

Message from the Principal

Following the Behaviour Boost last week, we have been continuing to focus on raising standards with warmth and care by rewarding students with our Care Cards for 'getting it right' and displaying our CARE values which have been swapped for a reward at the end of each day.

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

This is just one of the many ways we have worked to foster and encourage an inclusive, kind and caring school environment for both students and staff alike. Ensuring students feel welcome, supported and able to ask for help where needed is our absolute priority.

To that end, I would also like to ask for your support in ensuring that social media is used responsibly within our school community, including by parents, particularly in large public forums. We are aware of posts on social media that are very sensitive and personal, with comments being made towards members of staff which can understandably be very hurtful.

We always encourage an open and honest communication between home and school and so would continue to urge any parents/carers or students needing support to reach out to us directly, as that is the best way for us to be able to support you or your child and rectify any challenges.

We are very proud of our school, as I hope you are too, and our staff work hard every day to provide our young people with a great experience. I hope we can continue to work together to build a positive and safe school based around our CARE values.

The final week of this term has been festive and celebratory, and I hope you and your family are looking forward to the winter break.

This week I have been attending our termly Honours Assemblies for all year groups where we have celebrated individual students' achievements. It is always a joy to see our students being recognised for their hard-work and demonstration of our CARE values and I would like to congratulate all our students who received an award this term.



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On Wednesday our Year 7 and 8 students started off the Christmas festivities with a disco. The children had a great evening with music and entertainment provided by some of our Sixth Form students, a tuck shop and a Just Dance line up led by Mr Moon! Many thanks to all of our staff who organised and supervised this event.

On Thursday, we hosted our annual Christmas Lunch, which was enjoyed by almost 250 students and staff. A huge thank-you to our Catering Team for organising and delivering this hugely popular festive event for our students.

Our last day of term was marked with our end-of-term, celebratory whole-school assemblies. Ms Goodfellow ran our legendary 'In it to win it' draw and the cast of this year's amazing school production gave a fantastic performance of some of the numbers from the show. It was wonderful to see our students and staff getting into the festive spirit and enjoying coming together as a whole-school community.

As the autumn term officially draws to a close, I want to thank you for your ongoing support, understanding and collaboration throughout, and I look forward to working ever closer with you all in the year ahead.

In the meantime, I wish all our students, parents, carers, staff, governors and wider community an enjoyable festive season, and a happy, prosperous new year.

We look forward to welcoming students back to school, rested and ready to learn, at 9.45am on Monday 6th January 2025 for the beginning of the Spring Term.

**Jo Williams,
Principal**



Dates for your Diary

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



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 **“Exhilarate”**.

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

Why not have a go?

Say it: uhg·zi·luh·rayt

Spell it: Ex-hil-er-ate

Stem: / hileris / cheerful

Exhilarate
(verb)

(Prefix) **Ex** - out
(Suffix) **ate** - make
into, become; put into
action

Understand it

Make (someone) feel very happy,
animated, or elated.

Design & Technology

Food students in all years enjoyed a treat for the end of term as they had completed all their dishes with some free choice cooking. We had lots of festive gingerbread and chocolate cookies which gave students a chance to use different skills including links to numeracy with adjusting their recipes to scale down or up!

In Textiles I have been very impressed with the hard work students have been putting in to finish their projects this week- aprons for Year 7, bags for Year 8 and "crazy creatures" for Year 9.





Performing Arts Stars of the Week

Thank you to everyone who took part in our school show 'Love at First Flight' last week. We are very proud of all of our students. Olivia and Keanu would like to share their experience of being part of it all!

My favourite part of the show as a whole was the community. I always feel so close with the cast as we spend countless hours together. We created jokes and group chats, and memories for life. One example would be that I have officially been renamed as specifically "Liv Stevens". I feel like such a celeb, and now get called that from across the hallways by my cast and friends and even teachers! Another thing I loved of pre-production, was painting the sets and props, because as an artist I take great pride in my work. However, I would have to say my favourite moment of the show would be 'Wannabe' that the boys (or as we saw, drag queens) had performed. I think it deserved all of the love and laughs it received from the audience, and I just want to thank you, the audience and all the friends and family who gave us that love throughout the show and the process, from ordering our costumes, to clapping along to Sound of the Underground.

All my love, Liv Stevens xx



Maths Stars of the Week

- Cameron B Y13 - for working well above his target grade and achieving an A already!
- Molly H Y11 - for going above and beyond in lessons and on Method Maths, and responding to feedback in order to improve.
- Kayden D Y10 - for smashing every single test and being generally amazing!
- Ronnie S and Sol P Y10 - for achieving well above their target grades and pushing themselves to get 100% in assessments.
- Seb W Y10 - for getting stuck into some A Level maths content already!
- Riley N Y8 - for being so caring and helpful with a great attitude to learning.
- Maddie P, Leland H, Riley B, Paris, Evie - all nominated by Mr Madajczyk for their outstanding attitude to learning and hard work this half term.
- Kai, Dan, Evie Y12 - for their continued hard work and focus this half term (the whole class has been amazing too!)



Year 7 have been completing their Computational Thinking module of work and it's lovely to see the quality of work and attention to detail that the students are showing.

We've also been handing out the Bebras certificates, which is always popular.

Year 8 have been learning about the Merge Sort algorithm which is faster than the bubble sort algorithm when used for large lists. Charlie & Annabelle in 80/Cs2 were particularly good at this task.

Year 9 have completed their Networks end of unit test. These will be marked over the Christmas holiday and will contribute to the grades on Go4Schools.

Year 10 have also attempted their Autumn 2 assessment which has built on their knowledge from last half term and now includes Encryption, Characters, Images and Sound. These will also be marked over the half term holiday.

It was pleasing to see the Year 11's focussing with intent on the topics this week. They looked at Algorithms and Operating systems. Harvey in 11C used Python to create a food ordering system and was proud to show his program to Miss Williams when she visited our class.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Please note the following clubs and revision sessions for January 2025, some of which are different days offered:

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



Exciting opportunity: World Challenge trip to Eswatini

I am delighted to share an exciting opportunity for our students in Years 9, 10 and 11.



Ormiston Rivers Academy is pleased to be partnering with World Challenge to offer an expedition to Eswatini in July 2026.

World Challenge is renowned for creating life-changing experiences for young people, designed to develop resilience, teamwork, leadership, and cultural awareness. This trip will provide our students with a unique chance to step outside their comfort zones, immerse themselves in a new culture, and make a meaningful impact through a community project.

[Here](#) is a short video about what World Challenge trips are all about.

Our 2026 Eswatini expedition will be launched to students during form time in the new year, with a online parents information evening on the 23rd of January.

We believe that opportunities like this can inspire students to think globally, challenge themselves, and create memories that last a lifetime.

We are excited to support our students as they embark on this unforgettable adventure.

For a preview of the itinerary and to register for the zoom call on the 23rd please check out our [trip page](#).

More details to follow in the new year!



Year 7 - Mr Moon

Well done Year 7 for making it through your first full term I hope you have all enjoyed your time here at Ormiston so far. I have been hearing so many positive things from teachers about how well you have all settled in. We have had a busy week this week with lots of celebrating success throughout the year group. We had our first honours assembly today with lots of students getting awards for a variety of reasons, but mostly for demonstrating our CARE values of Community, Ambition, Resilience, Respect and Excellence. Be sure to congratulate all of our winners who have received a certificate, a badge and books as a reward for their hard work this term.

We also had our school disco this week a special thank you to all the teachers who helped run the event as well as the three Sixth Form students who DJ'd and made the night extra special. A big shout out to Mr Williams for winning the staff costume contest. It was great to see the staff really get involved in the event and Miss Corbett for being nominated as best dancer. It was amazing to see so many Year 7s there and I was really proud of how mature and respectful they were during the event, with some students trying to get others involved in the dancing and also helping to clear up all of the litter afterwards.

We also have come to an end for the boy's rugby in PE. It has been lovely to see their attitude towards rugby and I hope we have definitely lit a spark in some students to continue to train for the school side in the new year. The boys will be moving onto football in the new year where they will need football boots due to the field becoming more slippery and they will need shin pads for lessons on tackling. The girls will be swapping from Dance to Badminton or vice versa in the new year.

Some changes to Year 7 break and lunch times. As the Year 7s have settled in so well we have decided to remove the five minutes early lunch and break time. The Year 7s will still have their own area to get food at break time in the Rivers Cafe and we will keep the MUGA as a Year 7 only area.

Well done for getting through the first term (parents included). I hope you have an amazing Christmas and a happy new year, and I can't wait to see you all again next term.

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Year 8 - Ms Scott

Dear Year 8 Parents and Guardians,

We made it to the end of term! It has been a fantastic week full of Christmas festivities, and we are so proud of the students for their enthusiasm and spirit.

This week, students enjoyed a range of festive activities, including the hugely successful Christmas Disco. It was an absolute joy to see them up and dancing, wearing their best Christmas outfits. A big well done to all who attended—their exceptional behaviour made the evening even more special, and we hope they had as much fun as we did.



We also celebrated student achievements during our Honours Assembly, where I was incredibly proud to give out numerous awards recognising those who exemplify our CARRE values. A special congratulations to Max D. (8D1), who received the Principal's Award for his positive attitude, respect towards teachers, and kindness around the school. Well done, Max!

On Thursday, students enjoyed their Christmas lunch, complete with turkey and all the trimmings. It was lovely to chat with them about their holiday plans as we served their meals—it truly added to the festive atmosphere.

Today, we will round off the term with our End of Term Assembly, featuring special performances by the students. It promises to be a fantastic way to end the year on a high note.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this term. I hope you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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Year 9 – Ms Thurtle

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Year 9 Christmas Newsletter 2024!

Spreading holiday cheer as we reflect on a fantastic year/term.

This week we had our honours assembly, where students were rewarded for their outstanding contribution in lessons and around the academy. I want to mention a few awards below for their outstanding contribution in Year 9.

Reading award: Henson. H (9A2) For always volunteering to read in lessons as well as actively participating in and successfully completing all class activities.

Enrichment award: Kaitlin. F (9A2) Highest engagement in extra-curricular clubs (22 sessions)

Attainment award: Lia. M (9D1) Making the most progress in their studies for Year 9.

ATL award: Oscar. R (9A1) Receiving the most merits for Year 9.

Principal award: Jess W (9A2) is an outstanding student. She is extremely hard working in school, with fantastic grades and hard-working ethic. She excels in extracurricular and in addition to that, she competes regularly in dance competitions outside of school. Jess has already surpassed our annual target of 2800 merits with a single behaviour point.

On Friday, the whole school had a festive assembly where we acknowledged student success and spread Christmas cheer with student performances and a Term 1 review!

We spin the wheel of names for all students with 100% attendance to win a voucher!

We spin the wheel of names for our community golden tickets where 1 student will win a £50 voucher!

Well done to the following Year 9 students who have had 100% attendance this term!

Jenson. H	Ollie. A	Evelyn. B	Kaitlin. F	Lily. S
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Mason. L	Peter. B	Ryder. I	Dennis. K	Archie. L
George. P	Daniel. R	Jack. S	Chloe. C	Poppy. F
George. N	Harvey. B	Louis. N		

This week, I have been assessing Year 9 music on their podcast production. I would like to mention a few students who produced an outstanding assessment, showing real passion in their chosen topic and editing skills.

Sam. W (9D1)

Jack. B (9D1)

Freya. H & Evelyn. B (9M1 & 9A2)

I would also like to mention Sylwia. P (9D1) for her outstanding performance in 'Love at First Flight'. Not only did Sylwia stand up and perform in front of an audience of 200 each night; she sang her song in Polish!

On Tuesday morning we had our Year 9 rewards breakfast for the top 15 students with 0 negative behaviour points! Well done to the following students for your exemplary behaviour this term!

Oscar R - 9A1	Erin R - 9D2	Jess W - 9A2	Haidyn V - 9M1	Henson H - 9A2
Jenson S - 9A2	Lily A-J - 9A1	Dennis K - 9M1	Ben H - 9Z2	Thomas O - 9Z2
Jamie M - 9A1	Xander T - 9M1	Jack S - 9A2	Lorna L - 9Z2	Evelyn B - 9A2

Half term 3 - Most Improved
Half term 4 - Best uniform
Half term 5 - Most Helpful
Half term 6 - CARRE values

If you haven't already, I would encourage you all to watch 'Swiped' on Channel 4 over the festive period with your child/ren. [Watch Swiped: The School That Banned Smartphones | Stream free on Channel 4](#). It provides such an insight into the effects mobile phones are having on our young people. Please be aware that Ms Scott and I are happy to keep any mobile phones in our office, should you wish for your child to hand it in every morning.

A polite reminder to use this time to ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school from January. Students are allowed to wear an all-leather trainer (Air Forces) and I would encourage girls to wear trousers if they are going to roll the skirt.

To our families, thank you for your ongoing support this term. Your encouragement and involvement play a vital role in our students' success. Ms Scott and I are so lucky to have contact with so many wonderful parents/carers.

To our incredible Year 9 students - thank you for your hard work and positive attitude. Lots of look forward to with time with your family over Christmas and decisions on options in the new year. We are excited to see what Year 9 will achieve in Term 2 and beyond.

I wish you all a happy and restful Christmas and New Year.

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Year 10 – Ms Taylor

This week we had our honours assembly, where students were rewarded for their outstanding contribution in lessons and around the academy. I want to mention a few awards below for their outstanding contribution in Year 10.

Community: Teddie G (10A1), Jack C (10A2), Alissa J (10D1), Edward B (10M1), Rosa C (10M2), Fletcher M (10Z1), Henry A (10Z2)

Ambition: Daisy S (10A1), Poppy R (10A2), Kayden D (10D1), Lillie W (10M1), Becca M (10M2), Amelia T (10Z1), Ella C (10Z2)

Resilience: Callum G (10A1), Emmaline B (10A2), Sienna R (10D1), Elsa L (10M1), Matthew C (10M2), Luke W (10Z1), Harry G (10Z2)

Respect: Halle D (10A1), Riley B (10A2), Tylor E (10D1), Alex J (10M1), Bobby H (10M2), Stefan W (10Z1), Evan S (10Z2)

Excellence: Emily B (10A1), Meade M (10A2), Tom N (10D1), Finn O (10M1), Jaya N (10M2), Ava B (10Z1), Isobel S (10Z2)

Reading award: Phoebe N (10D1)

Enrichment award: Daisy S (10A1)

Attainment award: Hazel W (10Z1)

ATL award: Alex J (10M1)

Principal award: Sebastian W (10M1)

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Well done to the following Year 10 students who have had 100% attendance this term!

Henry A - 10Z2	Oliver B - 10A1	Emily B - 10A1	Jack C - 10A2	Keira E - 10A1
Max H - 10M2	Ash H - 10M1	Bobby H - 10M2	Alex J - 10M1	Kyla-Mai L - 10D1
Elsa L - 10M1	Tom N - 10D1	Jaya N - 10M2	Tia O - 10D1	Ben S -10A2
Daisy S - 10A1	Joshua T - 10Z1	Blake V - 10A2	Hazel W - 10Z1	

Further congratulations go to the students with 0 negative points logged this term:

Edward A - 10A2	Bobby B - 10D1	Keifer B - 10Z1	Jack C - 10A2	Freya C - 10D1
Ella C - 10Z2	George C - 10M1	Matthew C - 10M2	Amelie C - 10A1	Chloe D - 10Z2
Holly D - 10Z1	Avril H - 10Z2	Alex J - 10M1	Tom N - 10D1	Lex O - 10M1
Scarlett O - 10A2	Poppy R - 10A2	Kyle S - 10M2	Ben S - 10A2	Isobel S - 10Z2
Amelia T - 10Z1	Isabelle T - 10Z1	Sam T - 10A1	Katalinah W - 10A2	Hazel W - 10Z1
Faith W - 10Z2	Sebastian W - 10M1	Maria W - 10M1	Christie W - 10M2	Neala W -10Z2
Thomas Y - 10Z1				



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Well done to Year 10 on the positive start you have made to your studies. In many subjects, you are 1/4 of the way through the syllabus. I look forward to seeing what you can achieve next term. I'd also like to thank parents/carers for their continued support. Myself, Ms Makwana and all the year 10 mentor team really do appreciate the respectful way in which you work collaboratively with us to support your children to achieve all they can.

I wish you all a happy, peaceful and restful Christmas and New Year.

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Year 11 - Mr Field

As we complete 2024, we have had a great finish to the term. Monday, we had our honours assembly, and it was great to see so many students receiving their awards after being nominated by their class teachers. Further recognition goes to Brennan who has collected over 1300 positive points, Sophie for making the most progress during the term, Mia for reading the most books from the library and Katie for attending the most extra-curricular club sessions. Our Principals Award went to Kyra for a rejuvenated focus and dedication.

On Tuesday we held our rewards breakfast to recognise students who continue to work hard during lessons and show dedication to their studies. The breakfast allows the students to sit and converse over fruit and chocolate pancakes, which was a winner. Well done to you all. Keep up the good work.



On Tuesday afternoon the Year 11 rugby team, bolstered with some year 10's, played at home to Sweyne Park. It was an extremely physical and tough fought contest. Both teams were very closely matched, all putting their bodies on the line which made for a great sporting contest. Ormiston ran out 17-5 winners. Well done to all the boys who played, and I look forward to having a rematch after Christmas. Special mention goes to Tobi & Mylo for playing in their first school match together as brothers.

Thursday, students had their Christmas Meal where Heads of Year stood in as waiters to hand out the meals. It was great to see the year group enjoying the meal whilst sitting with each other having a great time.

Lastly, students will receive an email concerning a new maths software package they can access to help them boost their grades. The package is called Method Maths. In conjunction with the package, a reward scheme has been introduced with gift vouchers as prizes (£10 - £15) for the following categories:

- Highest points/marks achieved
- Most papers completed
- Total target grades achieved

I hope many of the students take up the challenge and use the software over the Christmas period. Prizes will be awarded from 13th January 2025.

I would like to end with mentioning that the year group have a term & a half or 15 school weeks to go till the exam season commences.

Merry Christmas to you all.

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RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

On Wednesday we travelled to London with 62 students across year 12 & 13. The trip was to support with personal and academic growth exploring London by foot. We started at the London Southbank University, walked to Leicester Square for lunch where students were lucky enough to meet Kate Garraway. From here we walked to University College London, the British Museum and finally walked the whole of Oxford Street to see the Christmas lights and into Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park. Students behaved impeccably and were a credit to Rivers Sixth Form. As we were walking for the whole day we used the experience to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support with the goal of 30,000 steps. We exceeded this and hit 33,000 steps with many tired and aching students and teachers by the time we got home.



We would like to thank anyone who has donated so far and if you would like to support this fantastic charity please follow our link - https://www.justgiving.com/page/rivers-sixth-form-london-walkathon-1733147549914?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



Throwback Thursday

This week we introduced you to Tilly who is studying BA Politics and International Relations at the University of Reading. Please follow our Instagram account for more information - @Riverssixthform.

Christmas dinner was a fantastic opportunity for our students to sit together in the canteen and enjoy the food and music.

Friday Feels

This month we encouraged students to make a decoration for Christmas and the winner was Owen! Congratulations for creating such an iconic decoration with Mrs P's face on it!





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Congratulations

We would like to congratulate the students who achieved 100% Attendance, certificates and treats will be delivered today.

We are also very proud of Year 13 student Jacob who completed two of his Cambridge University interviews this week.

Sadly, we said goodbye to our Christmas Elf today... we can finally get our Sixth Form area back to normal after all of their cheeky antics.

We would like to wish all of our wonderful students a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Sixth Form Team! Lets make 2025 the best one yet. PHOTO

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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 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.



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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



Community - Ambition - Resilience - Respect - Excellence



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.

ECO SCHOOLS

Print Cartridge Recycling - we are proud to be working with Denner UK to introduce recycling of everyday printer cartridges that you may use at home. You can drop off your empty cartridges at main reception and they will be recycled, instead of going in to landfill where they can take up to 1,000 years to decompose. In addition, the school will receive up to £1 for every cartridge recycled.





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.



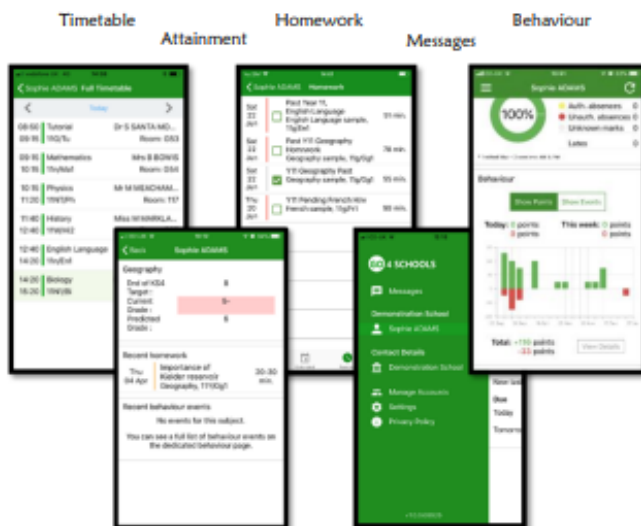
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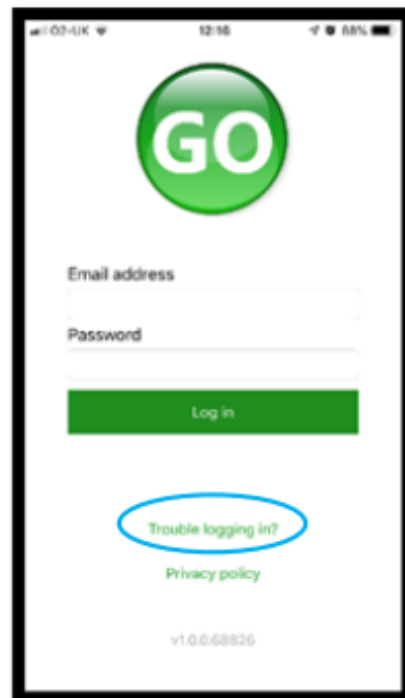
2 – Type in your school email address.

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.

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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COMMUNITY & FAMILY LEARNING

FREE! ONLINE COURSES



- Starting School & Nursery
- Getting Your Children School Ready
- Starting Secondary School
- Anxiety & Meltdowns
- Assertive Parenting
- Managing Big Emotions
- Raising Boys
- Setting Boundaries
- Sibling Rivalry
- Surviving The Summer For Parents
- The Teen Brain
- Understanding Children's Anxieties
- Understanding Neurodiverse Children
- Zones of Regulation



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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





BoxSmart is a targeted youth intervention project aimed at young people aged between 10-16 years.

The BoxSmart project has been designed to give young people the opportunity to learn the techniques and disciplines of boxing, martial arts and other physical activities. In return, they can earn valuable awards and qualifications, making it a rewarding experience both physically, mentally and personally.



Burnham on Crouch and surrounding areas



12-week course

The course will explore current issues faced by young people including social media pressure, risk taking behaviours and consequences, substance misuse, exploitation and how to stay safe in their community.

Participants will be fully supported, meet like-minded others, and develop their teamwork, motivation and collaboration skills.



**6th January -
17th March 2025**



3:30pm - 5pm



**Dengie Hundred Sports
Centre, Millfields,
Burnham-on-Crouch
CM0 8HS**



To make a referral onto the Burnham on Crouch course, email: darrel@churchboxing.com

activeessexfoundation.org

