7.45 pm

St John Payne Catholic School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Please contact the school to arrange a visit. We look forward to meeting you.

St John Payne Catholic School - Year 12 Entry Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 13 November 2024
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.15 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.45 pm

William de Ferrers School

Tel: 01245 326326 www.wdf.school



William de Ferrers School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 19 September 2024
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Executive Headteacher's presentations: 6.20 pm and 7.00 pm

William de Ferrers School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Various dates in September and October, please contact our reception team to book.

William de Ferrers School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 7 November 2024
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Head of School and Director of Sixth Form presentations: 6.20 pm

Parents and carers can apply for their child's school place online using the Essex Online Admissions Service at: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Alternatively an application form can be found on their website or you can request a form by calling 0345 603 2200 or use the one at the end of The Secondary Education in Essex 2024/2025 Booklet (if you would prefer to apply on paper). *Please do not do both.*

You will be able to make your application online from 12 September 2024.

The closing date for secondary applications is 31 October 2024. This is the statutory national closing date set by the Government.



[KOOOTH.com](https://www.kooth.com) is still here to support young people during the summer holidays!

Kooth offers free, safe and anonymous access to online wellbeing support and advice for children and young people **aged 11 to 18 across Essex**. The registration process is quick, anonymous and safe. Using non-identifiable information, Children and Young People can access support, simply by registering at www.kooth.com.

With no thresholds, waiting lists or referrals required, young people can access support for ANY issues they may be experiencing. These may include; body image, self-esteem, bereavement, academic pressures, anger, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, self harm, friendships, sexuality, transition from primary to secondary school etc.

Kooth's BACP (British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy) qualified therapists are online 365 days a year. Monday to Friday, from midday until 10pm and on weekends, 6pm until 10pm. Users can also message the team 24 hours a day and receive a next day response.

Young people can access fully-moderated support forums, self-help tools, and online magazine articles (written by our professional team and other users across the UK) covering topics ranging from health and wellbeing, sport, technology, fashion etc. alongside social, emotional and wellbeing support. Everything on www.kooth.com is pre-moderated before going 'live' on the site, allowing for young people to offer and receive peer support in a safe and secure online environment.

Kooth delivers 1000's of online wellbeing sessions each year in Local Authorities across the UK. As 50% of referrals to CAMHS are unfortunately deemed inappropriate to their criteria, Kooth gives schools, professionals and families an alternative way of ensuring children and young people can access free support when they need it, in a way that they find comfortable to access, via any web-enabled devices.

Please find a selection of Parent/Carer resources that can be accessed using this link: [Parents/Carers resources](#) and If you have any questions or would like to discuss what [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) can offer, please simply email parents@kooth.com.



Essex Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

VACCINE CATCH-UP CLINICS

For more information or to book an appointment please call **0300 790 0597**

Has your child missed their routine school vaccinations?

We are running catch-up clinics in your area. Find your nearest clinic below:

- **Crouch Vale Medical Centre, CM3 5QP**
Saturday 13 July, 10am – 3pm
- **St Peters, Maldon, CM9 6EG**
Thursday 25 July, 10am – 3pm
- **Witham Health Centre, CM8 2UX (NO PARKING)**
Monday 29 July, 10am – 3pm
- **Witham Health Centre, CM8 2UX (NO PARKING)**
Thursday 1 August, 10am to 3pm
- **St Peters Maldon, CM9 6EG**
Wednesday 7 August, 10am to 3pm
- **Galleywood Youth Centre, CM2 8PT**
Thursday 8 August, 10am – 3 pm
- **Crouch Vale Medical Centre, CM3 5QP**
Monday 12 August, 10am – 3pm
- **Witham Health Centre, CM8 2UX (NO PARKING)**
Tuesday 13 August 10am – 3pm
- **Witham Health Centre, CM8 2UX (NO PARKING)**
Tuesday 20 August, 10am – 3 pm
- **St Peters Maldon, CM9 6EG**
Wednesday 21 August, 10am – 3pm
- **Crouch Vale Medical Centre, CM3 5QP**
Thursday 22 August, 10am – 3 pm
- **Galleywood Youth Centre, CM2 8PT**
Tuesday 27 August, 10am – 3pm
- **Witham Health Centre, CM8 2UX (NO PARKING)**
Wednesday 28 August, 10am – 3pm

Do you have questions about these vaccinations?

Visit the NHS website vaccination page:
www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/

HPV** (from Year 8)
DTP & Meningitis ACWY (from Year 9)

**Eligible boys born after 01/09/2006





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COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY

Meet your local emergency services, and community groups



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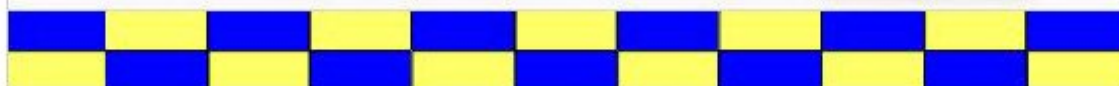
**BIKE SECURITY
MARKING**



Thursday 25th July

10am - 3pm

Riverside Park, Burnham on Crouch



Essex County
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In Partnership with:

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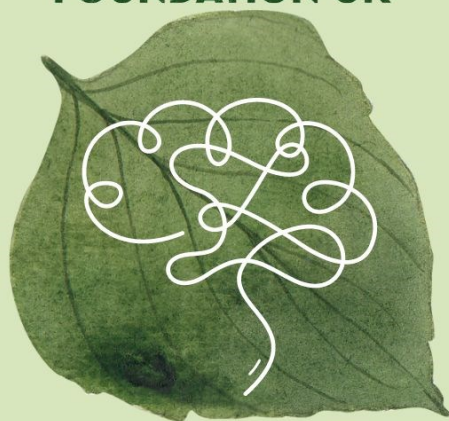


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WILDERNESS

FOUNDATION UK

**Ages
8-16**



**Aug
2024**

Neurodiversity* Outdoor Summer Camp

Sign your child/teenager up for our outdoor programme for neurodiverse youth.

The programme develops personal skills, resilience, communication, social skills and a lot more. We cook on an open fire, are creative, adventurous and accepting.

**4 WEEKS - 1 DAY per week (Aug 2,9,16,23)
£80/day or £280 for 4 sessions**

Wilderness Foundation has an outstanding reputation and experience in supporting young people over many years, with professional outdoor leaders. For more information and referral form please contact us at info@wildernessfoundation.org.uk

*ADHD, ASD, and other neurodiverse conditions



Mann Wood and Chatham Green sites near Great Leighs and Chatham Green



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**FREE! ONLINE
COURSES**



- Starting School & Nursery
- Getting Your Children School Ready
- Starting Secondary School
- Anxiety & Meltdowns
- Assertive Parenting
- Managing Big Emotions
- Raising Boys
- Setting Boundaries
- Sibling Rivalry
- Surviving The Summer For Parents
- The Teen Brain
- Understanding Children's Anxieties
- Understanding Neurodiverse Children
- Zones of Regulation



call our friendly team on
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ACTIVate

Book your child onto a **free summer holiday club** with Essex ActivAte!

1

Open your email from **HolidayActivities** and click the green button

2

Select 'Continue to email' and log in or sign up

3

Make a booking by **clicking the green arrow** and browsing local activities

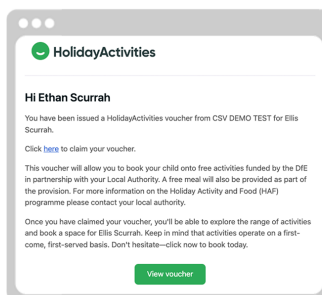
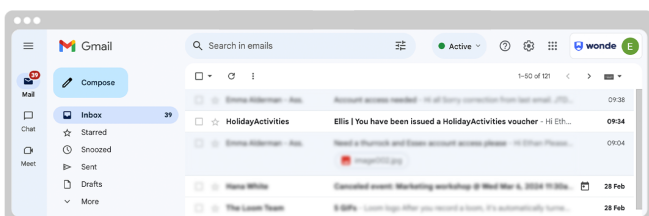


HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

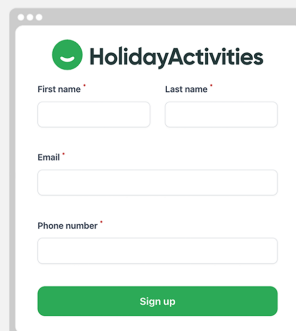
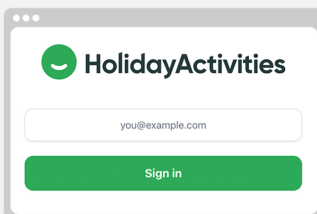
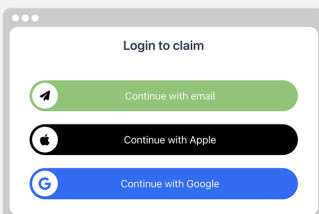
Step 1 - Open the email and click the green button

This voucher will come from hello@holidayactivities.com



Step 2 - Select *Continue with email* and log in/sign up

After selecting Continue with email, you will be asked to enter your email address. If you do not have an account, you will be asked to sign up



Step 3 - Making a booking

Clicking the green arrow on the voucher of your child will take you to a list of providers. From here, you can browse available activities and, once you find one suitable, you will be asked to complete a booking form.

