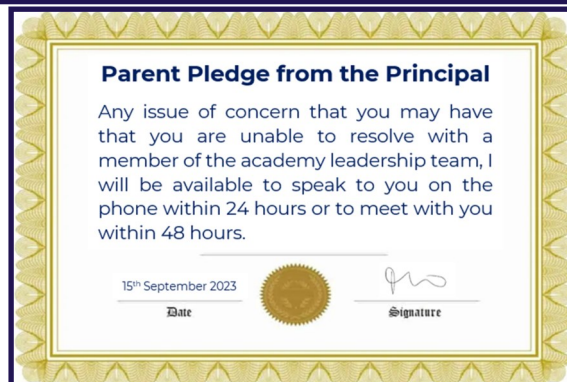




Message from the Principal

We have had another busy and active week at the academy with lots of prospective parents joining our open morning tours for future new Year 7 students. I would like to remind you that the deadline for applying for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025 is 31st October 2024, via the Local Authority admissions page at: [Secondary school places | Essex County Council](#).



Thank you to all our parents/carers who gave your views regarding our access to mobile phones in school consultation. We had some really positive and helpful feedback and will update you on the next steps after half term.

As you are aware we have been implementing a new detention system to support our Behaviour for Learning policy. A 10-minute department breaktime/lunchtime detention will be set for the following reasons:

- Any student that is late to lesson (after the 5 minute transfer time but not over 10 minutes later as this is truancy)
- Students without equipment/kit, students who do not complete an appropriate amount of work during the lesson
- Students that are relocated during a lesson.

If a student fails to attend the department detention or refuses department relocation or truants a lesson, they will be set a Head of Department detention. This detention is for a whole break time. Students will be allowed to eat and drink in this detention but must bring their own food/drink from home for this purpose. Parents will be sent a message notifying them the day before if their child has a Head of Department detention.

We have also introduced after school detention on Mondays and Thursdays. This detention is for one hour after school. Late buses are in place to support this. Students will be placed in after school detention if they fail to attend a Head of Department detention, or as part of a sanction for a serious incident or repeated relocations/truancies. You will be notified by your child's Head of Year the day before if they have an SLT detention.

Students will be notified if they have a detention on Go4Schools and should be told by their Form Tutor each morning in mentor time if they need to attend a detention at either break or lunchtime that day. However, to ensure attendance to detentions can we please ask that parents/carers regularly check your child's Go4Schools and remind them if they have any detentions that they need to attend.

Please also note that Head of Department detentions do not take place every day so your child may be given one several days after non-attendance at a departmental detention or for a serious incident or repeated relocations/truancies. We ask you to please bear with us while this detention system becomes embedded.

On Tuesday next week we have our Rivers Sixth Form Open Evening starting at 5pm and I look forward to seeing lots of prospective sixth form students and parents visiting the academy to understand and appreciate the wide variety of post-16 options we have on offer in Rivers Sixth Form.

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

Jo Williams, Principal

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1 October 2024 5pm-7pm
ORA Rivers Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 9th October 2024
Year 12 Hanningfield Reservoir Trip

**Monday 21st October to Friday 1st
November 2024**
Half Term (2 weeks)

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

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.

YEAR GROUP	EXAM TYPE	w/c DATE	RESULTS	FURTHER INFO
7	GL Assessment	Sept 9 th 2024	N/A	Cognitive Ability Test (CATS) Reading Age (NGRT), Progress Tests in English Maths and Science
8 9 10	NGRT	Sept 16 th 2024	N/A	Reading Age (NGRT)
All Year Groups	In class assessment	Half term 1	Nov 15 th 2024	Currently Working at grade for all year groups. End of course predictions for Y10 Y11 Y12 & Y13
11	PPE	Nov 4 th 2024	Dec 2 nd 2024	Mock examinations in all subjects that require a written element
13	PPE	Nov 18 th 2024	Dec 16 th 2024	Mock examinations in all subjects that require a written element
7 8 9 10 12	In class assessment	Half Term 2	Jan 17 th 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 th 2025	Currently Working at grade for all year groups. End of course predictions for Y10 Y11 Y12 & Y13
13	PPE	Feb 3 rd	March 10 th 2025	Mock examinations in all subjects that require a written element
11	PPE	Feb 10 th	March 17 th 2025	Mock examinations in all subjects that require a written element
All Year Groups	In class assessment	Half Term 4	May 2 nd 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 th 2025	Currently Working at grade for all year groups. End of course predictions for Y10 Y11 Y12 & Y13
8 9	GL Assessment	April 28 th	N/A	Progress Tests in English Maths and Science (Y9 only)
12 13	A Level & L3 Vocational	May 5 th	Aug 14 th 2025	Final AS & A Level examinations - Not available on Go4schools
11	GCSE and L2 Vocational	May 12 th	Aug 21 st 2025	Final GCSE examinations - Not available on Go4schools
12	PPE	Jun 23 rd 2025	July 24 th 2025	Mock examinations in all subjects that require a written element
10	PPE	Jun 30 th 2025	July 24 th 2025	Mock examinations B1 and B2 subjects
7	GL Assessment	July 7 th 2024	N/A	Progress Tests in English and Maths
All Year Groups	In class assessment	Half Term 6	May 2 nd 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	WRITTEN REPORTS	DATE
Year 7 Settling in Evening (Meet the tutor)	September 25 th 2024	Year 7	July 18 th 2025
Year 7	May 6 th 2025	Year 8	July 18 th 2025
Year 8	March 31 st 2025	Year 9	July 18 th 2025
Year 9	February 13 th 2025	Year 10	July 18 th 2025
Year 10	January 21 st 2025	Year 11	January 24 th 2025
Year 11	December 4 th 2024	Year 12 & Year 13	January 24 th 2025
Y11 Academic Support	March 20 th 2025		
Year 12 & Year 13	December 16 th 2024		



Tea with the Principal

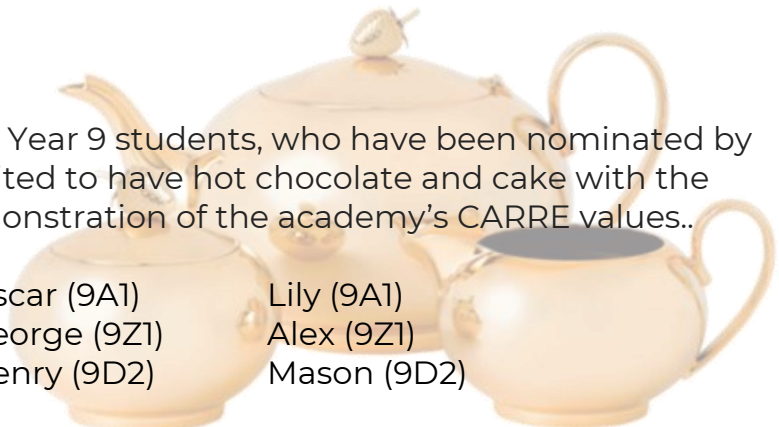
On Tuesday 2nd October 2024, the following Year 9 students, who have been nominated by their Head of Year and Tutors, have been invited to have hot chocolate and cake with the Principal to celebrate their outstanding demonstration of the academy's CARRE values..

Harry (9A2)
Fred (9D1)
Olive (9Z2)
Danica (9M1)

Alexia-Jayne (9A2)
Harry (9D1)
Lola (9Z2)
Isabelle (9M1)

Oscar (9A1)
George (9Z1)
Henry (9D2)

Lily (9A1)
Alex (9Z1)
Mason (9D2)



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 **"Autonomous"**.

Say it: aw-to-nuh-muhs

Spell it: Au-ton-om-ous

Autonomous (adjective)

Stem: / nouns / law / systems of laws /

(Prefix) **auto** - self, own
(Suffix) **ous** - by nature, full of

Understand it

Having the freedom to think and act independently

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

Why not have a go?

Book of the Month

Book of the Month is a new and exciting initiative for the Library. Each month we recommend books for students to read and review; introduce new authors and genres.



The theme for September is Science Fiction and the recommended books are:

- 📖 Rail Head by Philip Reeve for Years 7 and 8;
- 📖 Ascension by Victor Dixon for Year 9 and above.

Also check out the Library shelves for other Sci-Fi titles including Skywake Invasion by Jamie Russell, Orion Lost by Alastair Chisholm, Interworld by Neil Gaiman, The Martian by Andy Weir (Year 9+), and Ask Astronaut by Tim Peake.

We have several copies of each book, issued on a first-come, first-served basis - books are loaned for 2 weeks only to allow as many students as possible to read them. We encourage students to share their opinions and thoughts about the recommended books each month by completing reviews, challenges and activities - outstanding entries will be rewarded with merits, certificates and Reader of the Month badges!

Next month, October, is Black History Month and we will be celebrating fiction written by Jewell Parker Rhodes, Tomi Adeyemi, Patience Agbabi, Benjamin Zephaniah, Malorie Blackman and Kwame Alexander.



BookBuzz

Ormiston Rivers Academy is taking part in BookTrust's 2024 BookBuzz programme which aims to encourage children to read. BookTrust is the UK's largest children's reading charity; you can find out more by visiting their website: www.booktrust.org.uk.



Titles include fiction and non-fiction, cover a wide range of genres, and are chosen by BookTrust to suit all interests and reading levels with a view to embedding a lifelong love of reading. We will be sending a letter to Parents and Carers of students in Years 7 and 8 inviting you to participate in BookBuzz 2024 by choosing a book from the selection of 16 BookBuzz titles and paying just £3.45 via ParentPay. We have a copy of each book in our Library for students to have a look and decide which one they would like. The deadline for taking part is 11th October and is available to the first 100 applicants only. We will then order the books from BookTrust and advise students when they are ready to collect from the school Library.




We hope that you will encourage your child to participate in BookBuzz 2024 and read one of these fantastic books.

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:

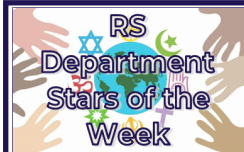
-  Lewie 8M2, Ruby 8Z2, Isabelle 8A2 and Katelyn 8D2 for fantastic attitudes and performances in their drama lessons, studying Blood Brothers.
-  Abi 13A/DR for her work outside of the classroom in drama A level and Olivia 11A/DR for an excellent start to her drama coursework.
-  Year 13 Music Technology class for brilliant independence and thinking skills in the lesson.

Well done to all!

We also have Emme 9D2, Alissa 10D1, Riley SF1 and Keeaun SF2 performing at the Burnham Carnival on Saturday 28th September at 11.30am outside The Ship Pub. They would love to have your support and all are welcome to attend.



Lexi- Jaye in 8Z1 has been reading her poem in assemblies all week to all year groups to promote the National Poetry Day activities next week. Well done Lexi-Jaye!

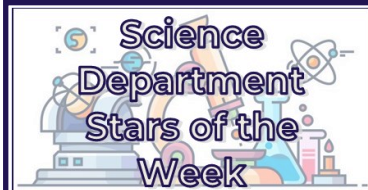


Scarlett W (Year 9)



FRANÇAS Isabella K Yr11

Español Zach S Yr 8



Yr 13 - Luca W
Yr 11 - George R
Yr 9 - Riley C
Yr 7 - George H

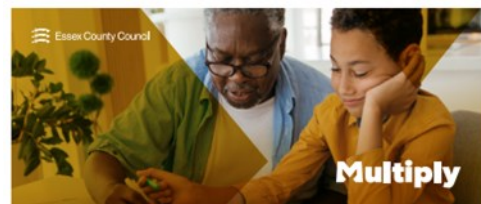
Yr 12 - Theo J
Yr 10 - George C
Yr 8 - Mia W



Yr 13 - Beth M
Yr 12 - Daisy BG
Yr 11 - Luke W
Yr 10 H&SC - Hollie P
YR 10 CD - Lily B

Free Meal Planning and Nutrition Course – at ORA on Wednesdays 2nd Oct, 9th Oct and 16th Oct 3-5pm

Would you like to learn some skills to help you plan your family meals better and save money whilst eating healthily? This course is absolutely FREE and you will even get a £20 voucher for taking part which you can put towards anything you want, perhaps some kitchen equipment or your food shop.



Meal Planning and Nutrition on a Budget – This course explores the benefits of meal planning, including saving money and time, plus understanding budgeting and developing healthy eating plans. Activities in the session include taste testing, making soup, looking at sugar content in foods and understanding pricing e.g. price per kilo to help make money for food shopping go further.

It promises to be an enjoyable course, with practical activities you can apply to your own household and family to make your food shop go further.

There are only 20 places available for this so sign up today by emailing info@tiegr.org or chyde@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk with your name and the course details above that you'd like to attend. The course runs for three consecutive Wednesdays and is held at ORA in the Food classroom.

We look forward to seeing you.



Year 7 Poetry

Year 7s focused on poetry in their library lessons this week. They were asked to create a poem with the theme of 'make it count' in preparation for National Poetry Day next week. The students produced some brilliant poems that were thoughtful and creative. Well done Year 7!

Jess - 7M2

Sometimes I feel happy,
sometimes I feel sad.
Sometimes I just feel like
there's no one there to guide.

I can't choose the right path,
it's like looking in the dark.
I scream and scream.
No one seems to come.

But I don't let my thoughts
cover up the sun.
I erase the rain.
And I get up and try.

I climb up the mountain.
I sail across the sea.
I try to reach my dreams
and achieve my goals.

We only have one life. Make it count

Grace - 7A2

My book

Midnight storm and cloudy day,
In my covers there I lay.
World by world I read,
Dreaming of a mighty steed.
Buckbeak from Harry Potter,
A night's horse or a magical unicorn trotter.
From witch and wizard to Christmas pig,
Through the pages I dig and dig.

In sorrow or in joy,
I read!
Dreaming of a fantasy world,
In my bed there I curled.
A world of creatures,
A world of magic,
Or maybe something so tragic.

Murder or romance,
Fantasy or mystery!
All good options but what to choose.
Now let's take all these options to Juse!
My book I'm writing stands alone,
Different from it sits on its throne!
All the cool ideas I count in the pages,
The ideas trying to overload these cages.
My book on chapter ten,
Not done yet, not done then!

Thomas - 7M2

The Goal

One, Two, Three,
Like an ant climbing up a tree.
Using a leaf,
As a steace.

If there is a tree with a hole,
Use it as a football goal.
Some people score,
But still want more.

If you use your mind,
You could be on a grind.
If your football team score you might cheer,
And if your old enough grab a bear.

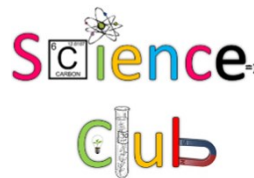
The dove,
Is the bird of love.
If your a girl or boy,
Still spread some joy.



Club News

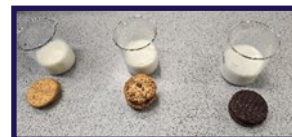
Experiments in Action!

This week's Science Club meeting was all about execution! After last week's exciting planning session, our young scientists rolled up their sleeves and brought their experiments to life. The room was buzzing with excitement as hypotheses were put to the test, and results began to take shape.



Here's what went down:

The Great Cookie Dunk Experiment: Three different brands of cookies were dunked in milk to see which one could survive the longest without crumbling. If you guessed that the chocolate-coated cookie would hold up the longest, congratulations! You're right. The chocolate acted as a protective shield, keeping the cookie together even after an extended milk bath. Can you spot the cookie that lasted the longest?



Paper Towel Absorbency Challenge: Next up was the showdown between three paper towel brands. Our budding scientists measured how much water each brand could soak up, and the results were fascinating! One towel absorbed more than 70% of the water, proving itself to be the most absorbent by far. Which brand do you think came out on top?



The Parachute Drop: Our final experiment, the parachute design, hit a small bump in the road. As any good scientist knows, research doesn't always go according to plan! The parachutes didn't quite descend as expected, so we'll need a little more time and some design tweaks before we get conclusive results. Stay tuned for next week's exciting follow-up!

Remember, science isn't just in the classroom, it's everywhere! We'll meet again next Wednesday at 3:20 p.m. in room S08. Until then, keep questioning, keep experimenting, and stay curious!

Mr Williams

Knitting and Crochet Club

Knitting and Crochet club are sending out a plea to anyone that might be able to donate wool or crotchet or knitting hook/needles. Students would be very grateful of your generosity.



Thank you

Mrs Procter



Year 7 - Mr Moon

What a week Year 7 have had. Thank you to all the parents who came to meet their child's tutor on Wednesday evening. It was so lovely to see so many of you and to put a face to the name.

Year 7 are still leading the attendance battle and they are still receiving a huge number of merits so far this school year with 81,005 awarded to date.

It has been a busy week with sports fixtures for Year 7, with a girls netball match and two boys football matches. Well done to everyone who represented the school, you showed great resilience and respect and represented the school with pride!

On my walk around school, I observed a few Year 7 lessons. In Geography students were learning about the importance of field work and linking the lesson to the community. In English they have been going into the library to learn about poetry and they have also been reading. In future newsletters I will start to include individual students' work to celebrate excellence.

A reminder about Go4 schools: if you are still having issues logging on, please advise your child to go to the IT corridor and find Mr Lawman or Mrs Gibson who will support your child with logging on.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I am looking forward to seeing the Year 7's on Monday.

Many thanks

Mr Moon

Contact: smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



The Yar 7 boys football team have had a busy week with two fixtures, one away to Saint John Payne and the other home to Brentwood County Highschool. The boys showed great resilience and excellence in their attitude to both matches the result was not what we wanted but in both games in the second half with really got into the game. Selection for these matches was very difficult as we only had one training session prior to the two matches if you were not selected, please don't feel disheartened and keep coming to training.

Congratulations to the captain Max 7M1 who scored our first goal of the season!



Year 8 - Ms Scott

This week, Year 8 students took part in two important assemblies aimed at supporting their growth both inside and outside the classroom.

Firstly, during our Attendance Assembly, students learned about the significant role that regular school attendance plays in their overall success. The assembly highlighted how being present at school not only ensures that students keep up with their studies but also allows them to participate fully in class discussions, group activities, and other learning experiences. Students were reminded that excellent attendance is key to achieving their best grades and building good habits for the future.

Following this, we had an insightful Cybertalk Assembly, which focused on staying safe online. Students were educated on the potential risks of using the internet and social media, along with tips on how to protect their personal information and make responsible digital choices. The session emphasised the importance of maintaining a positive online presence and being mindful of cyberbullying, with practical advice on how to report and handle any issues that might arise online.

Both assemblies were well-received, and we encourage all Year 8 students to reflect on what they've learned and apply it in their daily lives.

Contact: hscott@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 9 – Ms Thurtle

Week 4 of 7...and what a week it has been. We've had an exciting and productive week filled with engaging lessons. In assembly we celebrated National Poetry Day with Ms Sams and addressed attendance vs attainment. Every Tuesday we are celebrating those with 100% attendance with additional merits and a public recognition! At the end of term I will be celebrating those with 100% attendance as their Head of Year. They will also be added into our prize draw for the opportunity to win a £50 voucher.

The support from parents/carers has been greater than ever. Thank you so much to everyone who I have spoken to on the phone or met in person.

This week some Year 9 students were invited for hot chocolate and cake with the Principle next Tuesday. Congratulations to the students below who were nominated by their form tutors:

- Harry S - for winning the Essex Youth Shield with Burnham Golf Club last weekend (first time in their history I believe). A model student in form time.
- Alexia-Jayne W - A role model with her attendance, behaviour and attitude in form time and at Open Evening.
- Oscar R - For consistent demonstration of his ambitious nature in his lessons by ensuring that all written pieces of work are completed to the highest standards and for his comprehensive answers when asked question in lesson.
- Lily AJ - For always showing respect in lessons and tutor by following all instructions promptly and showing resilience by not being distracted by the actions of others.
- Fred H – For overcoming adversity and for remaining resilient.
- Harry T - For having the most positives 435 and 0 negatives.
- Henry J – Showing our CARRE values academy wide with 330 merits.
- Mason L – 100% attendance and 340 merits. A polite and kind student.
- Olive T & Lola T - they are relatively new to the school and have shown great resilience and respect in settling into a new school culture and being polite and courteous to their peers.

A shoutout to congratulate Immie M who performed with Diversity over the summer. Your video was brilliant. So much talent! Please remember to send me any positive news about your children.

Several of our students will be performing at the carnival this weekend. Good luck to all involved.

I encourage all students to be safe this weekend when attending the Burnham Carnival. Have a fantastic time and look after one another.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

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Year 10 – Ms Taylor

This week Year 10 have had cyber awareness talk to help support them with appropriate media use. I hope that they got a lot from this. Detentions have reduced among the year group and this is pleasing to see. To date in Year 10, 54420 merits have been awarded and I am delighted to see so many students maintaining the high standards they have set themselves. 93% of all points logged for Year 10 on Go4Schools are positive.

Top merit scores of the week are:

Alex J - 10M1

Jude P - 10A1

Bobby A - 10A2

Tobi B - 10A2

Emily B - 10A1

Faith W - 10Z2

Maisie B - 10Z2

Freddie S - 10M2

As the half term progresses, many subjects will be thinking about their first assessments. I would urge all Year 10 to ask their teachers for their exam board and paper code and to familiarise themselves with exam board websites. There is so much in the public domain - past papers, mark schemes and examiners reports, as well as a wealth of revision material online. BBC Bitesize gives quick digestible notes/videos/podcasts to support the revision process.

Wishing you all a restful weekend

Contact: staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 11 - Mr Field

Another great week for Year 11! They are showing great ambition with their attitudes to learning.

We are halfway through this half term and the highest merit earner so far is still Kyra 11Z1.

On my tour around the school this week I have witnessed great independence within the individual fitness lessons which has been great to see — keep it up!

Attendance for Year 11 is at 91% leaving us at 3rd highest in the school. Our focus in assembly this week has been around attendance and how this is linked to outcomes. Ultimately, if a student's attendance is above 98% there is a high possibility for a grade 4 or above. If attendance drops below 90% the chances of this reduce dramatically.

Our intervention sessions have started during form time this week with support for English, Maths and Science. These will be crucial moving through this academic year as we continue to focus on the GCSE exams. Our mock exams (PPEs) will be starting soon and we will be encouraging students to start planning their revision over the next few weeks.

Mr Field

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RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

Throwback Thursday

On our Instagram account we have introduced Throwback Thursday where each week we will be featuring a former student of Rivers Sixth Form. The focus will be, where they are now, how did they get there, what they enjoyed about Sixth Form and any advice to their younger self. This week we featured Mica.

Sixth Form Open Evening

It is wonderful to see so many of our year 12 and 13 students wanting to help out at this event. The event will run from 5-7pm and all subjects will be showcasing their offers. We are looking forward to seeing anyone who is interested in Rivers Sixth Form.



Mica

BSC Paramedic Science Degree

Mica studied English Literature, Law,
Sociology & Extended Project at Rivers
Sixth Form



Events

Year 13 student Shannon was invited to attend a private event with singer 'Pixie Lott' to celebrate the launch of her new album. She spent the night in the VIP section, listening to original songs and new material. (PHOTO)

Sixth Form Leadership Team

- This week Kieran has spent time meeting with Heads of Department discussing Extra-curricular offers and then working with Anna on further Sixth Form provision.
- Luca has been working with Mr Kennedy to run a year 7 extra-curricular club.
- Nicole has supported the school as Netball umpire for multiple KS3 games this week.
- Anna and Tom helped out with the year 7 event 'Meet the Tutor'. They confidently greeted parents at the door and supported with directions.



Sixth Form Band

Keep an eye out for our Sixth Form Band performing at the Burnham Carnival at 11:30am outside the Ship pub.

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.

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.



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.

Exams Certificates – collection of old certificates

Certificates for the Summer 2024 Exams will begin to arrive with us soon and will be available to collect from 1st December. To make room for these certificates we will need to remove old, uncollected certificates from our secure store during October half-term. Any certificates from Summer 2022 will need to be collected before we close for half-term on 17th October 2024, after which they will be securely dispose of. Please contact Exams@Ormistonriversacademy.co.uk if you have any queries regarding collection.

Thank you





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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 19th 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'.



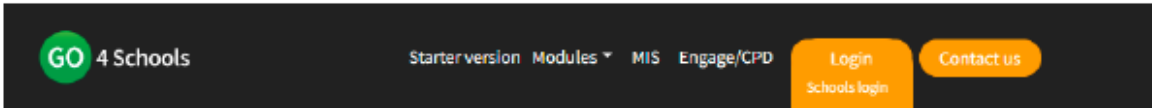
Parent / Carer Login

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



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1 – 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.



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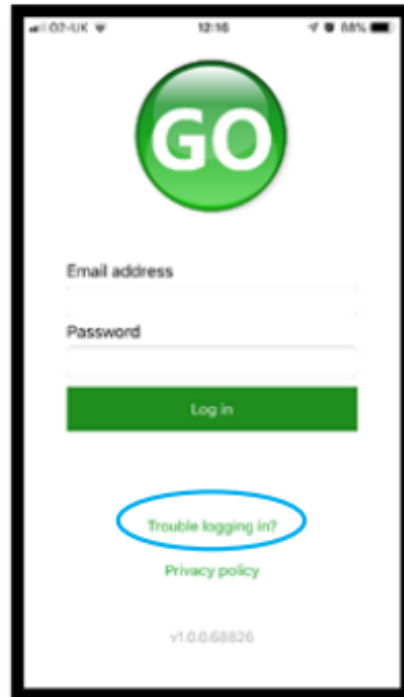
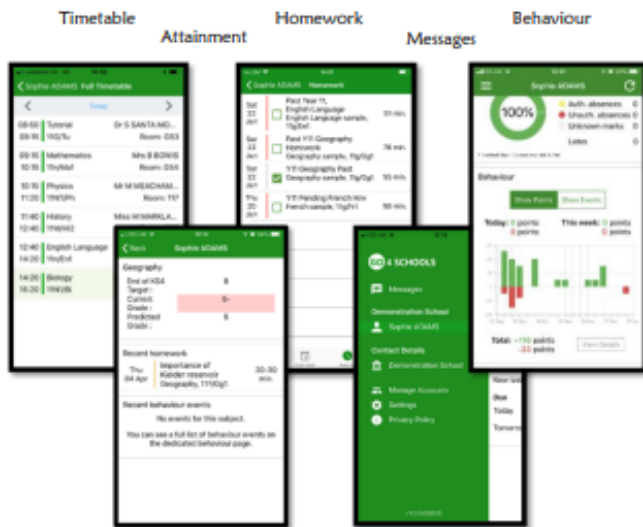
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3 – Type in your password.

This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



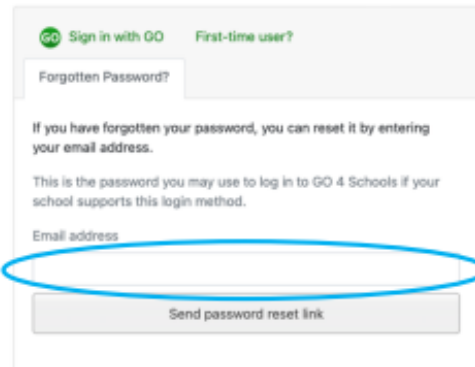
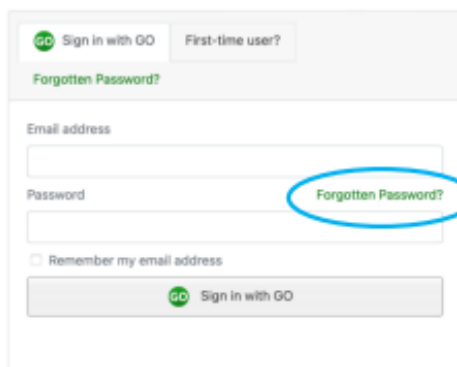
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FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD?

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.



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- Surviving The Summer For Parents
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28th SEPTEMBER 2024

**Daytime entertainment from 10am
Illuminated procession 7.30pm**

Stalls, Funfair, Food & Drink, Fancy Dress,
Carnival Draw, 999 Races, Tug of War, plus lots more



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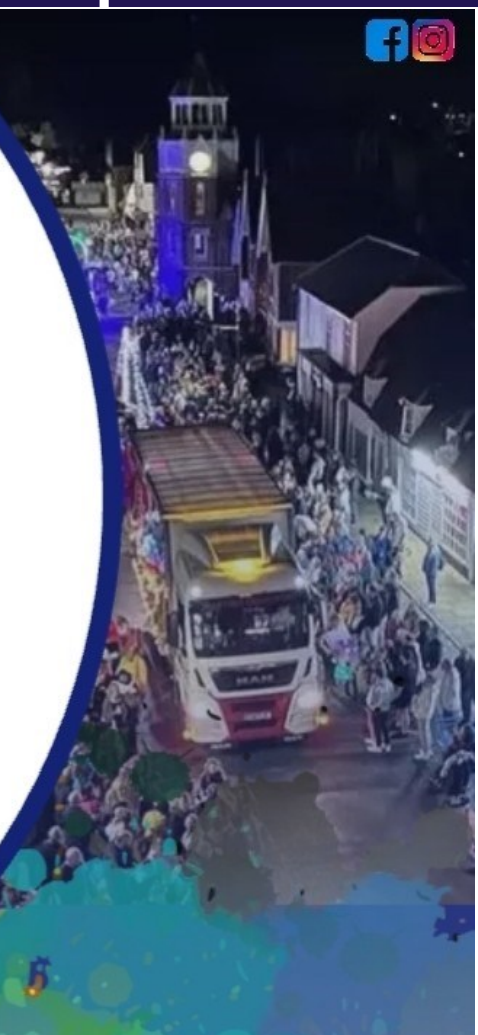
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- 10.00 EPIC DANCE**
- 10.20 TUG OF WAR**
- 10.40 CADETS**
- 10.55 ST MARYS SCHOOL**
- 11.00 CIRCUS WORKSHOP**
- 11.30 ORMISTON SINGERS**
- 12.00 999 RACES**
- 12.50 BIG SING - CHOIR**
- 1.25 VIBE DANCE COMPANY**
- 2.00 FANCY DRESS**
- 2.40 POWER CHEER**
- 3.00 QUEENS PARADE**
- 3.30 NICKY TRIX – KIDS ENTERTAINER**
- 4.20 KINETIX**
- 5.05 CROYDON STEELBAND – SET 1**
- 5.30 ZUMBA DISPLAY**
- 5.50 LUNCH BREAK**
- 6.00 DRAW**
- 6.05 CROYDON STEEL – SET 2**
- 6.30 ARRON KELLY - SINGER**
- 7.10 PARTY MUSIC**
- 7.30 PROCESSION**

*All times are estimates and may
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Volunteers needed!

Maldon & District Citizens Advice is expanding its team of advisers to meet the growing need for advice in our community.

We need people at all skill levels, from our essential receptionists through telephone advisers to subject specialists.

Do you have 8 hours a week to give and enjoy helping others?

If you are literate, numerate and have good IT skills, please get in touch to find out more.

We offer great training and a highly supportive working environment.

Why not come along for a "taster" session and see for yourself?

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**Maldon
& District**

**Just fill in the volunteer "enquire now" form on our website
www.maldoncitizensadvice.org.uk**



Have you ever thought about volunteering with Citizens Advice? We are looking for volunteer advisers and receptionists to join our new training programme and would love to speak to you....



Our training advisers, Amy & Michelle, are both experienced general advisers who have been with Maldon Citizens Advice for 6+ years and are ready to welcome you to the Maldon Citizens Advice training programme.

Michelle: "I worked as a Finance Manager before having children and was looking for an opportunity to use my skills whilst also helping my community. Volunteering at Citizens Advice has given me a real sense of purpose as we are able to have an impact on our clients' lives. "

Amy: "I came for a trial session at Maldon Citizens Advice and am still enjoying volunteering here 6 years later! I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to learn something new every day in a role that is always interesting, challenging and hugely rewarding."

We offer a comprehensive small group training programme that will provide you with the knowledge and skills needed to talk to clients, research information and formulate your advice. At all times you will have the full support of the trainers and our team of supervisors.

It's not all about learning as we do love a social! Our Summer and Christmas activities present fun opportunities to get together to enjoy some good food and take part in an activity such as croquet, boules, sailing on a Thames Barge to name a few!



We ask for a commitment of the equivalent of one day a week and good IT skills and in return we can offer you the chance to be challenged, to develop excellent advice skills and be part of a supportive team.

You can find more information and a video about volunteering on our website www.maldoncitizensadvice.org.uk. If you have any questions, would like to arrange a visit to Citizens Advice or register an interest in volunteering please complete the online enquiry form on our website and Amy & Michelle will be in touch.

