



### Message from the Principal

It has been another productive and busy week at Rivers in the run up to the last week of this half term.

This week we did some work with students on anti-racism in tutor time with students in all year groups going through and signing our anti-racism student pledge which was written by our student Equality & Diversity group:

“At Ormiston Rivers Academy we will show kindness and respect to everyone as we are all equal, no matter our faith, our race, our ethnicity or heritage. We believe it is important to address racism in all its forms and challenge racist views wherever we may encounter them. We each have a responsibility to speak out, to send the message that racism is never to be tolerated, and that ignorance and prejudice are never acceptable. We will act with responsibility whenever we see injustice and we will make a stand as a community to ensure that everyone knows and believes that they belong here.”

Students also completed an anti-racism survey, the results of which will be used to develop the academy’s anti-racism, equality and diversity work going forward this year.

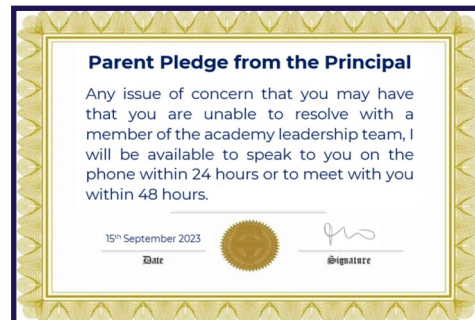
On Wednesday, our A Level Biology students and some Year 11 students looking at taking A Level Biology visited Hanningfield Reservoir to carry out fieldwork in a range of habitats and therefore develop the skills required relating to scientific attitudes, experimental skills and investigations.

Our PE department has been busy this week with our Year 7 & Year 8 boys rugby teams attending the annual St Martins Rugby Festival and our Sports Leaderships Team students supporting our local primary school community by leading our annual primary dodgeball event.

We continue to work on improving attendance as good attendance is proven to have such a significant impact on outcomes for our students. Please remind your child that for every week they have 100% attendance their name is put into a termly draw for their year group for a £50 voucher and every student that has 100% attendance for this half term will receive a treat on the last day of term next week. Your continued support to ensure that your child attends school when possible and arrives to school on time and ready to learn is invaluable.

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

**Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024**

Half Term Holiday (2 weeks)

**Monday 4th November 2024**

All students return after Half Term

**Monday 11th November 2024**

ORA Remembrance Service

### 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



### Tea with the Principal

On Friday 11th October, the following Year 11 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..

Jude (11M2)  
Aimee (11M1)  
Ellie (11Z2)  
Charlotte (11D2)  
Jacob (11Z1)

George (11M2)  
Emily (11A1)  
Harry (11Z2)  
Esme (11D2)

Will (11M1)  
Connie (11A1)  
Emily (11D1)  
Ella (11Z1)



**FRANÇAIS** Rishi H Yr 10  
**Español** Daisy A Yr 7



Katelyn C Yr 8



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:

Bertie 9O/Mu4, Paige 8O/Mu3, Mia 8O/Mu3, Maverick 7A/Mu1 and James 7A/Mu1 for outstanding attitudes to learning in music.

Mikie 11D/Mt for fantastic resilience and a positive attitude in music technology.

We have a few tickets left for our school trip to see the opera 'Carmen' at The Royal Opera House, so get them quick! If you are interested then please email [cjones@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:cjones@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).



Mia (8D1) for her poem for the poetry contribution!

## 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 "**Miscellaneous**".

Why not have a go?

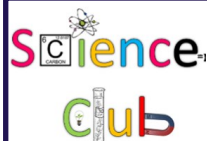
Say it: mi-suh-lay-nee-uhs      Spell it: Mis-cel-la-ne-ous

**Miscellaneous** (adjective)      Stem: / misc - mix

**Understand it**  
Consisting of a mixture of various things that are not usually connected with each other

(Suffix) **ous** - by nature, full of

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



### Science Club's National Biology Week Treasure Hunt

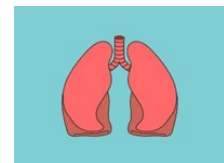
A Race to Unravel the Mystery filled this week as the Science Club hosted a thrilling treasure hunt in celebration of National Biology Week! Students were tasked with solving clues that led them to hidden body parts scattered throughout the school, each representing a key organ from the digestive, respiratory, or circulatory systems. This wasn't just any scavenger hunt; it was a race against time to unlock the secrets of the human body!

Teams had to first decipher the cryptic clues describing organs and figure out which system they belonged to. With brains buzzing and competitive spirits high, three groups set out to locate the cleverly hidden organs. From the school gym to hallways, and even the water fountains, these organs were tucked in plain sight; if you knew where to look!



As each team raced from one clue to the next, laughter and cheers echoed through the school. But the real challenge awaited them at the finish line. Once all the organs were found, the students had to assemble them in the correct order. The digestive system group traced the path food travels, from the mouth to the large intestine. The respiratory team reconstructed how air flows from the nose to the lungs, and the circulatory group pieced together the heart, blood vessels, and more to illustrate blood flow through the body.

In the end, every team rose to the occasion, showing off their biology smarts and teamwork. It was an evening full of adventure, and teamwork, with everyone solving the mystery of how the body's systems work together.



A huge congratulations to all the students who participated; your energy and enthusiasm made it a success!



Year 7 have been making an e-Safety PowerPoint which will provide them with a useful revision resource.

Years 8 and 9 have been reviewing each other's websites and providing recommendations of how their peers websites could be improved. Some of the students have become proficient at using different HTML tags to improve the layout and usability of the pages, with some notable examples from Jamie, Ben and Thomas in 90/Cs3.

Year 10 Computer Science have been improving their programming skills and recapping the learning from the last 6 weeks in preparation for their /Autumn 1 assessment. I am also pleased that Alex and Bella have been practicing their binary skills at lunchtime. Year 11 have been looking at physical security and defensive design.

We have also started Super 6 after school on a Monday and it was nice to see some students that chose to turn up, even though they weren't allocated an official slot. This week we concentrated on Data Representation and looked at how Characters, Images and Sounds are stored as binary code on a computer and how their file sizes are calculated. I hope to see more people turning up next Monday when we will be learning about Boolean Logic..



**Knitting and Crochet Club**

Knitting and Crotchet 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

A great week for Year 7. As we are getting closer to the end of the half term with only one more week to go I can tell that the Year 7 students are starting to get a bit tired and that they are excited for the two-week break coming up. That being said, we are still leading in the whole school attendance with 97.54%. The highest tutor group this week 7Z1, dethroning 7A1 and 2, which is a great achievement.

We have had a busy week with the first Year 7 rugby festival on Monday and the road safety presentation on Thursday.

The highest merit earner is still Esme 7A2 but the tutor group with the highest merits this week is 7D1.

On my travels around lessons this week I got the opportunity to check out James and Ashley's artwork from 7Z2. I was very impressed with the level of detail and care they took in their work, as well as the pride they took in their presentation.

A reminder to please contact Tutors in the first instance and if the tutors do not respond within 24 hours, then please email myself and I will chase it up.

Next week we will be doing the attendance draw in assembly and everyone who has 100% attendance has been entered and will have the chance to win. I hope you all have a restful weekend ready for the final week.

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On Monday we had our first rugby festival at St martins. We won two of our matches but lost one.

It was the first run out for the team, and they played really well lots of positive points and a few things to work on at training, but was great to see everyone having fun.

A special shoutout to our top try scorer Kyran 7A2, who scored 8 tries throughout the tournament. My Player of the tournament was Mason 7M1 for his massive hits and great footwork throughout the tournament.





**Year 8 - Ms Scott**

**Celebrating Black History Month and Student Successes**

This week, our Year 8 students enjoyed a fantastic assembly dedicated to Black History Month, learning about the significant contributions of black individuals throughout history. It was inspiring to see their enthusiasm, and this continued in their library lessons, where they explored more stories and achievements from black history, sparking some thoughtful discussions.

A big well done to the many students who have earned positive merits for their excellent behaviour and hard work. I'm particularly looking forward to our Reward Breakfast next week with the top 15 students for their outstanding positive behaviour this term — keep up the great work!

Reminder: Please remember that school skirts should not be altered. If any skirts are altered, a new one will need to be purchased. All skirts are to be worn just above the knee to meet uniform expectations.

A special congratulations to Charlie W in 8Z1, who recently participated in the Snowsports England Snowboarding Competition held in Norfolk. It was a tough competition as Charlie has moved up into a new age category, but he represented the school fantastically. Well done, Charlie!

Top 10 Positive Behaviour Students this week:

Lara M 8Z1 - 260  
April F 8A2 - 240  
Paige S 8A2 - 190  
Daisy G 8Z1 - 175

Jude L 8D1 - 250  
Lexi-Jaye D 8Z1 - 230  
Liam H 8M1 - 180

Beau Y 8M1 - 245  
Ellie M 8Z2 - 190  
Bobby P 8Z2 - 180

Let's keep up the positive momentum, Year 8! One week to go!

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**Year 9 – Ms Thurtle**

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we approach the end of our first half term. It has been another busy and productive week.

Students have now settled into their studies, and we are pleased to see them engaging enthusiastically across all subjects. You will start to see student attainment being added onto G4S. Please sit down with your child/ren to talk through current grades and subjects they are enjoying. After Christmas, Year 9 students will be choosing their options. Their attendance and attainment is crucial in order to provide students with a robust stepping stone into their GCSE subjects.

I want to place an emphasis on student wellbeing and encourage parents to check in regularly with their children. Our pastoral care team (SSA's) are available for any student needing support. We run various interventions and work with external services that focus on mental health, bereavement & self-esteem. If you would like further information on support in school, please email me.

Our assembly was led by Mr Chapman this week for Black History Month. It is an annual observance that celebrates the achievements, contributions and history of Black People.

Many of our students belong to the Burnham-on-Crouch Air Cadets. I am encouraging Year 9 students to join. Cadet life is all about challenge, excitement and adventure. They have many opportunities including UK and overseas camps, leadership courses, air experience flights and pilot training. The focus is always on enjoying yourself while improving your skills. 7.20pm - 9.20pm every Monday and Thursday at Burnham Baptist Church.

At the end of every half term, I will be hosting a rewards breakfast to thank/reward those students who succeed in the half termly criteria! Next week our rewards breakfast will be on Tuesday 15th October and I would like to invite:

Oscar R - 9A1	Samuel S - 9Z1	Pippa G - 9Z2	Jess W - 9A2
Danica C - 9M1	Taylor S - 9A1	Erin R - 9D2	Haidyn V - 9M1
Thomas O - 9Z2	Ben H - 9Z2	Lily AJ 9A1	Henson H - 9A2
Immie M - 9A1	Jamie M - 9A1	Molly B - 9A1	

Each breakfast will be for the following criteria:

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|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 - Most merits | 2 - 0 negatives | 3- Most Improved |
| 4- Best Uniform | 5- Helpful      | 6- CARE          |

I have also awarded Elsie. W (9A1) and Pippa. G (9Z2) with our community golden ticket for this half term. This incentive focuses on the kindness of students and going above and beyond within our academy community.

Have a lovely weekend!

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**Year 10 – Ms Taylor**

I am pleased to report that there are nearly half as many students in Year 10 who are persistently absent from school. Persistently absent accounts for all students with less than 90% attendance. Should a student have 90% attendance - this would equate to a month off in Year 10. If your child has less than 90% - at this stage that would mean that they have only missed a couple of days, and so their attendance can easily be improved. I would appreciate your support in maximising their attendance to school.

Top merit achievers this week are:

Alex J - 10M1

Mia A - 10A1

Emily B - 10A1

Suzie P - 10D1

Ronnie S - 10M1

Bobby H - 10M2

Sol P - 10M2

Sebastian W - 10M1

Alex W - 10Z1

Freya C - 10D1

Jude P - 10A1

Ben S - 10A2

Neala W - 10Z2

Wishing you all a restful weekend and Year 10 a successful final week of their first half term of Key Stage 4.

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**Year 11 - Mr Field**

During my lesson walks this week it is great to see students working on their engineering coursework, making a tablet holder. The woodwork skills are fantastic. This is especially the case for Jordan, Oliver and Ella, whose skills in sanding and producing curves in the wood are excellent.

During art lessons students are still working on their masterpieces. It was great to see Katie's version of a Fanta can, Mia's work on eyes and cherries and Olivia's bouquet of flowers are all brilliant. It is a real pleasure to see students focussed and working hard.

May I remind students that mock exams will commence after half term on the 4th November. Students should be using their time to revise and prepare for the exams. Any issues please feel free to contact me.

Top positive points earners this week are: Sam, Josh, Ella, Katie, Ailsa, Charlotte, Ethan, Jack, James, Hayden, Brennan and Harry.

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# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

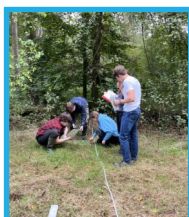
Wow, what a busy week we have had in Rivers Sixth Form.

Today we saw the launch of our new Friday Feels. Our first event is 'Great Rivers Bake Off' where many of our students' baked cakes and other goodies that were enjoyed by staff and Sixth Form students at break. Judging was based on taste and presentation, and we will be announcing the overall winner on Monday morning. Remember that next month we will be hosting 'Make a Poppy', where students will compete to make the best poppy for the Remembrance service.

On Tuesday after school our Year 12 Sports Leaders assisted in officiating in our annual primary dodgeball event. This event involved 4 teams from the local area competing to be Primary School Dodgeball Winners. The title was won by Maylandsea Primary School. This was a great event for the Sports Leaders to gain confidence in running events like this and prepare them for next weeks Primary School Indoor Athletics Competition.



On Wednesday, Sixth Form students attended a trip to Hanningfield Reservoir. As part of the Biology Sixth Form syllabus, students must attend a trip to complete ecological surveys that forms part of their practical coursework.



**Throwback Thursday** - This week we introduced you to Katie who is studying at the Royal Veterinary College London for a Bachelors of Veterinary Medicine. While at Rivers Sixth Form she studied Chemistry, Mathematics & Biology. See the full post on Rivers Instagram @riverssixthform.



On Thursday 10th October the Sixth Form students celebrated World Mental Health Day. The focus of the day was to make someone else smile, checking in on friends, family, peers and colleagues. #mentalhealthmatters



# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

There were many internal and external students who were unable to make the Sixth Form Open Evening Event, so we will be running a drop-in session for students and parents to meet with the Sixth Form Team and ask any questions. There may even be an opportunity to tour the school. This event will take place on Thursday 7th November – 3:30pm to 5pm.

The UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fair is taking place on Friday 15th November and all letters have now been emailed out to year 12 students and select few year 13. Consent forms and payment must be made to secure your place. Last year we took 96% of the year 12 cohort, this year let's make it 100%.

Rivers Sixth Form applications for students starting in September 2025 are now live on our website. Please follow the link for internal students - <https://ormistonriversacademy.co.uk/sixth-form/admissions>.

Final reminder that the UCAS deadline for Oxbridge candidates is Tuesday 15th October. Please make sure you meet with Mrs Wilkins.

Former Rivers Sixth Form student Phoebe is running a half marathon in October 2025 with the intention of raising money in aid of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy Action (SUDEP). This is to support their friend and former student Leah, who tragically passed away in July 2023. The Sixth Form Team would like to support this event and will be attending the marathon to cheer the former students on. If you would like to support please follow - [https://www.gofundme.com/f/raise-money-for-sudden-deaths-in-young-people-from-epilepsy?attribution\\_id=sl:5e32d5f4-4ce9-479e-be1e-6917d1133b08&utm\\_campaign=fp\\_sharesheet&utm\\_content=amp8\\_t2&utm\\_medium=customer&utm\\_source=facebook](https://www.gofundme.com/f/raise-money-for-sudden-deaths-in-young-people-from-epilepsy?attribution_id=sl:5e32d5f4-4ce9-479e-be1e-6917d1133b08&utm_campaign=fp_sharesheet&utm_content=amp8_t2&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=facebook).



Have a lovely weekend!

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# 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).





# Catering



## October

Throughout the week of the 14th till the 18th October we will be celebrating these dates.

### 25th world pasta day

Hailing from Italy, pasta is loved the world over. Today, countries that consume the most pasta are Italy of course, followed by Tunisia, Venezuela, Greece, Chile and the United States.



### 31st Halloween

Trick or Treat? Halloween is known to cater to all the sweet tooth's with the traditionally American Holiday filled with candy and bobbing apples



## November

Throughout the month of November, we will be celebrating these dates.



### 1st world Vegan Day

On November the 1st 1994, world vegan day, was established to mark the golden jubilee of the UK vegan society and to celebrate the term "Vegan".

### 5th Guy Fawkes night

Expect lots of carbs and sweet treats on Bonfire night. Celebrations often include hot dogs, burgers, jacket potatoes and toffee apples.



### 24th Stir up Sunday

Stir-up Sunday is a centuries-old annual tradition where home cooks spend the last Sunday before Advent 'stirring up' their Christmas pudding. That means it's not on the same date each year, and falls somewhere at the end of November before Advent begins.





# Catering



## December

Throughout the month of December we will be celebrating these dates.

### 2nd English breakfast day

English Breakfast Day takes place on December 2nd every year and is celebrated by millions of people internationally. English breakfast day was originally started by our chairman to drum up support for a centuries old Anglo tradition and teach others the history of the full English breakfast.



### 4th National cookie day

Cookies have been around since the 7th century AD. National Cookie Day in December serves up a sweet treat. Bakers across the country warm up the ovens for Christmas season, and we enjoy giving tins of cookies to friends and family all season long.

### 8th National chocolate brownie day

Each year on December 8th, brownie lovers across the nation enjoy one of their favourite baked goods on National Brownie Day. Brownies are not classified as cakes – this is a very interesting point about the brownie. The reason for this is that although the texture is similar to cakes, it is classed as finger food (whereas usually cake is eaten with a fork).



### 9th British Pudding day

British Pudding Day is celebrated on November 9th every year. It is a day when pudding lovers can gather and indulge in every kind of pudding that they ever desired. We celebrate the British desserts classics from spotted dick, to crumble, Eton mess, trifle and more

### 15th Cupcake Day

Winston Churchill was the first person to suggest cupcakes should be frosted in the 1950s. and now you can get almost any flavour you could ever want





### November Exam Series

PPE Exams will begin for All Year 11 Students on the first day back after half term, Monday 4th November. For a small number of Sixth Form Students, GCSE Resit Exams will begin Tuesday 5th November and will take place in a separate room to the PPE examinations. Year 13 PPEs will take place during the week commencing 18th November.

Below is a summary of the schedule. Students will be given reminders about Exam regulations and attendance in assemblies and will receive personalised timetables prior to half term.

#### NOVEMBER 2024 EXAMS SERIES SCHEDULE

	AM Register in Exam room for prompt 9 AM Start	PM Register in Exam room for Prompt 12 PM Start for Y11.
MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER	Geography P1 1 hour 30 minutes	ENGLISH LANGUAGE Paper 1 1H 45 mins.
TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER	ENGLISH LANGUAGE Paper 1	MATHS P1 1 Hour 30 mins.
	CHEMISTRY Combined 1 hour 15 minutes Triple 1 hour 45 minutes	
WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER	MATHS RESIT Paper 1	ENGINEERING 1 hour 30 minutes
	Biology Combined 1 hour 15 minutes Triple 1 hour 45 minutes	
THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER	English Language Paper 2	MATHS P2 1 Hour 30 mins.
	HISTORY 2 HOURS	
FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER	MATHS RESIT Paper 2	HOSPITALITY AND CATERING 1 hour 20 minutes
	PHYSICS Combined 1 hour 15 minutes Triple 1 hour 45 minutes	
MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER	MATHS RESIT Paper 3 Remembrance Service	Geography P2 1 hour 30 minutes
TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER	ENGLISH LITERATURE 1 HOUR 45 MINUTES	Computer Science 1 hour 30
WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER	FRENCH AND SPANISH 1 hour 45 mins	Drama 1 hour 30
THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER	BUSINESS STUDIES and RS GCSE 1 hour 45 minutes	Contingency
FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER	ENGLISH LANGUAGE Paper 2 1H 45 mins	

#### Provisional Year 13 PPE Schedule

	AM Register in Exam room for prompt 9 AM Start	PM Register in Exam room for Prompt 1PM Start
MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER	BLOCK A	BLOCK E
TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER	BLOCK B	BLOCK D
WEDNESDAY 20th NOVEMBER	BLOCK C	BLOCK B
THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER	BLOCK D	BLOCK A
FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER	BLOCK E	BLOCK C



# Rivers Academy Shop

## Academy Shop

All students are required to have sufficient equipment to allow them to learn and achieve their full potential. It is a students' responsibility to arrive at the Academy with the appropriate equipment for lessons:

Equipment:

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

The Academy Shop, located near the main hall, is open before school 8.30 - 8.50am and at breaktime 11.20 - 11.50am every day. The shop stocks all of the above equipment, as well as a wide selection of revision guides & workbooks, for all year groups. You can also purchase new ties from here. We can only accept cash for shop purchases on site, we are unable to use credit on a students catering card. Alternatively, you can complete an order form and return it to [finance@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:finance@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).

Year 10 & 11 -You will find an item on ParentPay - KS4 Revision Guides & Equipment- just overwrite the amount with the total to be paid, we will check it against your order and let you know when the items can be collected from the shop (or you can call in and collect from main reception if you would prefer).

Year 7, 8 & 9 (KS3) - Once we have received your completed order, we will add it to your ParentPay account. When payment has been confirmed we will let you know when the items can be collected from the shop (or you can call in and collect from main reception if you would prefer).

You can access the up to date [KS3 order form](#) and the [KS4 order form](#) here; these are also available on our website [www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](http://www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk). Please contact finance on 01621 787845 if you have any queries.



### **Absence Reporting**

Students should attend school unless they are very unwell. On every day of absence please contact the school with the reason why your son/daughter is not attending. Please contact us as early as possible and at the latest by 8am on the first day of absence. This can be via the following methods:

MyEd Messaging App

ConnectED absence line: 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).

### **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](mailto:Exams@Ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) if you have any queries regarding collection.

Thank you





**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'.



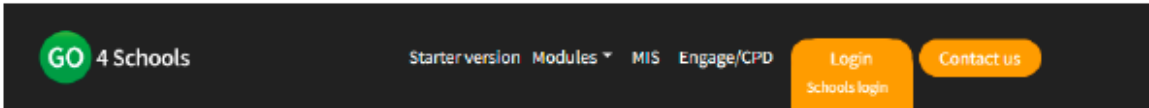
### Parent / Carer Login

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



# Ormiston RIVERS Academy

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.



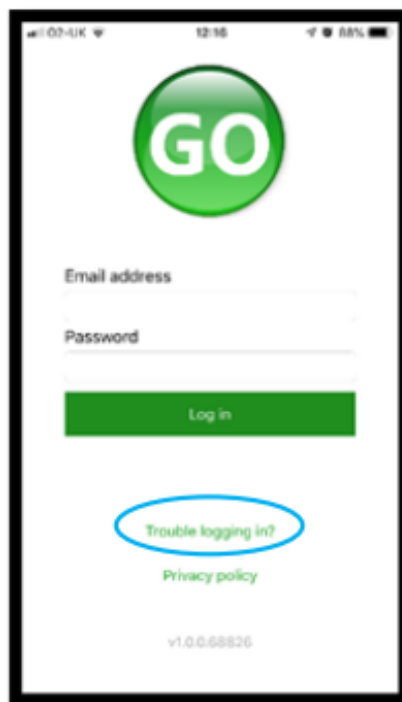
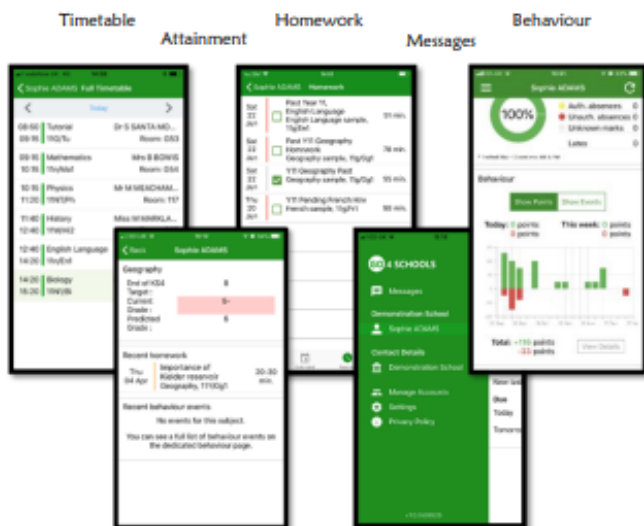
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2 – Type in your school email address.

3 – Type in your password.

This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



### 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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# Cooking by Numbers

## Nutrition and Meal Planning Workshops

**For parents of secondary age children**

Understand: nutrition and healthy breakfasts, healthy lunch boxes and reducing sugar in drinks, value shopping and Government initiatives.

**Claim a celebration shopping voucher on completion of the course.**

**Ormiston Rivers Academy**

Southminster Road,  
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The course consists of three sessions:

**21st and 28th November, 5th December**  
9am to 11am

**Register for your FREE place today!**

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More information: [info@tiegr.org](mailto:info@tiegr.org)

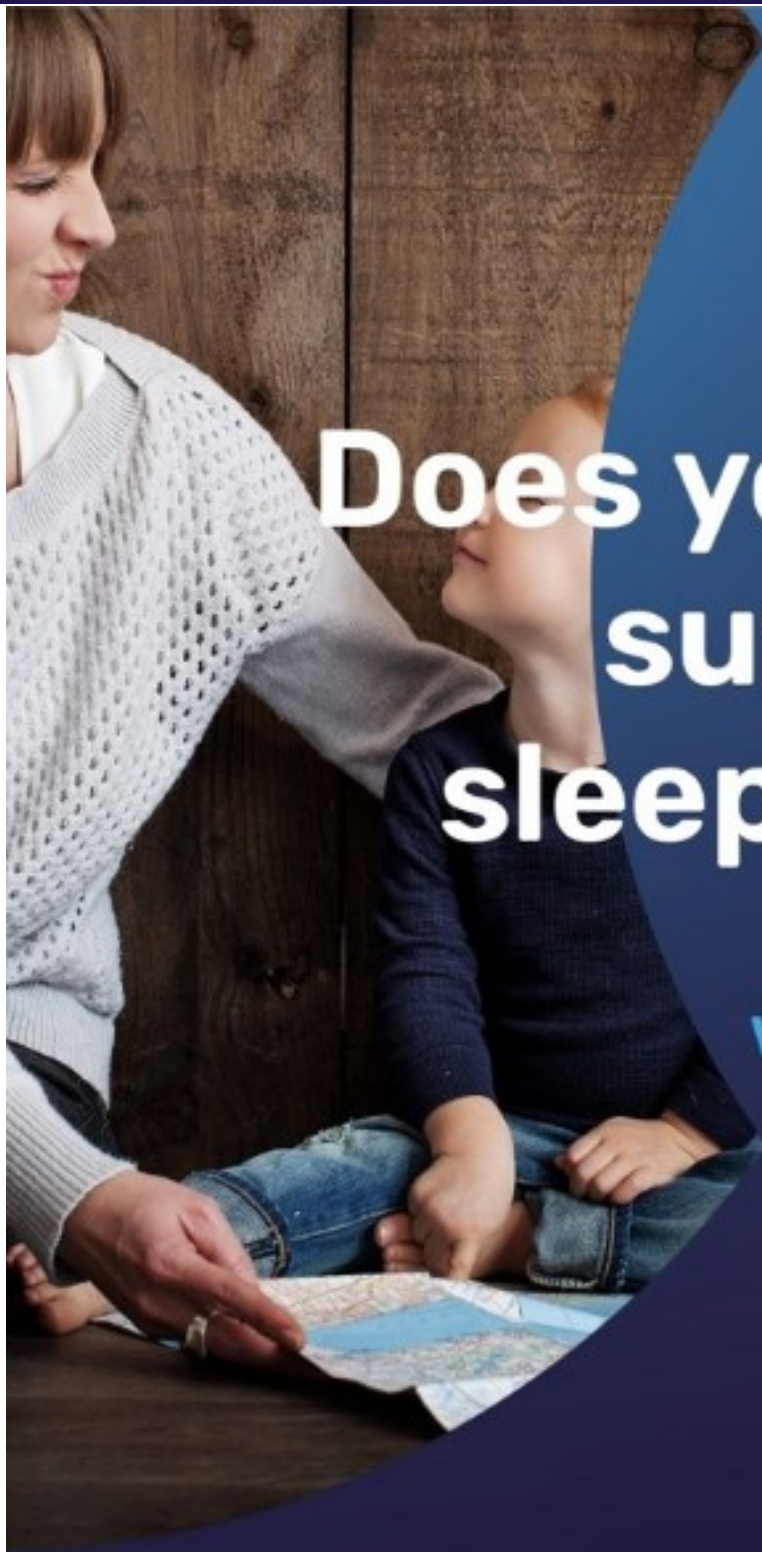




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### **Poppy Appeal**

Poppies are available from the Academy at main reception and will be sold during tutor time each morning, starting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and continuing after half term. If you would like to donate please bring in cash.

