

Message from the Principal

I was delighted to be able to inform you this week about the OAT led Behaviour Boost which will be taking place on Thursday and Friday next week to encourage our students to meet our expectations around uniform, mobile phones, behaviour on corridors, showing respect for staff and readiness to learn. This will be a fantastic opportunity to support our focus on raising standards and the development of our CARE values.

In advance of the Behaviour Boost, please can we ask for your support with uniform, particularly that skirt length should be just above the knee and that shoes should be leather with no mesh or visible logos. For further information, our uniform policies can be found here:

[Year-7-ORA-Academy-Uniform-Policy-September-2024.pdf](#)

[Year-8-11-ORA-Academy-Uniform-Policy-September-2024.pdf](#)

We appreciate this is a difficult time of year to purchase new uniform and as such we will be able to support with new items for students in order that they are able to uphold our high standards.

Please can you also make a note that that to allow time for our staff to prepare for the continued drive to raise standards, following the Christmas holiday students **will return to the academy at 9.45am on Monday 6th January**. Buses have been arranged for an hour later than usual on that morning.

There have been two exciting trips for our students this week. On Thursday, a group of our Dance students went to see Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake at the Sadlers Wells Theatre in London. On Friday, the Science Department took a group of A-Level Science students out on a day visit to the Cambridge University Chemical Laboratory. As always, I would like to thank those staff members who have organised and accompanied our students on these visits.

Finally, please come and support our fantastic Performing Arts department who have been working incredibly hard to produce our school show, 'Love at First Flight'. Performances of the show will be taking place at 7pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week and tickets are available to purchase from main reception.

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

Jo Williams, Principal

Parent Pledge from the Principal

Any issue of concern that you may have that you are unable to resolve with a member of the academy leadership team, I will be available to speak to you on the phone within 24 hours or to meet with you within 48 hours.

15th September 2023

Date




Signature



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th December 2024

School Show - 'Love at First Flight' – Tickets available to purchase from main reception (£7 for adults/£5 for students & children)



Monday 16th December 2024

Sixth Form Parents Evening – Year 12 & 13

Friday 20th December 2024

Break up for Christmas holiday (Academy closes at 1.50 pm)

Monday 6th January 2025 – 9.45am

All students return from Christmas Holiday – please note the academy will open to students at 9.45am

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 6th December, the following Year 9 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 CARE values..

Jenson S (9A2)

Penny S (9A2)

Poppy L (9A1)

Ryder I (9M1)

Samuel S (9Z1)

Archie H (9Z1)

Lorna L(9Z2)

Lully C (9Z2)

Tom J (9D1)

Henry K (9M1)

Felicity O (9D2)

Sylwia P (9D1)

Immie M (9A1)

Jenson H (9D2)





The results are in:

The challenge, which is run by Oxford University in conjunction with the Raspberry Pi Foundation, introduces computational thinking to students to help with problem solving and is organised in over 80 countries. It is designed to get students all over the world excited about Computing and to improve problem solving skills. This year over 460,000 students took part nationally with more than 3 million students participating worldwide. 600 ORA students took part and performed fantastically with 10 students achieving scores in the top 10% in the UK, 49 students ranking in the top 25% and 135 students in the top 50%.

The students in the top 10% will now be offered the chance to take part in a further challenge set up and run by Oxford University, this takes place in January (Mrs Gibson will notify students) and will receive a Gold certificate. All Students will receive Distinction/Merit or Participation Certificates - Distinction = top 25% of the school, Merit = top 50%.

The top 10 students are listed below with special mentions to Archie(7A1) who scored the highest in year 7 and will also receive "Best in School" for the juniors age group and James (8D2) who will receive "Best in School" for the intermediate age group for scoring the highest in both Yr 8 and 9. Joslyn (11Z2) who gained the highest score in the Seniors category and will also receive "Best in School" for this category. A special mention to Aisden (yr 13) who received a "Best in School" for the Elite category. Well done all!

Congratulations to the 10 students who have achieved a score for the challenge in the 10% of the country:

Archie 7A1	Alexande 7M2	Elissa 7M2	Autumn 7A2	Stanley 7Z1
Harlie 7Z1	James 8D2	Finn 8D1	Joslyn 11Z2	Oliver 11Z1

Students who scored near to the 10% boundary and last years top 10% achievers will also be invited to take part in the next round.



Performing Arts Stars of the Week

On Thursday 5th Dec the GCSE and A Level Dance students travelled to Sadlers Wells Theatre London to see Matthews Bournes' Swan Lake. Not only was it wonderful to see the Christmas lights but the performance was brilliant and the students were on their best behaviour. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.



D* Also, a big shout out to April in SF5 for achieving a D* in her first unit in Music technology. Well done for your hard work.



Year 7 have been learning about algorithms, and this week they created flowcharts for different scenarios. This is a great skill that links in with the GCSE curriculum.

Year 8 have been practicing their searching and sorting algorithms with some great work coming from Lila and Eoin of 80/Cs2.

Year 9 have been learning about wired and wireless network connections and the advantages and disadvantages of them both. Jess and Evie of 90/Cs3 had a great lesson and completed both the worksheets.

Year 10 have been looking at compression and the need for compressed files. This has linked in quite nicely for some of the music students that wish to produce their own music. The most improved programmer this week is Florence of 10D/Cs1.

Year 11 have been looking at the environmental impacts of computer technology as well as practicing their programming skills. The attached code was created- by Elliott in 11C/Cs1 and is programmed in python for file handling.

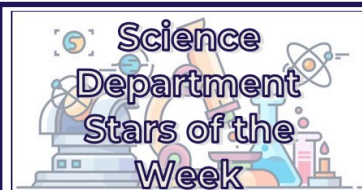
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#File handling - Elliott
def display():
    f=open("./info.txt","rt")
    print(f.readline())
    print(f.readline())
    print(f.readline())
    print(f.readline())
    f.close()

def edit():
    f=open("./info.txt","w")
    fn=input("Write your first name: ")
    sn=input("Write your last name: ")
    g=input("Write your gender: ")
    a=int(input("Write your age: "))
    f.writelines([fn])
    f.writelines(["\n",sn])
    f.writelines(["\n",g])
    f.writelines(["\n",a])

r=True
while r:
    ans = input("What do you want to do?").casefold()
    if ans == "display":
        display()
    elif ans == "edit":
        edit()
    elif ans == "close":
        r=False
    else:
        print("That's not valid.")
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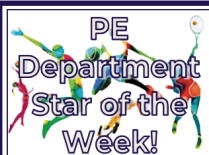
We are currently running the following clubs and revision sessions:

Year Group	Club	Day	Time	Room
Years 7 & 8	Computer Science Club	Monday	Lunchtime	IT02
Year 10	Computer Science	Monday & Friday	After School	IT02
Year 10	iMedia	Monday & Friday	After School	IT02
Year 11	Computer Science	Monday & Friday	After School	IT02
Years 12 & 13	Media	Wednesday	After School (Not on Parents Evenings)	IT02
Year 13	I.T.	Monday	After School	IT04
Year 10	Business	Friday	After School	IT04
Years 10 & 11	Business	Friday	After school	IT04



Yr 7 - Sienna S
Yr 9 - Owen L
Yr 11 - Sydney W
Yr 13 - Julia P

Yr 8 - Megan R
Yr 10 - Edward A
Yr 12 - Luke H



Max H (10M2) For a man of the match performance in the Year 10 quarter final against William De Ferrers!

Nutrition for Parents course



The International Education Group
Executive Management, Curriculum and Training



It was the third and final week of the cooking and nutrition for parents course this week which was provided by TiEGr with support from Essex County Council. The course has run every Thursday for the last 3 weeks from 9-11am, and covered topics such as meal planning, nutrition and money saving meal planning tips. The merits of making soup to prevent food waste, using the skins for extra fibre and even air frying the peelings to make crisps have all been discussed and it has been wonderful to see parents so engaged with the course, having conversations and sharing their own tips and ideas for getting their families to eat more healthily with each other as well which I am sure has been helpful.

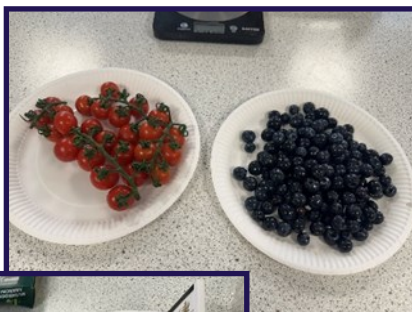
Each session has included an element of practical work, such making healthy breakfasts (with oats, seeds, fruit and natural yoghurt) making lunchtime wraps with (houmous and fresh vegetables) and this week there was useful information on food labels and how to understand the nutrition information and compare value and nutritional quality in similar products we might buy in the supermarket so we can make smarter and healthier choices. They also taste tested some healthy snack foods and discussed health benefits and ideas to incorporate them into their day.

The attendees this week also received their £20 supermarket vouchers as a thank you for taking part in the course and we hope this will help towards their next shop, or perhaps purchasing a soup maker to speed up the making of a healthy meal?

Thank you to Sarah from TiEGr who led the course, our parents and carers who attended and Essex County Council for supporting the costs of the course to run.

If any parents would be interested in attending another course such as this please email me (chyde@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) and let me know your interest and I will be happy to organise another one after Christmas if there is sufficient interest.

Mrs C Hyde



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 to Lsams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk for merits! The WOTW for next week is **"Complexity"**.

Why not have a go?

Say it: kuhm-plek-suh-tee

Spell it: Com-plex-ity

Stem: Plex:- folds, layers

(Prefix) **com** - together, with; altogether
(Stem) **plex** - folds, layers
(Suffix) **ity** - state, condition, quality

Complexity
(noun)

Understand it

The state of having many parts and being difficult to understand or find an answer to



Year 10 Football - Quarter Final

The Year 10's travelled to William De Ferrers earlier in the week to play in the quarter final of the District Cup.

Despite a solid start, we started to lose our shape at the back, which saw WDF convert their chance to take the lead. However, it wasn't long before we drew level after a finish from Max H from the righthand side of the box.

Further pressure from WDF finally paid off and they took a commanding 4-1 lead into half time.

After a slight re-shuffle, Ormiston had a strong second half and managed to bring the game back to 4-3 after another goal from Max and one from Sid.

Sadly, despite some late saves from their keeper, the game ended 4-3.

Well done to the Year 10's for their resilient effort.

Graham the Naughty Elf



Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing pictures of Graham and other festive puzzles for you to solve.

If you would like to enter the competition then please put your answer to the questions on a piece of paper, along with your name and tutor group, and post it in the box at Student Reception. Each week Ms Williams will reveal the winner.

If you would like to enter this week, simply answer the following question...

Where is Graham hiding?



Year 7 - Mr Moon

Another positive week for Year 7 as our attendance is sitting at 95.33% and is still the best in the whole school. Let's continue to show up every day with a positive attitude for learning. The tutor group with the highest attendance is once again 7A1 with 97.03%, so well done to Mr Chapman and the students in his form.

The three students with the highest merits awarded this week are Harriet (7A1) with 210, Florence (7A1) with 200 and joint 3rd are Jack (7Z1) and Emily (7A1) both with 170. A big well done to those students. It's great to see lots of merits being given out, however, Mr Lyu and his tutor group are still leading the charge for the year group.

Next Friday is our very first honours assembly for Year 7. During assembly I am very excited to be giving out certificates and rewards for the winners of the various categories. There is still time for teachers to nominate students, so make sure you are all showing your best selves and demonstrating our CARE values within lessons and around the school.

The Rewards breakfast for this half term is for any student with 0 negative points. More information will be shared regarding this closer to the time. There are currently around 20 students with zero negative points, so keep it up!

On my ventures around school this week it has been great to see so many students eager to learn and being focused on their lessons, especially in art where they have been completing their art assessment and adding water colours to their work. In History they have been completing their assessment on the best way William the Conqueror consolidated his control over England, and it was fascinating to see students in science learning about different metals and how to identify the different types.

During assembly today we discussed Human Rights and how privileged we are to have our human rights met. We then looked at influential figures and the adversities they faced, such as Nelson Mandela and Malala Yousafzai.

I have really enjoyed seeing so many Year 7 students getting involved during their rugby and dance lessons for PE. The numbers for these afterschool clubs have started to decrease, which is a real shame. It would be great if we could really push for students to attend clubs, as this is a great chance for them to meet like minded people and build strong friendships. All afterschool clubs are free and there is a late bus that runs, ensuring students have a way to get home. Please make the most of the clubs that are currently running before they change in the new year.

I hope you have a restful weekend ready to start next week with a positive attitude.

Contact: smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 8 - Ms Scott

Dear Year 8 Students and Families,

As the days grow shorter and the nights longer, we've noticed a number of students feeling particularly tired in school lately. It's more important than ever to make sure that students are getting their full 8 hours of sleep each night. A good night's rest helps us all stay focused and ready to tackle the day ahead! A simple tip: switch off the WiFi at night and put away devices to create the best environment for restful sleep.

We've also seen an increase in the number of Year 8 students receiving after-school detentions. This is disappointing and something we need to work on together. Students, please take responsibility by checking with your tutor each morning to confirm if you have a detention. These are issued for reasons such as being relocated in class, lacking equipment, arriving late to lessons, truancy, or completing inadequate work during lessons. Let's all take steps to stay on top of these expectations and make choices that keep us out of detention!

Now for something exciting! This week in assembly, I launched the School Disco, and the buzz around the festive outfits has been incredible! Mr. Moon is already planning to dazzle in his snazzy elf costume — so the competition will be tough. A reminder to parents: tickets can be purchased via ParentPay, and admittance to the disco will be at the discretion of Mr. Marklew. Any issues with attendance or behaviour may result in no entry, so let's ensure everyone is on their best behaviour to join in the fun!

Finally, a huge congratulations to the following students for earning the most positive points this week:

Eoin C	Jude L	Jake M	James B	Teddy C
Ava B	Abby S	Finn B	Lexi-Jaye D	Liam H

Let's finish this term strong, Year 8! We have 2 weeks left until Christmas so we all need to work together to make this a positive end of term.

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Year 9 – Ms Thurtle

Dear Parent/Carers,

I am thrilled to share some highlights of this week with you all.

This week in assembly, students were led by Ms Dennis in a presentation about human rights. Students were engaged and I hope they took a lot from it. Thank you again to Ms Dennis for coming in.

Our Year 9 form tutors selected 2 students per form to have a reward this Friday - hot chocolate and cake with the head teacher. Congratulations to the students below for your continued efforts in lessons and across the academy.

Jenson S (9A2)	Penny S (9A2)	Poppy L (9A1)	Immie M (9A1)	Henry K (9M1)
Ryder I (9M1)	Samuel S (9Z1)	Archie H (9Z1)	Felicity O (9D2)	Jenson H (9D2)
Lorna L (9Z2)	Lully C (9Z2)	Tom J (9D1)	Sylwia P (9D1)	

During my lesson drop-in's, I was thrilled to be invited to try some pasta that students had made from scratch. Students were proud of their dishes and enjoyed the experience with Ms Etherton.

A shout out to:

- George P (9M1) for a beautifully presented and delicious dish! You have been given the Head of Year award.
- Tommy S (9Z2) was awarded with the HOY award on Thursday for receiving the most merits in one day (125).

In hot pursuit for the weekly round up we have:

- Edward R (9A2) with 225 merits.
- Erin R (9D2) with 210 merits.

Next week students will have their honours assembly, to celebrate the termly achievements across our year group.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Contact: cthurtle@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 10 – Ms Taylor

We have noticed that year 10 girls are struggling with attendance, and so on Thursday in mentor we took the girls separately to complete a survey about their difficulties. Initial looks at the data are interesting and I look forward to being able to share more of our findings with you next week, and we will start to formulate ways to support them.

Congratulations to our top achievers in merits this week:

Faith W - 10Z2	Bella W - 10M2	Edward B - 10M1	Suzie P - 10D1	Sol P - 10M2
Emily B - 10A1	Max C - 10D1	Freya C - 10D1	Alissa J - 10D1	Jack M - 10M2
Riley W - 10D1				

Contact: staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 11 - Mr Field

It was fantastic to see so many students and parents/carers at Parents Evening on Wednesday. I witnessed so many positive discussions and conversations on how students have been progressing through Year 11 so far and I hope the students take on the advice given by their teachers on how to progress and prepare for their exams.

On my learning walks this week it was great to see students in engineering finishing off their tablet holders. Well done to Jack, Tom & Tommy whose work is looking first class. Students were working hard on their coursework in Health and Fitness and lastly, it was wonderful to see students preparing and rehearsing for their drama exam today, remaining focussed and dedicated. I'm sure the hard work will pay off and I wish the students good luck in their performances.

The top positive point earners this week are: Max, Elliot, Jack, Ben, Abigail, Connie, Ella-Mae, Darcie, Mikie, Ailsa, Angelina and Brennan. Superb effort! Keep up the good work.

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RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

It was wonderful to see so many students helping out at the Year 11 Parents Evening. Our leadership team supported Mrs Penberthy with answering Sixth Form questions. Sixth Form Parents Evening is now open for bookings and will take place on Monday 16th December. The booking system will close on Wednesday 11th.

Our Year 13 students took part in a Mock Assessment Centre Day hosted by Anglian Water. This enabled students to build leadership skills and supported them with their next steps.

On Monday we launched our hot chocolate station for students to enjoy a warm drink now the weather is getting colder. Students have been adding to this with candy canes.

Another celebration for Sixth Form as Year 12 are still achieving the best attendance in the school – keep up the good work, we are very proud of you.

Throwback Thursday

This week we introduced everyone to Chloe who studied Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Extended Project in Rivers Sixth Form. She is currently studying Veterinary Medicine and Surgery BVMBVS with BVMedSci. For more information on our former students please follow the Instagram account - @Riverssixthform

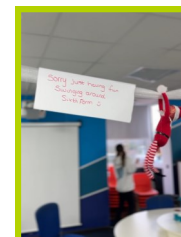
Friday Feels

In the month of December, we will be challenging students to make a Christmas decoration. These must be brought in before Friday 13th December as we will be announcing the winner during the Awards Celebration. We have already started receiving some fantastic baubles, keep it up!

To add to our Friday Feels, students have now decorated all of the study rooms and are taking it in turns to move our “Elf on the Shelf. It has brought a lovely warm feel to area and it is wonderful to see the students getting into the spirit and working together.

Finally, our Honours Assembly will take place next Friday (13th December) and this is for all Sixth Form students.

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.



Catering



BRINGING FESTIVE CHEER TO THE COLD

FRIDGE

FROM 11TH NOVEMBER

Pigs in blankets, caramelised onions, with smoked ketchup

baguette £2.00



Turkey, herb stuffing and sweet cranberry sandwich £1.70



Chicken, crispy bacon, sweet cranberry and lettuce christmas

club sandwich £2.00



Vegan christmas wrap £1.70



Brie, sweet cranberry and spinach wrap £1.70



Gluten free chicken, stuffing, and gravy mayo sandwich £2.00



Pot of pigs in blankets with ketchup £1.50



Sweet treats will run through out November and December
please look at special boards
Gluten free also available



BRINGING FESTIVE CHEER TO THE
GRAB AND GO
FROM 11TH NOVEMBER

We will be adding some hot festive
items to the menu, please look on
special board for the daily changes

Things like

Brie and bacon paninis
Brie and cranberry paninis
Christmas pasty turnovers
Hot baguette filled with pigs in
blankets and gravy
Festive toasties
Hot Christmas brownies
Warm Ginger cake

And many more....

Gluten free will be available





Catering



Christmas Lunch

We will be serving Christmas lunch for students & staff on Thursday 19th December. The cost is £7.50 and this must be pre-booked and paid for via Parentpay, please ensure you input comments to confirm whether or not your child has any specific dietary requirements. If your child is entitled to free school meals you still need to book, as this ensures we cater for the correct numbers and avoid waste. Please email finance@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk to book a free school meal and ensure you include the student name, year group and whether or not there are any specific dietary requirements.

The meal will consist of:

Roast Turkey, carrots, brussell sprouts, yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, stuffing balls and gravy, followed by an ice cream pot.

or

Vegan wellington, carrots, brussell sprouts, yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, stuffing balls and gravy, followed by an ice cream pot.

Gluten Free option : Roast Turkey, carrots, brussell sprouts, GF yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, GF pigs in blankets, GF stuffing balls and gravy, followed by an ice cream pot.

All meals will be served with Gluten Free gravy and come with a cracker and carton of drink.





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
1 x purple biro for assessment feedback
2 x pencils
1 x 30cm ruler
Coloured pencils (not felt tips)
Eraser
Pencil sharpener

Maths set (including a scientific calculator)
Student Planner (student organiser)
Reading book
Books / folders for the days lessons
Water bottle
Basic art equipment

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.

Lost Property

We have several items in lost property, mainly coats, PE kits, blazers and drinking bottles. Any student can check in Student Reception for lost items. Please note that items not collected before the end of this term will be donated to charity, therefore, please remind your children to check for anything they have misplaced before this time. 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 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.

1 – www.Go4schools.com through any web browser.



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GO 4 Schools

Starter version Modules MIS Engage/CPD

Login

Contact us

Schools login

Students login

Parents login

Governors login

MAT login

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.



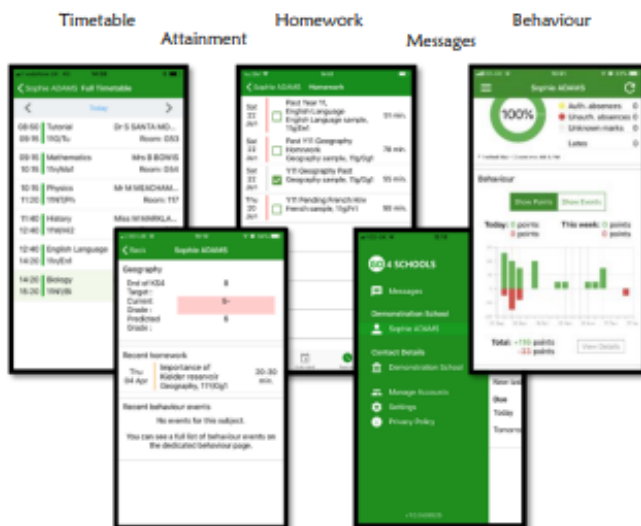
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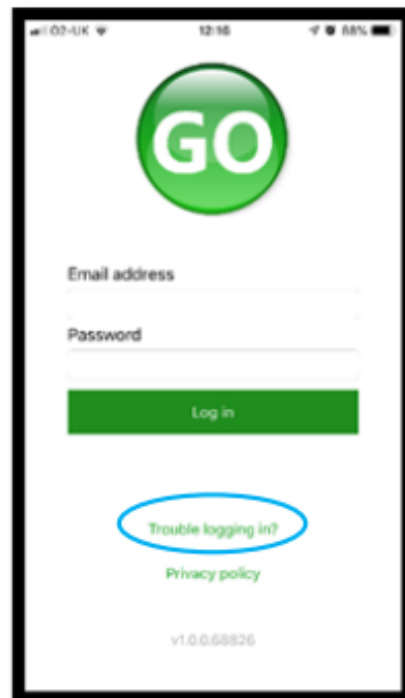
2 – Type in your school email address.

3 – Type in your password.

This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



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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.

GO Sign in with GO First-time user?

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Password

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☐ Remember my email address

GO Sign in with GO

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.

This is the password you may use to log in to GO 4 Schools if your school supports this login method.

Email address

Send password reset link

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
- Understanding Neurodiverse Children
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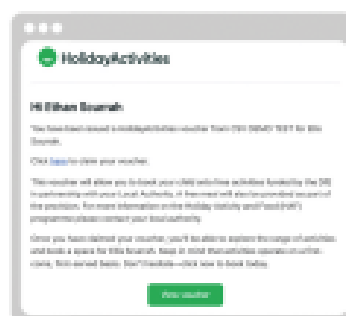
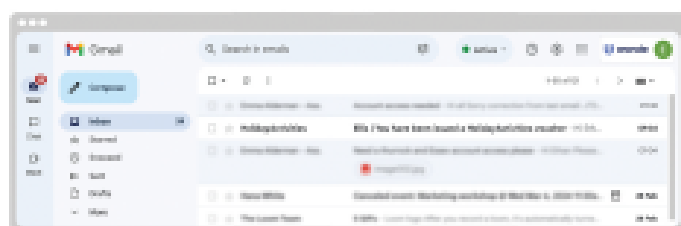


HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

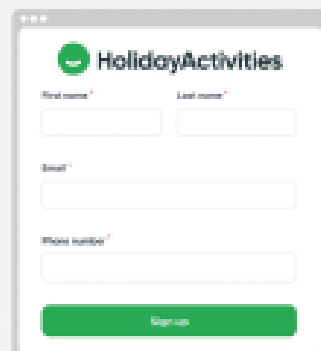
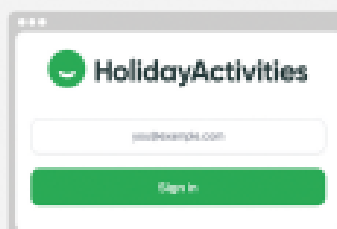
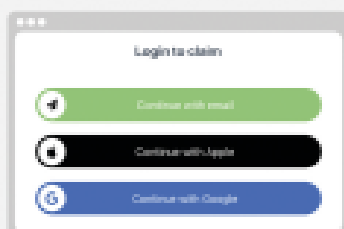
Step 1 - Open the email and click the green button

This voucher will come from hello@holidayactivities.com



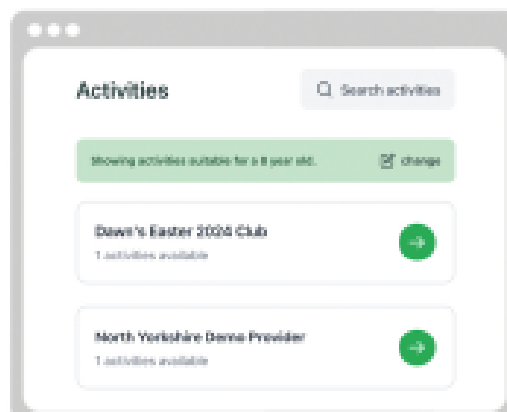
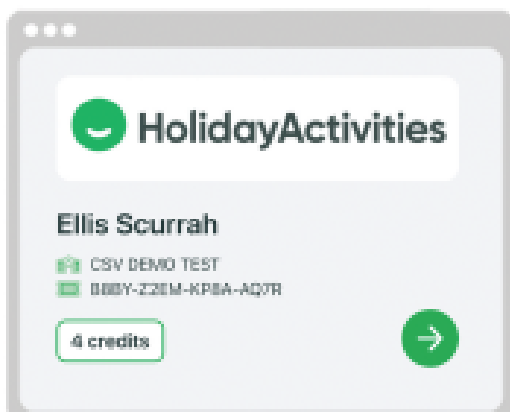
Step 2 - Select **Continue with email** and log in/sign up

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



Step 3 - Making a booking

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





BOOK ONTO OUR FREE WINTER HOLIDAY CLUBS!

Eligible children and young people are invited to book onto our FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations and brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education!



IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Clubs offer spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years) who are eligible for benefit based free school meals. Limited spaces are available for young people who are also from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will be running across Essex in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring, Thurrock and Uttlesford!

WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal! We also offer specialist youth, SEND and mental wellbeing clubs.

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

If you have received a Holiday Activities voucher code, click the link on the voucher to book your child/ren onto a club. If you're still awaiting a voucher code, please contact your school. If you aren't eligible for a Holiday Activities voucher as your child/ren do not receive benefits based free school meals, please contact a local club directly to book on by heading to our website below.

www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate

