

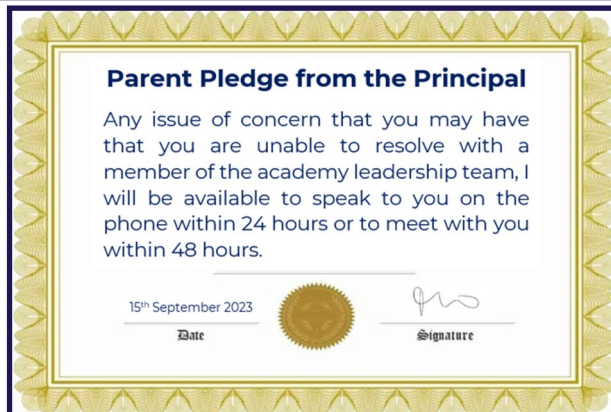


### Message from the Principal

It has been another productive week at Rivers.

On Tuesday we had a follow up visit from Richard Dolding, our OAT Education Director who continues to report an ongoing improvement in standards of both uniform and student behaviour.

We are currently focusing on improving attendance to school and I would like to share with you the statistics below which show the impact that attendance has on our student's GCSE outcomes. To support with this Rivers students who have 100% attendance will be rewarded each week with merit points and an entry into a termly draw for a £50 Just eat voucher. Parent/Carer support in ensuring that your child attends school when possible and arrives to school on time is invaluable.



**While an attendance figure of 90% may not sound very low, research in 2016 showed it reduces a child's chance of achieving 5+ 5-9 grades at GCSE from 81% to around 57%.**

Even for high-achieving students poor attendance has a significant negative impact on their grades. It has been shown that missing just **17 days** of school in Year 11 reduces final GCSE grades by **one level across all subjects.**

It has been a busy week for our PE department with a Year 8 boys away football game at Sandon School on Tuesday and an Under 16 girls home football match and a Year 7 & 8 girls home netball match against Moulsham and a Year 10 Boys home football match against Boswells taking place at the academy on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, some of our A Level Dance students were taken to the Linbury Theater at The Royal Opera House in London to see 'The Mad Hatters Tea Party'. This show is an energetic remix of Lewis Carroll's Wonderland by hip hop company ZooNation.

I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing our students on their return on Monday.

**Jo Williams,**  
Principal



## **Update on Behaviour & Culture**

We have seen a positive start to the year with over 220,000 positive points awarded to students for effort, progress in their learning, positive contributions or community actions.

Occasionally some students do not meet our CARE values and expectations and will be awarded a department detention. These are issued for lateness to lesson, inadequate work, lack of equipment or relocation from lesson. Students are notified of their detention on Go4Schools and informed of the time and location of their 10 minute break or lunch detention in the morning by their tutor.

If students make the decision not to attend a department detention this is then escalated to a Head of Department detention which is a 30 minute break detention and you will be informed by Go4Schools notification and by a MyEd message.

Failure to attend a Head of Department detention will result in a 1 hour after school SLT detention communicated by Go4Schools and a phone call from the pastoral team.

Please can we ask for your support. Conversations at home to discuss their behaviour and to support them in attending are important in helping students take responsibility for their actions and understand the need to deal with consequences before they escalate.

**Ms Victory,  
Senior Assistant Principal**

## **Dates for your Diary**

**Wednesday 25 September 2024 @ 3.30pm**  
Year 7 Parents Meeting with Form Tutors

**Thursday 26 September 2024 @ 7pm-8pm**  
Essex Police Cyber Prevent and Protect Talk

**Tuesday 1 October 2024 @ 6pm-8pm**  
ORA Rivers Sixth Form Open Evening

**Wednesday 9th October 2024**  
Year 12 Hanningfield Reservoir Trip

## **Parents Evenings 2024-25**

Year 7 (Meet the tutor) - 25 September 2024

Year 11 - 4 December 2024

Sixth Form (Yr 12 & 13) - 16 December 2024

Year 10 - 21 January 2025

Year 9 - 13 February 2025

Year 11 Academic - 20 March 2025

Year 8 - 31 March 2025

Year 7 - 6 May 2025



**Essex County Council**

## **Helping parents to understand the changes to fines for term time holidays**

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### **Who may be fined?**

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

### **First Offence**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

### **National Threshold**

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence, including the U code (late after registers have closed).

For example: a 5 day holiday would meet the national threshold.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

### **Second Offence**

**(within 3 years)**

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days.

### **Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)**

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court.

Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



### 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 **“Innovative”**.

Why not have a go?

Say it:

i·nuh·vuh·tuhv

Spell it: In-no-va-tive

Innovative  
(adjective)

Stem: · / nova / new

(Prefix) **in** - in, into, on; not; very - can be 'en'  
(Suffix) **ive** - tending to, by nature

Understand it

Using new methods or ideas

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



### Tea with the Principal

On Friday 20th September, the following Year 8 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 CARRE values..

Tillie C (8M1)

Kayden B (8M1)

Lewie L (8M2)

Harley F (8M2)

Ellie H (8D1)

Eoin C (8D1)

Charlie S (8A2)

Isabelle R (8A2)

Thomas F (8Z1)

Freddie G (8Z1)

Josh R (8A1)

Ella B (8A1)

Leo A (8Z2)

Eleanor B (8Z2)

Josh J (8D2)

Katelynn C (8D2)



### Netball & Football Club

The PE department would like to say a massive thank you all students who took part in our after school clubs this week. It was the first week of the netball and football clubs, due to open evening last week, and we had an amazing numbers of students in attendance for both. We are very appreciative of those who stayed after school to take part, as we had a record breaking number of 87 boys at football club and 40 girls at netball club. This is the highest number of students at a PE extra-curricular activity ever!!



Here are some images of the girls netball club in action!



Here's a little reminder of the clubs we have available:

**Monday Clubs - Girls Football and Boys Rugby**

**Thursday Clubs - Girls Netball and Boys Football**

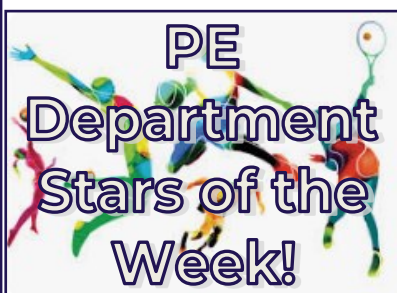
### U16 Girls Football

Wednesday night was our U16 girls football game again, against Moulsham. The team were



lucky enough to have Mr Moon helping them and he commented on the great teamwork and rapport the girls had with one another. The girls had a penalty given against them, which lucky enough was missed and kept them in the game, until Isla G claimed a goal for herself. Player

of the match was Isla G! A huge thank you to the girls that stepped in and put themselves forward to play. It was great to see so many of you there and we hope to see you all at training after school on Monday!!



Paris H (10) - For a great attitude in lessons and going the extra mile for our U16 girls football match this week.

Mia E (11) - For throwing herself into netball fixtures and a great attitude in lessons.

Ellie N (11) - For great umpiring in lesson and a great effort during the netball match this week.

Ella S (11) - For representing the school for both football and netball fixtures this week!

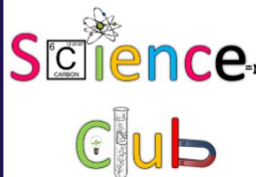
Katie M (11) - For representing the school for both football and netball fixtures this week!

Grace D (11) - For representing the school for both football and netball fixtures this week!

James B (8) - For 2 great OAA lessons, a great group leader!

Ronnie S (10) - For a great attitude in lessons and a positive start to OAA.

The whole of 7O/PE4 for the incredible start to their dance lessons!



### Unveiling the Scientific Method

This week's Science Club meeting was an exciting journey into the heart of the Scientific Method! Students were not just learning, they were researching, and embracing their inner scientists. With three fascinating challenges on the table, the room buzzed with curiosity and creative thinking.

#### The challenges:



1. **The Paper Towel Absorbency:**  
*Which brand truly soaks up the most?*

2. **The Great Cookie Dunk Experiment:**  
*Ever wondered why some cookies survive a dunk in milk while others crumble? Our young scientists are determined to find out by testing cookie durability in the ultimate milk challenge!*



3. **The Parachute Drop:**



*From parachute designs to their speed of descent, students took to the skies (well, kind of!) to see how design affects the fall. Will larger parachutes float longer, or do sleek designs have the advantage?*

In groups, students designed their own experiments using the steps of the scientific method from hypothesis to conclusion. Ideas flowed, theories were debated, and by the end of the session, three exciting experiments were ready to be tested.

#### What's Next?

Next week, the action really begins as we execute these experiments and uncover the results. Who will emerge victorious in the Paper Towel Showdown? Will your favourite cookie hold up under pressure? Find out soon!

A reminder we meet every Wednesday at 3:20 p.m. in room S08! Until next time, stay curious, keep experimenting, and remember science is everywhere!

Mr Williams

#### Cyber Prevent and Protect Talk on Thursday 26th September at 7pm

Given the current concerns around our children and their use of technology, in particular Social Media, we would like to encourage parents & carers to attend the Essex Police Cyber Prevent and Protect Talk on Thursday 26th September at 7pm. This talk will aim to help to understand some of the issues, what to look for, how to educate both our children and ourselves, places to go for help, advice and guidance, and the Computer Misuse Act.

If you would like to attend this talk, please can you click on the below link to confirm your attendance: <https://forms.office.com/e/XqMWRvSt9d>



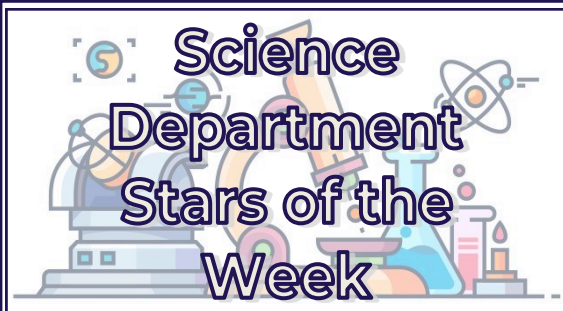
### Performing Arts Stars of the Week

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

This week a shout out goes to Hannae, Libby, Olivia and Olivia from 12B/DA1, for fantastic and professional behaviour and attitudes on the A Level dance trip.

We would also like to make a further shout out to Paris, Elsa, Sam and Ella in 10D/MP, to say well done for making an excellent start to their GCSE music course and showing independence in learning their pieces.

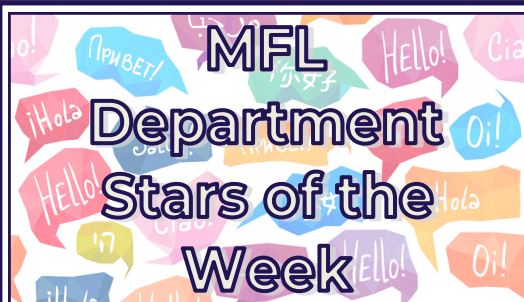
Well done to all!



- Yr 13 - Alex P (13SF2)
- Yr 12 - Marli W (12SF6)
- Yr 11 - Mia S (11Z2)
- Yr 10 - Bobby B (10D1)
- Yr 9 - Jess W (9A2)
- Yr 8 - Zahra M (8Z1)
- Yr 7 - Jaxon W (7Z2)



- Health and Social Care & Child Development**
- Yr 13 - Megan R (13SF2)
  - Yr 12 - Tegan S (12SF4)
  - Yr 11 - Summer L (11M2)
- Health and Social Care**
- Yr 10 H&SC - Georgie C (10D1)
- Child Development**
- Yr 10 CD - Maria W (10M1)



- FRANÇAIS** Jessica L Yr 11
- Español** Haidyn V Yr 9



Molly B for consistent high effort in all written responses to questions and being an excellent example of a positive attitude to learning.



### Year 7 - Mr Moon

Another amazing week for Year 7 we have one of the highest attendances again with 98.05% with 7A1 leading the year group. We have received an astounding 62,600 merits so far! 7Z2 are leading the tutor group totals, but leading with individual merits is Esme 7A2 with 570.

The year group have been busy with completing their testing this week and I have only heard positive things from the test invigilators about their compliance with the testing. We had our first ever fixture by the Year 7 girls who faced Moulsham in a netball match at home on Wednesday.

My moments of the week go to 7oPE4 and watching their excellent attitude toward their Dance lessons. My other favourite moment of the week was talking to Miss Sams about how many students are getting involved in the word of the week challenge, and how she is receiving floods of emails not only from students, but parents as well who have helped their child with their example sentence. It is lovely to hear that we have such a great community building between school and home, so thank you to all the parents who have gotten involved.



A reminder that next Wednesday the 25th we have meet the tutors after school. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible, so you can see what your children do during tutor time and also to put a face to the name of the tutors. The tutor team are looking forward to meeting all of you.

A small reminder that gum is not allowed in school. A few Year 7 students have been caught this week chewing gum in lessons and in the line up. If you could please remind your child(ren) that gum is not allowed in school, that would be very much appreciated.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to another great week next week!

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

### Year 7 Netball



This week our Year 7 girls had their first netball match against Moulsham. The girls played some amazing netball, listening to feedback given by teachers and peers and represented the school in a great manner. The girls were unfortunate to lose the game but showed excellent resilience and battled to the end. We would like to thank all of the girls who were able to attend but want to make everyone aware this is not the final team, and we are welcoming all years to the netball club after school on Thursdays.

It was great to see such great teamwork, considering the girls have never played or practiced as a team! Well done to Sienna S who was chosen by Moulsham as player of the match.





**Year 8 - Ms Scott**

I want to take a moment to congratulate each and every one of Year 8 on completing their NGRT assessments. Their focus and effort have been impressive, and I'm proud of how seriously the student's approached these important tests.

A huge shout-out also goes to Year 8 for continuing to line up quickly and professionally for lessons. It's wonderful to see such maturity and responsibility from Year 8. Keep up this excellent habit, as it sets a great example for others and helps our day run smoothly.

On another note, a massive congratulations goes out to all the following students who have achieved over 500 positive points this term! This is an outstanding achievement and reflects your hard work, positive attitude, and dedication to school life. A big well done to:

Jude L 8D1

Paige S 8A2

Thomas F 8Z1

Daisy G 8Z1

Luke R 8M1

Lara M 8Z1

Freddie G 8Z1

Zach S 8M1

James B 8D2

Alex S 8D1

Keep up the brilliant effort!

I'm also thrilled to announce that our year group is currently at 95% attendance! This is fantastic and shows Year 8's commitment to being here and doing their best every day. Let's keep pushing to maintain and even improve this great attendance rate.

However, I do need to address a small but important issue regarding uniform. I've noticed that a few students have been rolling up their skirts and leaving shirts untucked. Please may I ask you to remind your child that wearing uniform correctly is a sign of pride in our school and respect for its values. I would love all students to represent Year 8 in the best possible light by keeping our skirts at the correct length and our shirts tucked in at all times.

Keep up the great work Year 8, and let's make the rest of the term as successful as the start!

Have a safe and restful weekend.

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**Year 8 Netball**



Our Year 8 netball team had their second fixture of the year against Moulsham. The girls played a great game of netball, holding their own and showing some great skills which were developed from last year. We would like to thank the Year 7 girl who stepped up to help at such short notice due to a lack of players. This highlighted your ambition to be part of our squad.

Well done to Lou Lou C who was chosen by Moulsham as player of the match!!



**Year 9 – Ms Thurtle**

Another week has flown by at Ormiston Rivers. In assembly, students were made aware of the DofE Bronze award. I would encourage you to sit down with your child to discuss this fantastic opportunity outside of the classroom. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Coulson.

I would like to acknowledge 9o/Hi4 for being so brilliant. Mrs Murphy has made me aware of the hard work you are putting in. Keep up the great work.

As a reminder: our annual reward trip will be to Thorpe Park next July. Students will need to exceed 2800 merits and not exceed 500 behaviour points to be eligible. I would like to commend the students who have already surpassed 600 merits!

Well done to: Lewis. H (9A1) - 620 and Oscar. R (9A1) - 600. It's looks like we might have a little competition underway in 9A1!

7 of our students already have merits in excess of 500. Congratulations. Our merit total so far as a year group is 51,975!

Poppy L went up to Northamptonshire and competed in the national pony club dressage competition over summer. They came a very respectful 12th in a large class of riders! Well done Poppy.

I love hearing about what students are up to outside of school. Please send me an email with any successes!

I have noticed that some students have made the shift from skirt to trousers. This is recommended in the colder weather and they look really smart. Please contact me via email if you would like any suggestions for trousers to purchase. I would be happy to send over links. As the colder weather approaches, please ensure students are wearing their coat over their blazer. This makes it a quick process for students to remove them, once in classrooms.

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### Year 10 – Ms Taylor

Year 10 are amassing a huge quantity of merits - so far this term, they have accumulated 43,040 merits. 95% of all points logged are positive ones. 10Z1 accrued the most amount of merits as a form group, but 10M2 managed a huge 98% of all points scored being positive, so congratulations to both forms.

Our top individual students are:

Alex - 10M1	Bobby - 10M2	Emily - 10A1	Ronnie - 10M1
Thomas - 10z1	Edward - 10A2	Harry - 10Z2	Avril - 10Z2
Niamh - 10z1	CJ - 10Z2	Stefan - 10Z1	

Next week in assembly, students will be looking at the correlation between attendance and attainment. Currently the year group attendance is 90.69%. This means that on average, half a day a week is missed from year 10 students. I would like to see their attendance closer to 95%.

I am seeing a number of positive lessons when I walk round the school and I hope that their positivity continues.

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### Year 10 football

What a game! Well done to the year 10's who have progressed to the quarter finals of the District cup after beating Boswells in a close game.

After a 4-4 draw (goals from George, CJ, Regan and Bobby), the game went straight to penalties.

After both teams had missed one of their five penalties, we headed to sudden death. Once Boswells had hit the crossbar, it was left to Sid to hit the winning penalty.

We will face either Plume or William de Ferrers in the next round.





### **Year 11 - Mr Field**

This week we saw the start of our Year 11 intervention groups. Students are split into a number of subjects to recap on previous work in preparation for exams. These sessions take place during tutor time from Tuesday to Friday. It was great to see so many students on task and working hard when I visited classes. On the theme of interventions, the 'Super Six' sessions will commence after school in the coming weeks, where pupils will have further interventions after school.

The top positive points earners this week are: Sofia, Darcie, Lola, Abigail, Mason, Katie, Harry, Kyra, Liam and Frank. Well done all and keep up the good work!

28 weeks to the start of the GCSE exams!

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### **Year 11 Netball**

Our Year 11 girls' netball team had a fixture this week. We hosted St John Payne in a very competitive game. It was great to see so many girls attend and we cant wait to see them at Thursday training. Thank you for your great ambition girls and well done to you all!

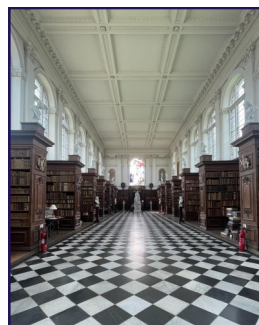
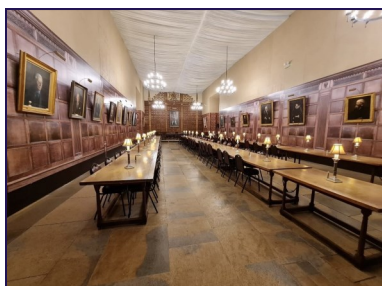




# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

On Friday a few of our year 12 students travelled to Cambridge university to attend the Undergraduate Open Day and discover what Cambridge is really like. They took part in college tours and sessions, including drop-ins with the Directors of Studies and interview preparation.



The Sixth Form Leadership have been proactive this week, attending assemblies, presenting in front of students and staff and arranging meetings with professionals in the school to develop their leadership responsibility. Each student will be delivering a project across the year which will have a positive impact on the whole school.

On Wednesday, the A Level Dance students travelled to the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden to see ZooNation's 'The Mad Hatter's Tea Party' directed by Kate Prince. The show was a fantastic celebration of dance with a strong message of acceptance and appreciation of our differences.



A huge congratulations to Dan and Aidan for winning the Essex Golf Shield Final, representing Burnham-On-Crouch. We are very proud of the boys and their achievements.

Rivers Sixth Form Open Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 1st October 5-7pm. It is fantastic to see so many of our current students signing up to take part and we look forward to greeting younger students into our Sixth Form. This is a fantastic opportunity to see what Rivers has to offer including the range of subjects and facilities and meeting our outstanding team.

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## Examinations Calendar

Below is the full list of examinations taking place throughout the 24-25 academic year. All results will be available on go4schools.com for parents, carers and students. A personalised timetable will be handed out to students prior to PPE, GCSE, AS and A level examinations.

ALL RESULTS FOUND ON [www.Go4Schools.com](http://www.Go4Schools.com)



YEAR GROUP	EXAM TYPE	w/c DATE	RESULTS	FURTHER INFO
7	GL Assessment	Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> 2024	N/A	Cognitive Ability Test (CATS) Reading Age (NGRT), Progress Tests in English Maths and Science
8 9 10	NGRT	Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> 2024	N/A	Reading Age (NGRT)
All Year Groups	In class assessment	Half term 1	Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Currently Working at grade for all year groups. End of course predictions for Y10 Y11 Y12 & Y13
11	PPE	Nov 4 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2024	Mock examinations in all subjects that require a written element
13	PPE	Nov 18 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Mock examinations in all subjects that require a written element
7 8 9 10 12	In class assessment	Half Term 2	Jan 17 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Currently Working at grade for all year groups. End of course predictions for Y10 Y11 Y12 & Y13
All Year Groups	In class assessment	Half term 3	March 7 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Currently Working at grade for all year groups. End of course predictions for Y10 Y11 Y12 & Y13
13	PPE	Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>	March 10 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Mock examinations in all subjects that require a written element
11	PPE	Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>	March 17 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Mock examinations in all subjects that require a written element
All Year Groups	In class assessment	Half Term 4	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2025	Currently Working at grade for all year groups. End of course predictions for Y10 Y11 Y12 & Y13
All Year Groups	In class assessment	Half Term 5	Jun 13 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Currently Working at grade for all year groups. End of course predictions for Y10 Y11 Y12 & Y13
8 9	GL Assessment	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	Progress Tests in English Maths and Science (Y9 only)
12 13	A Level & L3 Vocational	May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 14 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Final AS & A Level examinations – <b>Not available on Go4schools</b>
11	GCSE and L2 Vocational	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 21 <sup>st</sup> 2025	Final GCSE examinations - <b>Not available on Go4schools</b>
12	PPE	Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2025	July 24 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Mock examinations in all subjects that require a written element
10	PPE	Jun 30 <sup>th</sup> 2025	July 24 <sup>th</sup> 2025	Mock examinations B1 and B2 subjects
7	GL Assessment	July 7 <sup>th</sup> 2024	N/A	Progress Tests in English and Maths
All Year Groups	In class assessment	Half Term 6	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2025	Currently Working at grade for all year groups. End of course predictions for Y10 & Y12

In addition to the above some vocational examinations will also take place at different points in the year. Subject leads will make all pupils aware once assessment windows have been confirmed

PARENTS EVENINGS	DATE
Year 7 Settling in Evening (Meet the tutor)	September 25 <sup>th</sup> 2024
Year 7	May 6 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Year 8	March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2025
Year 9	February 13 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Year 10	January 21 <sup>st</sup> 2025
Year 11	December 4 <sup>th</sup> 2024
Y11 Academic Support	March 20 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Year 12 & Year 13	December 16 <sup>th</sup> 2024

WRITTEN REPORTS	DATE
Year 7	July 18 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Year 8	July 18 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Year 9	July 18 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Year 10	July 18 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Year 11	January 24 <sup>th</sup> 2025
Year 12 & Year 13	January 24 <sup>th</sup> 2025



# 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.

## 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](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:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 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: 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](mailto:kcannon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).

**Week B**

**Next Weeks is Week B**

**Thank you**

**It's a GOOD week to have a GOOD week**

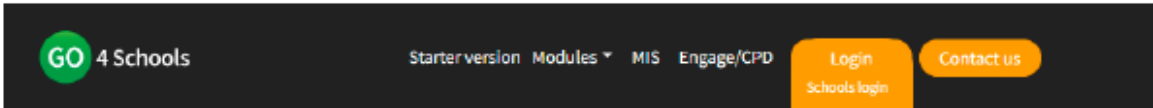


### Parent / Carer Login

Go4Schools is an online platform providing parents and carers with live attainment, timetable, targets & attendance. This will also be where pupil reports are released.



1 – [www.Go4schools.com](http://www.Go4schools.com) through any web browser.



### Welcome to GO 4 Schools

Your school can make better decisions with information that is accurate, up to date, complete,

- 2 Select Parents Login
- 3 Click First-time user
- 4 Enter email address registered with Ormiston Rivers
- 5 Click New password
- 6 Select Sign in to Parent Site
- 7 Open link sent to personal email address entered and activate account
- 8 Set your Go4Schools password
- 9 Sign in



	Overview	Attendance live percentage for the academic year (24hr update).
	Attendance	Behaviour positive and negative points.
	Behaviour	Homework see what homework has been set.
	Homework	Inbox messages from the school will be displayed here.
	Inbox	Progress grades for assessments taken over the academic year.
	Progress	Reports Annual written communication including strengths and next steps.
	Reports	Timetable full academic timetable.
	Timetable	

**GO** Sign in with GO    First-time user?    Forgotten Password?

If you have forgotten your password, you can reset it by entering your email address.

Email address

Send password reset link

### Forgotten Password

If you have forgotten your password, click 'Forgotten your Password' which is located just below the sign in option.

Enter your school email address and a password reset will be emailed to your school account.



### G4S App Login

1 – Download the app.



[Click here](#)

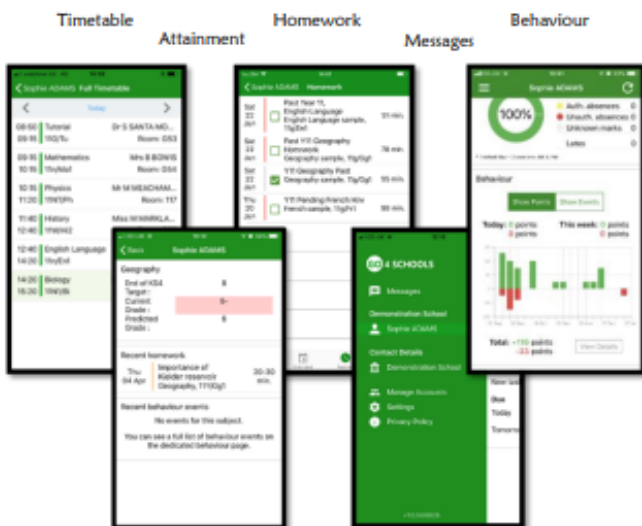


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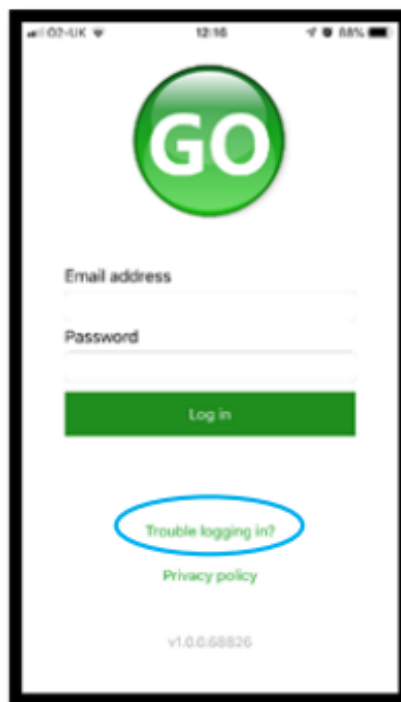
2 – Type in your school email address.

3 – Type in your password.

This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



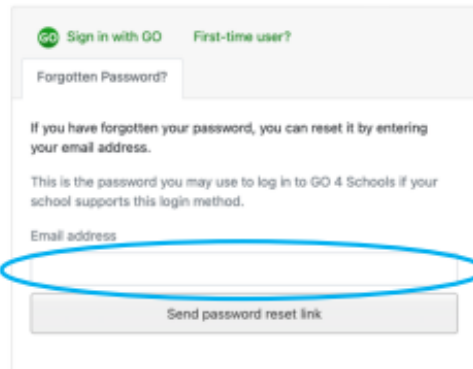
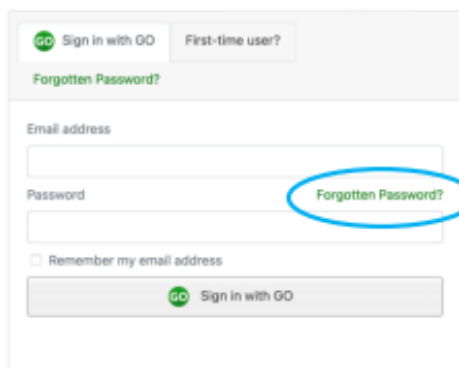
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### FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD?

If you have forgotten your password, click 'Trouble logging in?'

This will open the web browser where you will click forgotten password.



Type in your school email address and click 'Send password reset link.'

Open Outlook from Office 365 (your school email) and you will have received an email from Go4schools that include instructions on how to reset your password.



# BOOKING NOW OPEN! YOUTH VOICE DAY

If you are a young person aged 11+ living in Essex (Including Southend and Thurrock) or an adult working with young people we want to hear from you! Join us for an exciting day of young people's presentations, workshops, information fair, fun activities, FREE lunch and FREE Youth Voice Goodies!

HOSTED BY ESSEX BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS & ESSEX COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES  
SUPPORTED BY ESSEX VIOLENCE AND VULNERABILITY UNIT AND ESSEX POLICE

## SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2024

### 9.45AM - 3.30PM - SIGN IN FROM 9.15AM

### ARU CHELMSFORD



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK SCAN OR FOLLOW THE LINK  
<https://forms.office.com/e/OUzgFpaGLw>



For more information or to help with booking please contact Jess  
at [jpease@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org](mailto:jpease@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org)  
01245 264783



## THE ESSEX YOUTH VOICE DAY

# 12.10.24

### 'SAFETY IN ESSEX'

9.45AM - 3.30PM  
ARU CHELMSFORD

### Running order

- 9.15-9.40;** Arrival, Sign In & Goodie Bags
- 9.45-10.05;** Welcome and introduction to the day
- 10.15-11.00;** Attend a workshop and discussion around your chosen theme, what needs to change and how things could be changed, so that young people can feel safer in their communities  
  
Themes are;  
1.) Early intervention and support for mental health  
2.) County lines - Drugs, Violence and Serious Crimes  
3.) The creating and sharing of violent videos for social media  
4.) The rise in vaping among young people  
5.) Feeling unsafe because of differences such as gender & race
- 11.15-12.00;** Attend a creation station for a chance to produce something creative around your chosen safety theme. Learn how to use your voice in a different way which can be used in your presentation to explain the issues or solutions to Essex leaders later in the day  
  
Creation stations are Using your Voice through;  
1.) Art work 2.) Spoken word 3.) Music  
4.) Creatively & confidently sharing stories & own personal experiences
- 12.00-12.50;** Eat a Yummy FREE LUNCH, enjoy activities and browse the information stalls
- 13.00-13.45;** Back to your original workshop rooms to work on your group presentation for Essex leaders using your views and creative pieces
- 13.55-15.30;** Presenting to leaders in Essex about your topic, the issues and how you think things should be changed so young people feel safer. Followed by a discussion with Essex leaders about how to make changes
- 15.30;** Home time!



### What's the point?

This is a really important (but fun!) event for young people aged 11-24yrs living in Essex (including Southend & Thurrock) to have their say about issues and concerns that make them feel unsafe in their communities, AND to help Essex leaders understand what needs to change in order for young people to feel safer, and how these changes could be made.

Your views will be taken seriously to implement positive change around safety concerns that will impact everyone in Essex!





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- 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



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