



### Message from the Principal

It has been a productive week at Rivers as we head into the half term holiday.

On Wednesday the Essex Youth Service invited two form representatives from each year group to represent Rivers at their "Beyond the Ballot" event which took place at Boreham House. "Beyond the Ballot" is a collaborative initiative driven by young people across the county. This event offered our

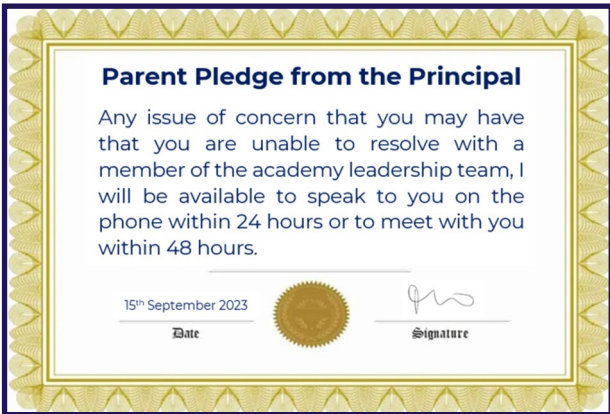
students the opportunity to delve deeper into the 'Make Your Mark' results which earlier in the year gave children across the UK the opportunity to have their say and vote on the issues they want to change and develop positive solutions to address the key issues.

It has been another busy week for the academy's sports teams with a Year 11 boys football match away against Sandon, Year 9 and 11 girls netball matches away against Plume, a Sixth Form boys football match at home against St John Payne and a Year 9 and 10 girls 7-a-side football fixture at Plume. Thank you to the PE department for arranging all these fixtures for our students.

Mock examinations for our Year 11 students begin on our return after half term and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage them to set aside some time for revision over the holidays and to wish them all the best of luck. Our Year 11 subject teachers and Head of Year, Mr Field will be available to provide any support and advice that our Year 11 students may need during their exams.

I wish you all a fantastic half term holiday and look forward to seeing our students rested, refreshed and ready to learn on their return on Monday 4th November.

**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 18th October, the following Year 12 students, who had been nominated by their Head of Year and Tutors, were invited to tea with the Principal to celebrate their outstanding demonstration of the academy's CARRE values..

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| Evie D(SF6)    | Finley A (SF6) | Leon B (SF5)   |
| George C (SF4) | Daniel D (SF4) | Connor O (SF5) |

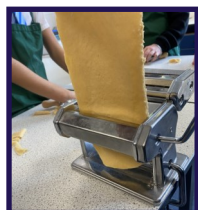


It is always wonderful to watch our students perform outside of school for the local community. I was extremely proud to see lots of our students performing at Southminster Memorial Hall as part of the Starstruck Theatre School Awards this week. All of them were absolutely fantastic and clearly enjoyed it. Well done to the following students and their awards they received:

- Bethan 11Z2 - Student of the Year
- Sienna 10A1 - Most inspirational Student
- Emme 9D2 - most improved in drama
- Evie 8Z2- most improved in drama runner up
- Laila 8A2- Best Team Player runner up
- Ash 10M1 - Confidence Award runner up
- Isabelle 10Z1
- Megan 8A2
- Laila 8A2
- Amber 9Z1 (Who was made Dance Captain for the second year in a row)
- Sophie 9D1



Well done to Year 9 Food Technology students this week. You did so well with shaping your pasta by yourselves.



- FRANÇAIS Harry G Yr 10
- Español James B Yr 8



Emily L Yr 8



**George C (12D)** - Consistent effort and focus on improvement in his Tudor history work.

**Lara M (80/Gg1)** - Passion for excellence.

**Poppy L (R.S9)** - For consistently completing work to a high-level, and for ambitious responses and displaying model behaviour for a classroom environment. Her positive assessment outcome reinforces this.

**Seren J (History Yr7)** - For consistently and eloquently demonstrating her reading skills this week by volunteering to read long passages of text to the class. Her classwork is ambitious, and her behaviour has been excellent.

**Dexter C (70/Gg3)** - For consistently striving to achieve. Linking prior understanding and looking for the challenge to complete. Well done.

**Tommy S (7)** Making excellent contributions to history and performing well in assessments.

**Logan C (9o/Hi4)** - For consistently striving to achieve. Linking prior understanding and looking for the challenge to complete. Well done.

**Bethany H (11BHi2)** - Top grade in the end of unit test.

**Tyler-Jake H (90/Gg1)** - Increased participation in lesson with an improvement in behaviour and attitude to learning.



**Tommy R (11A1)** for an outstanding performance in the Year 11 football fixture. 2 goals and a coolly taken penalty.

**Daisy G Year 8** for her incredible performance and 100% effort in Cross Country. Showing amazing Aspiration to the rest of her class.

On Wednesday the Year 10 and 11 girls represented the school playing Netball against Plume Academy. The girls played well but unfortunately were beaten 15-9. There were lots of positive points and lots of key information to take back into our training sessions. It was great to see so many of our KS4 girls enjoying themselves playing sport. A special shoutout to our top goal scorer Grace D for her amazing contribution along with Madison playing in centre.

Goal Scorers – Grace D, Daisy S & Katie M

Player of the Match – Katie M



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

**“Appreciation”.**

Why not have a go?

**Say it:** uh-pree-shee-ay-shn

**Spell it:** Ap-pre-ci-a tion

**Stem:** *preci-* price / value / caring

**Appreciation (noun)**

**Understand it**  
The process or result of increasing in price or value

(Prefix) **ap** - to, towards; for; addition, into  
(Prefix) **pre** - before  
(Suffix) **tion** - act, process, result of

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





It's been a busy final week of this half term in Computer Science with Year 7 adding the final touches to their eSafety PowerPoint's and taking their end of unit assessment. Year 8 Also took their end of unit assessment and completed their websites. Year 9 were also completing their websites using the free software 'Rocketcake' with particularly effective designs and layouts from Logan & Louisa in 90/Cs4.

Year 10 Computer Science have been improving their programming skills with some advanced tasks involving string manipulation. They have also been studying how characters are stored. Some of the year 10's will complete their assessments this week. Bobby, Seb and Karsten have been doing particularly well with the coding challenges.

Year 11 were looking at protocols and layers and we have started making things a little more competitive in class with teams competing against each other using the OCR Flash Card packs.

Super 6 goes from strength to strength with more students participating this week. The topic was Boolean Logic, which seems to be very popular.

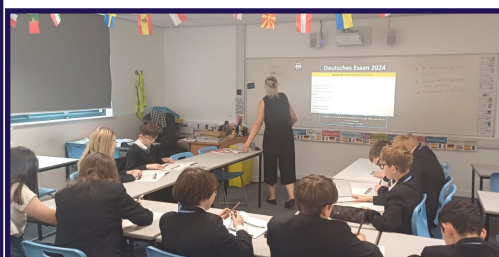
### Beyond the Ballot

On Wednesday a group of students went to Chelmsford to take part on Beyond the Ballot. The students were excellent and contributed in the debates with fantastic arguments and brilliant ideas. Ms Dennis and Mr Madajczyk could not be prouder to have accompanied such wonderful students. With children like these I see a bright future!



### German Club

German club will be running on a Monday after school until the end of next term.





## **Library News**

### **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.

We encourage students to share their opinions and thoughts about the recommended books by completing reviews and activities - outstanding entries are rewarded with merits and Reader of the Month badges!

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.

The theme for October is Black History Month and the recommended books are:  
Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes – recommended for Years 7 and 8.  
The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander – Year 8 and above.  
Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi – Year 9 and above.

Congratulations to Evie 7o/En2 and Jessica in 7o/En1, who have both been awarded a Reader of the Month badges for their excellent book review and activity sheets for Black Brother, Black Brother!

Our Book of the Month theme for November is Horror and Suspense!  
After half-term, students will be able to loan the following titles from the Academy Library:  
The Book of Dead Days by Marcus Sedgwick – recommended for Years 7 and 8 – read about the five days between Christmas and New Year where spirits roam and magic shifts restlessly... a spellbinding story.  
Cuckoo Song by Frances Hardinge – for students in Year 8 to 9 and above -Triss is not herself... in a quest to discover the truth she ventures into the terrifying Underbelly of the town to find the scary architect who has menacing plans for her family.

### **Library Champion Badges**

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students for writing outstanding 'Let's Talk About Books' reviews to achieve their Library Champion badges.

Reviews can be for a book chosen by our students that they have read in this academic year. So far, we have received reviews on books such as Harry Potter, Alex Rider, and David Walliams stories, Ruby Redford mysteries, football legends, graphic novels and much more!

- 7o/En1: Max, Abigail, Thomas, Eleanor, Jessica, Zhani, Elissa
- 7o/En2: Grace, Evie
- 7r/En1: Isabelle, Madison, Millie
- 7r/En2: Jensen, Teddy, Lacey-Mae, Edith, Libby
- 7a/Lx1: Jaxon, Fraser
- 8o/En2: Alfred, Eoin
- 7r/En3: Joshua



### Environmental Group Update

Over the Summer break we were awarded our Eco Schools Green Flag with Distinction for the second year running. Members of the Environmental Group raised the new flag with the help of the Principal.



Eco Schools is an initiative run by Keep Britain Tidy with focus on; Biodiversity, Energy, Global Citizenship, Healthy Living, Litter, Marine Conservation, Our School Grounds, Transport, Waste & Water. At the first group meeting in September members voted on the 4 topics they wish to focus on for 2024/25; Global Citizenship, Marine Conservation, Litter & Waste, whilst continuing their work on Biodiversity. The group welcomes parental input so please email [amahoney@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:amahoney@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) if you have any questions or suggestions that relate to the chosen topics, or just relating to Eco Schools in general.

We are hoping to introduce wildlife to the wild meadow, last year we made hedgehog houses and bird nesting boxes. The pond was also renovated and the group are keen to introduce frogs / newts. If you have a pond and are likely to have frogspawn (usually from January to March) and would like to donate some, we would be very happy to take it!

November is Cut Your Carbon month. Please see the details below to find out how you can participate. Completed challenges will receive a golden Community Kindness ticket which will be placed in the draw at the end of the Autumn term.

The Environmental Group meet every Thursday after school in the LRC.



### Gardening Club

Before we could even think about planting we needed to reclaim the area from the mass of overgrown weeds! Thank you to Scott Parsons Landscaping for helping us with this, now our biggest challenge is to try and keep on top of it.



In the short time we've had so far the group has; cleared the raised beds and planted spinach, cabbage & herbs, begun the creation of a floral border in front of the greenhouse, planted pea shoots & garlic in the greenhouse, split and re-potted Aloe Vera for classrooms and cut back bushes ready for Winter. The group are really enthusiastic and want to build on their activities to provide produce for use in the school kitchen, in the first instance, with a longer term goal of producing vegetables that can be delivered to local care homes. Watch this space!!!



The Gardening Club meet every Monday after school at the potting shed.

In preparation for Halloween celebrations the groups combined to carve pumpkins. These were grown locally and provided by The Limes for which we thank them. Hopefully, we will be growing our own for next year. Here are some of the creations. Pumpkins that weren't taken home will be frozen over the half term break and used in the school kitchen for soups, risotto & pies when we return.







## November is Cut Your Carbon month!

Eco-Schools is challenging young people across the UK to take action on their carbon footprint. Completing these 6 simple actions with family and friends will raise awareness, change behaviours, and Cut Your Carbon - a greenhouse gas responsible for driving climate change.



find out  
more!

**So grab a magnet, stick this checklist to your fridge, and take action!**

Throughout November...

- 1 Make 5 miles of travel 'active'.** Did you know, a petrol car creates around 1kg of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (or 'CO<sub>2</sub>e') every 5 miles? 'Active Travel' - such as walking, scooting, wheeling, or cycling - doesn't emit anything! So, we're challenging you to make 5 miles of travel active. Whether it's a single 5-mile trip, or five 1-mile trips... ditch the drive!
- 2 Go plant-based for a day.** Meat production is responsible for around 14% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. Choose a day to go plant-based and discover how delicious cutting carbon can be! By switching from a meat-based diet to a plant-based diet, for just one day, you can reduce your emissions by nearly 3kg CO<sub>2</sub>e.
- 3 Turn down the heating by 1° for a week.** Heating is the biggest source of carbon emissions in many homes. So pop on a jacket and drop the thermostat by 1°. Completing this challenge could prevent an additional 6kg CO<sub>2</sub>e!
- 4 Buy nothing new for 1 month.** The production of every item that you buy has a carbon footprint. Write a list of every non-essential item that you bought (or was bought for you) last month. Put them into categories - e.g. clothing, toys, or cosmetics - and don't buy anything from one of these categories for 1 month. If you purchase 1kg less stuff during the month, you can save an average of 6kg CO<sub>2</sub>e.
- 5 Substitute 4 baths for 4 showers and limit them to 4 minutes.** Cleaning and pumping water to our homes creates carbon emissions. So does generating energy to heat it. This means that shorter showers are good for our planet! Limiting 4 showers to 4 minutes will save around 1.5kg of CO<sub>2</sub>e. We recommend using a 4-minute song as a timer that you can sing-along to!
- 6 Switch off all of your non-essential electrical devices for an hour.** Electricity can account for 25% of your home's carbon footprint. Think about when your family uses the most unnecessary electricity, maybe you're gaming, or perhaps watching TV? At that time, turn off all non-essentials for 1 hour and do something device-free!



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**Year 7 - Mr Moon**

Well done Year 7 you made it through your first half. It has been very eventful and filled with lots of positive moments throughout.

We had our first form rep meeting this week where the pupils shared feedback on their transition from primary school. It was great to hear lots of positive feedback from the students about their time so far at Rivers. Assembly this week focused on Black History Month where we looked at influential people throughout history and their impact on society.

We had our first rewards breakfast for the top 15 merit earners this year so far. The tutor group with the most merits this week is 7D1 and the student with the most merits is still Esme 7A2, but close behind is Islay 7D1.



Our attendance is still the highest in the school but is declining with only 96.36%. It is so important that we try to attend school every day. We had our first rewards for the students with 100% attendance, where they were given a coupon for a free cake and these students have been added to the draw for this half term to win a larger prize. The tutor with the best attendance this week is 7Z1 which is a change from the usual winners so well done to everyone in 7Z1.

Lastly, I wish everyone a restful two weeks off and I hope you all recharge and come back ready to learn and to start strong next half term.

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**Year 8 - Ms Scott**

**Year 8 – Final Week of Term Update**

Congratulations to all our Year 8 students for making it through this first half of the term!

We hope that by now, students are feeling settled into their lessons and making good progress. After the half-term break, we will have progress data available and will begin to put any necessary interventions in place to ensure continued success.

This half-term has seen many highlights, including:

- Increased attendance and punctuality across the year group
- A decrease in detentions, showing excellent behaviour and commitment
- The highest number of student volunteers for Parents' Evening, demonstrating a fantastic sense of community spirit

It's been wonderful getting to know the students better and learning about their unique hobbies and interests. Please continue to share any positive news about their achievements outside of school, so we can celebrate their successes together.

Congratulations to Mr. William's form group, 8D2, who won the 'Monday Madness' form group quiz challenge this term!!

Congratulations to Ms. Medley's form group, 8M2, who had the highest attendance as a form group most consistently throughout this half term!!

Congratulations to the following students who received a reward breakfast this morning to celebrate their high level of positive merits:

Jude 8D1	Daisy 8Z1	Thomas 8Z1	Izabelle 8A1	Lara 8Z1
Paige 8A2	James 8D2	Alex 8D1	Lexi-Jaye 8Z1	Luke 8M1
Eoin 8D1	Eleanor 8Z2	Ava 8A2	Grace 8A1	Freddie 8Z1

Have a great half-term!

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### **Year 9 – Ms Thurtle**

We made it! Our first half term of Year 9 is complete. I am proud of the progress our students have made and the energy they've brought to their learning.

I would like to officially announce the arrival of Ms Scott to the Year 9 team, as our new SSA! Students have been popping into our office this week to welcome her which has been really lovely.

I would also like to thank the students for my lovely birthday cards and well wishes this week! My birthday gift to the students was the Head Of Year award for any student who received 100 merits or more! I would encourage all parents/carers to have access to G4S to monitor what goes on in the school day for your child/ren. Our line ups are improving, with our best one being this morning, on the last day of term!

### **Looking Ahead: What's Next?**

After the break, Year 9 will be entering a critical phase of their school journey as they begin to make choices that will shape their future. We encourage students to:

- Reflect on their subject interests as they approach GCSE options and explore any areas they wish to improve. I would also suggest that students start to have conversations with their teachers about potential subjects choices.
- Take advantage of support resources, including revision sessions, after-school clubs, and meetings with teachers for guidance.

### **Half-Term Break Reminder:**

Please remind your children to use the break to recharge while also keeping up with any reading or homework. It's also a great time to reflect on their goals and make plans for improvement or further growth.

### **Acknowledgments:**

Congratulations to Samuel. S (9Z1) for receiving the most merits in Year 9 this half term. With 1880 merits, Sam was recognised in assembly and rewarded with a large bag of sweets!

120 students have had 100% attendance this half term. I placed them all onto the 'wheel of names' in assembly and Lily. AJ (9A1) won a large bag of sweets. Well done! All students with 100% have been rewarded with free cake on Friday.

Well done to Sophie. T (9M1) for receiving the community kindness award for orchestrating a mass signing of a birthday card for me from the year group. Thank you to every student who signed it.





Another community kindness award was given to Logan. C (9Z2) for handing a lost lunch card into a member of staff! Well done.

A big thank you to parents and carers for your continued support and encouragement throughout the half term. Your involvement is key to the success of our students, and we look forward to continuing our partnership as we move forward.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break!

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The year 9 Netball Team played amazing! Great attacking play & defensively took control of the game. We took the lead early and scored 5 goals in the first quarter of the game, we carried that over to the second quarter where we also scored more goals. A huge well done to all the girls!



Goal scorers - Darcey J, Lia M & Jess M  
Player of the match - Megan K



### Year 10 – Ms Taylor

As the half term draws to a close, I would like to comment the vast majority of year 10 for their hard work and positive attitude to their studies. As a year group they have been awarded 91,770 merits and out of all logs on Go4Schools, 91% have been for positive behaviours.

Top merit earners this week are: Tom N - 10D1, Alex J - 10M1, Freya C - 10D1, Lex O - 10M1, Ronnie S - 10M1, Alex W - 10Z1, Jack C - 10A2, Kayden D - 10D1, Sam T - 10A1, Hazel W - 10Z1. Congratulations to all of them.

Also a huge well done to all the students in year 10 who enjoyed free cake today for 100% attendance. Attendance has improved across the year group. A reminder that there is a £50 voucher on offer and students gets a ticket in the draw for every week they have 100% attendance.

Also a massive congratulations to Max C - 10D1. Max competed in the Burnham 10k this weekend and did amazingly well. He came 2nd out of 256 people with a time of 38mins 50 seconds, the person in first place was only 4 seconds ahead.

Year 10 will be able to use the Astro Turf after half term, as long as they are wearing appropriate footwear and adhere to the strict no eating policy whilst there.

Wishing you all a restful half term break.

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**Year 11 - Mr Field**

On Thursday it was great to see the pupils having their rewards breakfast. Fifteen Students were treated to pancakes and fruit as a reward for gaining the most positive points within the year group. It was a pleasure to be able to discuss how they are finding their revision for their mock exams, as well as being able to give them a big well done for their focus and hard work in their studies.

I would like to say good luck to the year group as they commence their mock exams after half term and I hope they spend the time wisely over the next two weeks in preparation.

Highest positive points earners this week were: Sofia, Bethany, Elliot, Liam, Ben, Brennan, Charlotte, Darcie, Jack, James, Thomas and Jack. Well done all.

Earlier today all those students who have 100% attendance were rewarded with a slice of cake to say well done on their achievement. Keep up the good work.



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This week, the Year 11 football team played against Sandon in the District Cup.

Despite a 2-0 half time lead, thanks to two goals from Tommy, the game ended 3-3 and headed to penalties.

As the picture suggests, it was tense! After 5 penalties it was still 4-4 and sudden death commenced with the Sandon keeper making the crucial save with his feet.

Despite the loss, the Year 11's were exemplary in their teamwork and respect for everyone involved and represented the school in an outstanding manner.



We are proud to announce that one of our students from Year 11 has been selected to play for Colchester United Women.

Billie-Jo has been working hard at football training with both Bowers and Pitsea & She Can Play and has been selected to sign as a dual signing. This will allow Billie-Jo to still play for her u16 teams of a weekend.

"We are delighted to announce the arrival of the young midfielder who has today signed for the U's on a dual signing. We are committed to helping young talent develop in the right way and are excited to see Billie-J wearing the Blue and White of Colchester United.

Well done Billie-Jo, keep up the great work!



# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

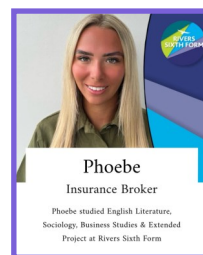
## Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

Friday Feels – 57 of our Sixth Form students achieved 100% Attendance this last half term and today received a cookie as they arrived at school. Congratulations to all and we look forward to more students achieving this next half term.



Charlie and Aisden received their vouchers for winning the Great Rivers Bake Off. It was a tough competition, but they impressed the staff with their Biscoff Cheesecake and homemade ice cream.

Throwback Thursday – This week we introduced you to former student Phoebe who is now working as an insurance broker. While in Sixth Form she studied English Literature, Sociology, Business Studies, and Extended Project. Please see our Instagram account for more info: @riverssixthform



Sports Leaders students took part in the annual Primary Indoor Athletics Event. This saw the students running, setting up, and organising events throughout the evening. Events included speed bounce, standing long jump, indoor javelin, and chest push. We would like to thank all students involved for their hard work and dedication.



Poppy Appeal - Sixth Form Leadership Team students have been moving between tutor groups this week with poppies. They are raising money for the Royal British Legion who supports the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans, and their families. Donations help the Legion provide vital services and support, such as guidance, advice, recovery, and rehabilitation.

Tickets are going fast for the University and Apprentice Fair on Friday 15th November. Please make sure that you have paid and submitted your consent forms asap.

Maths and English GCSE resits are in the first week back after half term. Please make sure you are using your support packs and attending any additional revision sessions during half term.





# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

PPE mock exams for all Sixth Form students start on Monday 18th November. Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all next half term.

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Years 12 and 13 played a District cup football game against St John Payne this week.

It was an end-to-end game with St John Payne often restricted to long shots from our well organised defence.

Blake scored a great left foot finish before St John Payne equalised shortly before the break with their only clear chance of the game.

The second half remained a close game until Harry looped one in after the ball had come out from a corner - his 20-yard finish clearing the keeper and the player on the line.

Blake then completed his hat trick after another tight finish and a penalty that he despatched into the top corner after Lewis had been bundled over in the box. We will play either Plume or Sandon in the next round.





# 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:

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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).



**Next Weeks is Week B**  
**Thank you**

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

### 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



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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 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'.



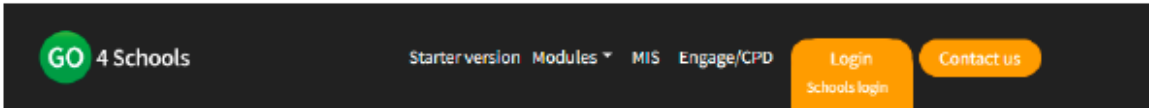
### Parent / Carer Login

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



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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	

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

### 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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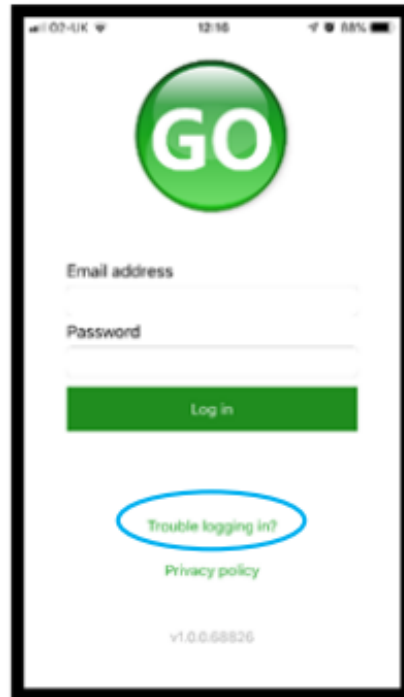
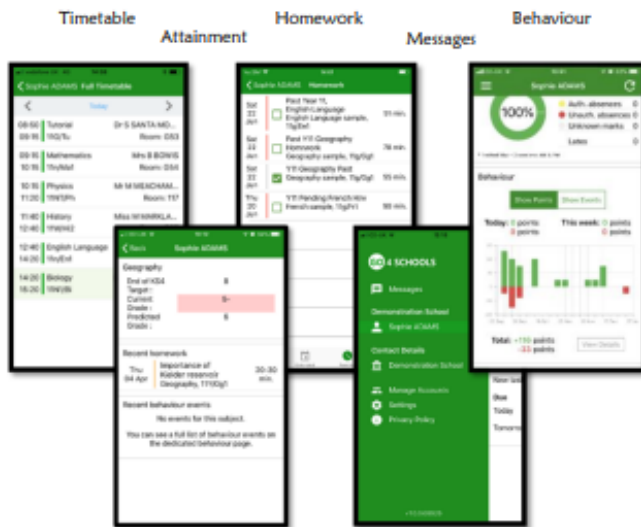
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3 – Type in your password.

This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



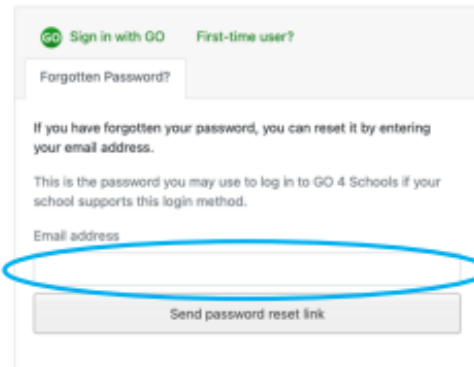
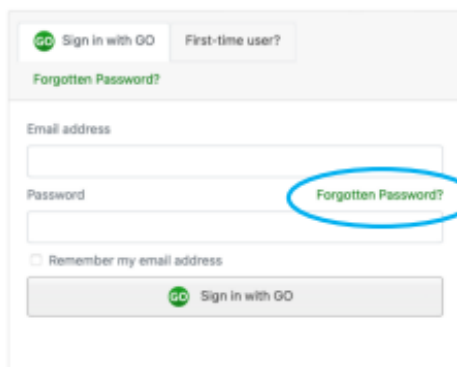
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### FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD?

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
- The Teen Brain
- Understanding Children's Anxieties
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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.

