



### Message from the Principal

Happy New Year to you all! It was lovely to welcome all our students back to the academy on Monday and to hear about their festive breaks.

Following our Behaviour Boost at the end of the Autumn term, we held an assembly for each year group on Monday to welcome them back and to remind them of our expectations around our CARE values, uniform, behaviour, our mobile phone policy, distraction free learning and our behaviour for learning policy. As always, your support at home to help our students to engage with and adhere to these values is greatly appreciated.

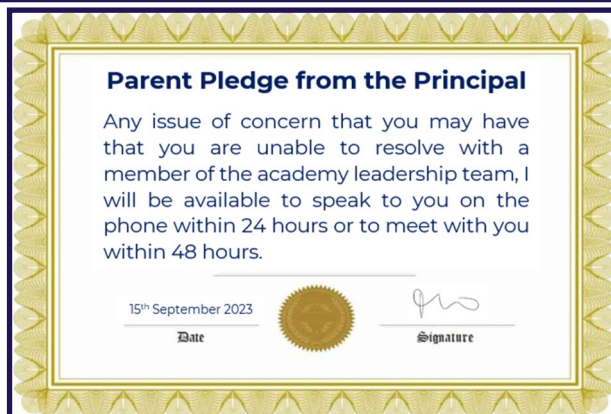
Our staff members will continue to hand out CARE cards to reward students who demonstrate our CARE values of Community, Ambition, Respect, Resilience and Excellence and these cards can still be swapped for a sweet treat at the end of each day.

This half term we are having a renewed focus on standards of presentation. Some students do take pride in their work and present it very neatly which is excellent and **teachers are eager to award merits for excellence in presentation**. We now need all students to be doing the same. **All students are now required to agree to our Presentation Pledge below**, which will be pasted into all books and folders. By signing this, they are committing to our expectations around presentation. It is a fresh start and your support with this is much appreciated.

We started the first week of the Spring term with a fantastic opportunity on Wednesday, for our students who are going on the Rivers 2025 Ski Trip to attend a 'Taster Session' at The Snow Centre at Hemel Hempstead. At the Snow Centre is a huge 160m main slope as well as the largest indoor ski lesson slope in the UK. Students had the chance to work in small groups to learn new or practice their skiing skills. Thank you to all the staff that accompanied our students on this trip.

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

**Jo Williams, Principal**



**PRESENTATION PLEDGE**

From this point forward, I will...

- Take pride in my work and present it neatly
- Treat my book with respect and not:
  - Doodle/scribble
  - Tear out pages
  - Leave pages blank
- Use a ruler to underline dates and titles
- Use a blue or black pen for writing
- Use a pencil for drawings or diagrams
- Use a purple pen to respond to teacher marking
- Use a purple pen for self/peer assessment
- ~~Cross-out errors~~ out neatly with one line
- Glue worksheets into my exercise book or store them where my teacher says.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



### Dates for your Diary



**Tuesday 21 January 2025**

Year 10 Parents Evening

**Thursday 13 February 2025**

Year 9 Parents Evening

**Friday 14 February 2025**

Break up for half term

### 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 10th January, the following Year 11 students, who had been nominated by their Head of Year and Tutors, were invited to tea with the Principal to celebrate their outstanding demonstration of the academy's CARE values..

Aimie C (11M1)

Frank T (11D1)

Ella S (11M2)

Alicia R (11A1)

Samuel M (11M1)

Jack M (11D1)

Leila B (11M2)

Connie L (11A1)

Joshua S (11Z2)

Amelia K (11D2)

Kyra R (11Z1)

Bethany H (11Z2)

Harry W (11D2)

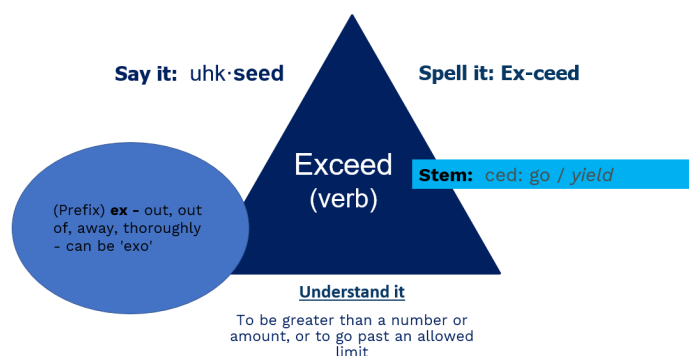
Thomas T (11Z1)

### 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 **"Exceed"**.

Why not have a go? Send the definition and the word in a sentence to

[lsams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:lsams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).





The following students did extremely well in their first mock performance assessment in music - well done to:

Amelie 10A1  
Sam 10D1

Alissa 10D1  
Max 10D1

Teddie 10A1  
Poppy 10A2

Also, Alex in 10Z1 has been working hard in music technology, well done.

There is a new dance club starting next week on Wednesday after school from 3.20-4.20pm in PA03 run by Miss Mason. This is for year 7 and 8 only, all students are welcome.

### Eco Schools

Members of the Environmental Club have been making sure that the bird feeders in the wild meadow are full, in preparation for the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. It's important, especially at this time of year, that we help birds survive the colder months by providing food for them in our gardens.



Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring. This year it is taking place between 24th and 26th January. You just need to record the birds that land during a one hour period. You can sign up using this link: [Big Garden Birdwatch](#)



On Wednesday afternoon the Year 10 and Year 11 girls played an 11 a side Football Match against Beckett Keys School. The girls lost 9-2 but put in a superb effort in extremely cold weather.

Well done to our goal scorer Billy-Joe W scoring both of the goals. The player of the match was Maddie P, who was showing off her excellent defensive skills.

Finally, a shout out to Morgan D for her amazing attitude, showing resilience and an excellent all-round performance.

Well done girls, we cant wait to see you all in action again soon.



### Book of the Month

January is seen by many as a time to make New Year's Resolutions, so why not resolve to become a Library Reader of the Month? All you have to do is read one of the selected titles and complete the activity and review sheet - the best entries receive merits and a Reader of the Month Library badge!



For January 2025 the Library has teamed up with our Environmental Group to introduce Climate Fiction and we have a new selection of books for you to try.


1. The Summer We Turned Green by William Sutcliffe takes a look at how a community responds to a planned airport expansion affecting their road. The story is thought-provoking but funny at the same time, so a good choice for everyone to read.
2. Exodus by Julie Bertagna is set one hundred years from now where the sea levels have risen to cover much of the world as we know it. A challenging adventure story with young people making a dangerous journey to find a safe place to live. Suitable for Year 8 and above.
3. Song of the River by Gill Lewis tells of devastating floods and a campaign to introduce beavers to create protective waterways. This title is printed in a dyslexia-friendly format for all age groups.

The Environmental Group meet on Thursdays after school and are working on these topics for the Eco Schools Green Flag: Global Citizenship, Litter, Marine, Waste & Recycling. Have a look at the wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books in the Library that look at a variety of environmental issues.

**Book of the Month**

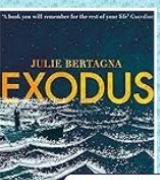
## January - Cli-Fi Climate & Environment

**'A fresh, funny, heartfelt look at this generation's must-win battle: one earth, one chance.'**  
It's summer 2019 and there are plans to demolish housing to build a controversial airport runway. Can the protesters stop construction and highlight climate change?



Recommended for Years 7 & 8


**'In a drowned world, can hope be found?'** Set in our world less than 100 years from now, this book looks at possible outcomes of global warming and rising seas where people struggle to live on small islands or build cities above the waves.





Recommended for Years 8+

**What is Book of the Month?**  
Each month we recommend books for you to read and review; introduce new authors and genres.  
We have several copies of each book, issued on a first-come, first-served basis - books are loaned for 2 weeks only to allow as many students as possible to read them.  
We encourage you to share your opinions and thoughts about the books by completing reviews, challenges and activities - outstanding entries will be rewarded with certificates and badges!  
**Happy Reading!**

**Like Cli-Fi? Here are some more books you could read...**  
**The Dog Runner** by Bren MacDibble  
**Breathe** by Sarah Crossan  
**Where the World Turns Wild** by Nicola Penfold  
**Where the World Ends** Geraldine McCaughrean  
**Floodland** by Marcus Sedgwick  
**Paradise on Fire** by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
**Burning Sunlight** by Anthea Simmons (Y8+)  
**Green Rising** by Lauren James (14+)



Recommended for Years 7 to 8: Dyslexia friendly

For more information see Mrs Yerbury, Librarian

Remember, it's not too late to read some of our earlier Reader of the Month titles and complete the challenges to receive your badge. There are many categories to choose from: Sci-Fi September, Black History Month, November Horror & Suspense, Fantasy for December 2024. Moving forward we hope to introduce new authors and books on Crime Fiction in February.

Come along to the Library and choose a fantastic book to read!



In Computer Science this week the Year 7's have started their computing unit and have been looking at input, output, and storage devices.

The Spring 1 unit for Year 8 is Cyber Security and this week they learnt about data and how it becomes meaningful information when viewed in context. Cyber security is a popular topic and currently one of the most applied for courses at degree level. James and Jessica of 8R/Cs1 did particularly well with these tasks.

Year 9 have started learning about graphics and this week focussed on bitmap images. The students were learning how images can be constructed using thousands of tiny pixels. After the Year 9's have been taught the theory, they will create their own graphic based on a client brief.

Year 10 are taking a short break from programming and have started learning about computer hardware, this week specifically the CPU.

Year 11 are very close to completing the OCR scheme of work which is quite exciting because it means we'll be focussing on revision and plugging any gaps in knowledge that need addressing. Quite a few of the Year 11's managed to develop their programs this week by writing to external files.

**Clubs and Super Six Sessions**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
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

### Chinese New Year

We are excited to announce the opportunity to take part in visualising and celebrating the Chinese New Year. Our school is offering students of Years 7 & 8 the chance to participate in a VR (Virtual Reality) experience on 30th January 2025.

The education group will supply VR headsets for students throughout the day. They will virtually experience the influence of great Chinese thinkers and scientists on the world, travel along the Great Wall, learn about the Silk Road, marvel at the Terracotta Army, and visit a shadow puppet theatre. Additionally, students will explore the Chinese Zodiac animals and witness the vibrant colours and sounds of the Chinese New Year, learning about traditions and important symbols.

To take part in this excellent opportunity, we kindly ask for a small contribution via ParentPay.



### 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**

Welcome back Year 7 and happy new year. I hope you all well rested after the Christmas break and ready to return with a positive attitude!

A recap of last terms achievements; Year 7 had the best attendance in the whole school and are second in the amount of merits received, which is a great accomplishment.

We had our assembly today which was about new year resolutions and the goals we have set ourselves as a year group, which is to strive for excellence and to be the best year group in the school in attendance, behaviour and attainment. We are currently on track with attendance but that doesn't mean we can take our foot off the pedal. However, we really need to focus on behaviour and attainment this term to set a good foundation for the future.

I have enjoyed hearing about the new year resolutions from students and finding out what they all received for Christmas. It is great to see so many of the students have come back with big smiles on their faces, even in this cold weather.

The top two merit earners for the week are Bella-Marie 7D1 and Esme 7A2 with 250 merits each. These two are not only the top merit earners for Year 7, but in the whole school, so well done to you both and what a great start to 2025.

Year 7 attendance is at 94.77%, which has slightly increased but we really need to be getting back up to above 95%, so lets all make a conscious effort to get in to school and to be on time to lessons. The tutor group with the highest attendance with 96.81% is 7A1, Mr Chapman's group, so well done to everyone in 7A1. You have returned to your winning ways in regards to attendance and another great start to the new term.

I hope you all have a restful weekend, and I look forward to another positive week next week.

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**Year 8 - Ms Scott**

Dear Year 8 Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! It's been wonderful to welcome our Year 8 students back to school and the classrooms are once again filled with smiling faces and vibrant energy as students share stories of their festive adventures.

With the weather taking a chilly turn, we kindly remind you to ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the cold. A warm coat is essential, and trousers might be a better option than skirts during these frosty mornings.

This week, during my learning walks for Year 8, I was delighted to see beautifully presented work in English. A special shout-out to Sonny B., Annabelle L., Jenna S., and Sophie S. for their outstanding effort and pride in their books—well done!

In assembly, we explored New Year's resolutions and focused on understanding our 'why.' By encouraging students to reflect on their personal goals and motivations, we hope to help them build a resilient and purposeful mindset for the year ahead.

Congratulations to the following students who have already earned a high number of merits in just the first week back! This is an excellent achievement, and I look forward to celebrating even more rewards and successes as the year progresses.

James B  
Thomas F  
Kian G

Jessica M  
Olly S  
JudeL

Ingrid B  
Abby S

Megan R  
Sam A

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a lovely weekend.

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**Year 9 – Ms Thurtle**

Dear Parent/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas. 2025 has started for students well and I am really excited about the opportunities this year will bring for Year 9. It has been noted by staff how calm Year 9 have returned after their break and I hope to see this continue. Our line-up routine is now embedded, and students are arriving at lessons swiftly.

As we enter an important year where your children begin to focus more on their chosen subjects, I would encourage you to sit down with them to discuss their thoughts/apprehensions about this next step. The options booklet will ensure the process is clear for you.

[\(191\) Year 9 GCSE Options Choices | What's Next for You? - YouTube](#)

[How to help your teen choose their school subjects: A checklist for parents - BBC Bitesize](#)

**Key Dates for Term 2:**

29/01/25 - Layer Marney Tower trip (invitation only)

31/01/25 - Year 9 Options booklets distributed to students

12/02/25 - Year 9 Options assembly

13/02/25 - Year 9 Parents' Evening

14/02/25 - Options form distributed

14/02/25 - Ski Trip

07/03/25 - Options form returned

11/03/25 - Year 9 Immunisation Session 1

14/03/25 - Year 9 Immunisation Session 2

New year, new goals! Here are some tips to make 2025 your best year yet:

- **Setting manageable goals: specific, measurable yet achievable goals to stay focused!**
- **Staying organised: use G4S 7 a calendar to keep track of key dates and attainment.**
- **Ask for help: speak to teachers, friends and family. Reach out!**

**Please stay connected**

- [Ormiston Rivers Academy](#) - It is here you can access our curriculum to see what your child is studying in each subject this term.
- Follow our social media channels  
**Ormiston Rivers Academy on Facebook**  
**oat\_ora on Instagram**
- Download Go 4 Schools on your phone and desktop - [Ormiston Rivers Academy](#) - Go 4 Schools (please note that desktop view is better).
- Use the MyEd app for messages.



In assembly this week, I set some goals for the year group. We looked at attendance figures and behaviour data for each form tutor. I have explained to massive importance of attendance to our students.

Congratulations to the students below who achieved to highest number of merits this week!

Pippa. G (9Z2) 210

Haidyn. V (9M1) 210

Jess. W (9A2) 210

Mollie. B (9D1) 210

Evie. J (9D1) 190

What a brilliant start

Well done to all students for receiving CARE cards.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

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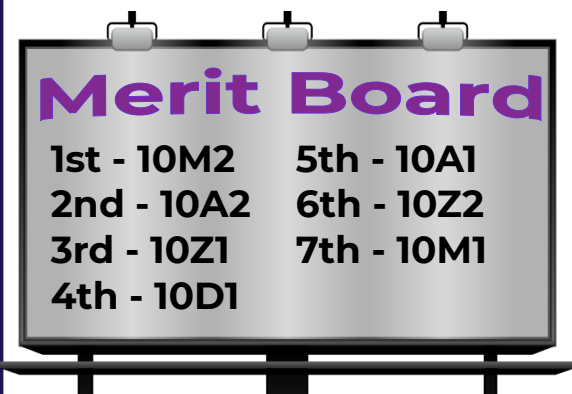


**Year 10 – Ms Taylor**

This week in assembly we looked at goals for their "future selves". Every grade a student can get will be another couple of thousand pounds towards the future house/car/family they want and I have asked Year 10 to see each exam as currency for their future goals. I have also set Year 10 the task of knowing all of their exam boards - and looking at the wealth of material that is in the public domain - which so few students make use of. I would urge all students to access these so that know what examiners are looking for.

I have also launched an interform competition for the highest percentage of merits compared to negative points and for the most improved attendance, with form prizes to be shared at Easter.

This week's leader board for the highest number of merits per form shows:



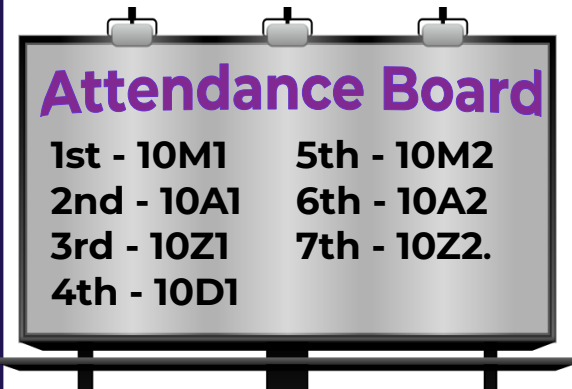
Congratulations to Mrs Murphy and her form - although Ms Nice's form are only 1% behind.

The top merit achievers this week are:

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|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Tylor E - 10D1 | Hollie P - 10D1   | Thomas Y - 10Z1 |
| Suzie P - 10D1 | Riley W - 10D1    | Oliver B - 10A1 |
| Bobby B - 10D1 | Harrison F - 10D1 | Max B - 10D1    |
| Freya C - 10D1 | Ava H - 10D1      | Jack C - 10A2   |
| Ben S - 10A2   | Kyla-Mai L - 10d1 | Keira E - 10A1. |
| Max C - 10D1   | Tom N - 10D1      |                 |

Congratulations to Mr O'Toole and his form for having so many of the top achievers in the year group.

Six forms improved their attendance this week compared to the week before Christmas. The order for improved attendance is:



Congratulations to Ms Brooks and her form group for achieving the biggest difference.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

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**Year 11 - Mr Field**

A warm welcome back to all the students. I hope you all had a restful Christmas Holiday and are ready to make your final push towards the summer exams.

It has been good to see students return to school with an increased focus and dedication to their work. This was especially the case in Business Studies where the class were developing answers about Annual Recurring Revenue. Thank you to Jacob and Kayden for your feedback.

It is also great to see so many students developing their maths skills using the Method Maths software program, whilst giving up their time at break and lunch. I look forward to seeing the results very soon.

Students with the most positive points this week are as follows:

Ben, Ethan, George, Summer, James, Joslyn, Oliver, Ava, Liam, Oscar, William, Max, Connie and Ellie.

Well done all!

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# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## **Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins**

Welcome back to our wonderful Sixth Form students. We hope you all had a lovely break and ready for the next term in Rivers Sixth Form. It was fantastic to end the last term on such a high after the Christmas trip. Thank you to all the lovely donations and messages of support, we raised £329 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Well done to the students that received the wonderful CARE Value awards for the first term.

## **Exams**

This next term is a busy one, particularly for Year 13 students who started real exams this week. Congratulations to all of our students who passed their resit English/Maths and to Sport and Media students, some who had to sit back-to-back exams on Wednesday. A few reminders for future exams:

- Students must arrive 10 minutes prior to the exam start time
- Clear water bottle
- Any equipment needed
- Pre-released notes to hand
- No phones, watches, ear pods, smart glasses
- Please discuss with the exams team if there are any concerns with exam access arrangements.

The next set of PPE's for Year 13 students will begin Monday 3rd February and we will be treating these like the real exams, allowing students to experience study leave during that week.

## **Academic Tutoring**

Please make sure you are all checking your emails daily and attend your academic tutoring session on time. These 1:1 sessions are aimed at helping students develop critical thinking and independent learning skills and ultimately improve confidence. As discussed with Year 12's this week, we are focussing on their future careers, and Academic Tutoring can help students identify and achieve career goals and improve professional relationships.

## **WEX**

Work Experience has been launched with Year 12 for week commencing 7th July. It has been fantastic to see so many students already completing applications and contacting organisations. Remember the work industry is highly competitive, work experience you complete now could be a deciding point in your future career. Please speak to the Sixth Form Team if you need any support.



# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## **Mock Interviews**

Year 12 students will be taking part in a Mock Interview Day across the 30th and 31st January. Please make sure you have completed your CV, Cover Letter and had them checked by your tutor.

## **Sixth Form Applications**

Thank you to everyone who applied to Rivers Sixth Form. The application process has now closed and we will be in contact to arrange an interview. This will also be your chance to discuss options.

## **Throwback Thursday**

This week we introduced you to Amy who is now an Optometrist. While in Sixth Form she studied Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Follow us @riversixthform for more information

## **Friday Feels**

Off the back of the success of the Great Rivers Bake Off, we will be running this event again on Friday 24th January. Let's all get creative again and invite all of the staff into the Sixth Form to judge the winner.

Remember to call Mrs Penberthy to report absences 01621 787882

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# Catering



## Menu

We have pleasure of enclosing a link to next weeks [menu](#). Please note that items are subject to change at short notice due to availability of produce from our suppliers. We welcome feedback on our catering offer; so please email our catering manager, Leanne Warner at [lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) with any comments / suggestions.

## Nut Allergies

Any form of nut or products that contain nuts should not be brought into school. We do have students with severe nut allergies, which can be life threatening, and we would appreciate your support in keeping them safe.

## Parentpay

The daily limit for students to spend is set at £4.50 as a default. This means, should a student select items at break and / or lunch which take them over the limit, they will be asked to put something back. If you would like to change the limit on your child's account please email our catering manager [lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk). Please note: it can take a while before the cashless system updates once you have added funds to your child's catering account. Please be mindful of this and try and get the money on there in plenty of time for break / lunch. When adding funds please ensure you add it to Dinner money and make sure it's not just sitting in your parent account.

## Free School Meals

The daily limit for free school meals is £3.30. Funds will need to be added to your child's Parentpay account should you wish them to be allowed to exceed the limit.

## Catering Cards

Students must tap their catering card each time they wish to make a purchase, even if they are entitled to free school meals. Please remind them that they need to bring their catering card in every day. Those students without their card will be held back until the end of the queue, allowing those through with cards first. The cards really speed up the catering service, giving students more time to socialise with friends and eat their food. If a card is lost or damaged, a new one can be purchased for £1 on ParentPay. The new card will be delivered to tutors the following morning.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please contact either Leanne Warner, Catering Manager [lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) or Angela Mahoney, Finance & Business Director [amahoney@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:amahoney@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).



# 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.





### **Uniform Orders**

Working in collaboration with our uniform suppliers, Anglia Sports & Schoolwear, you now have the option of selecting 'Deliver to Ormiston Rivers' as your chosen delivery method when placing an order online. This is a free of charge service, regardless of order value. Grouped deliveries will be made to the school on a weekly basis. All orders placed before midnight on Wednesdays will be ready to collect from the Academy by mid-day the following Monday (subject to stock availability - you will be contacted if an item is out of stock).

When checking out your basket please enter the school's address (Ormiston Rivers Academy, Southminster Road, Burnham On Crouch, Essex, CM0 8QB) into the delivery address so that 'Deliver to Ormiston Rivers' appears as a delivery method. Do not use the 'Address Search' feature - we are currently experiencing issues. Please enter the school address manually until the issue is resolved.

Be sure to use your own details for the order name and billing information.

Collection from the Academy will be available during school holidays but may be less frequent than weekly. The Academy will contact you once your order has been received by them to arrange a collection date & time.

If you require a parcel more urgently, you may opt for a paid delivery to your chosen delivery address.

The Academy does keep a limited stock of items, including ties, which you can order directly through main reception 01621 782377 or finance 01621 787845.



### **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).

### **Summer 2024 and Summer 2023 Exam Certificates**

We still have a several uncollected exam certificates that we would love to hand over to their deserving owners. If any of your friends or family have yet to collect theirs, please let them know that they can call in to main reception at any time during school hours to collect them. An adult may collect certificates on behalf of a former students if they bring in written evidence of permission.

### **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.

**recycling BOX** **denner UK**

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YOUR EMPTY  
PRINTER CARTRIDGES

**Help the environment and raise money for your school!**

Instead of throwing them away, simply drop them in the **blue box** and your school will **receive money** for every cartridge collected!



**Essex County Council**

## **Helping parents to understand the changes to fines for term time holidays**

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### **Who may be fined?**

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

### **First Offence**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

### **National Threshold**

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence, including the U code (late after registers have closed).

For example: a 5 day holiday would meet the national threshold.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

### **Second Offence**

**(within 3 years)**

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days.

### **Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)**

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court.

Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

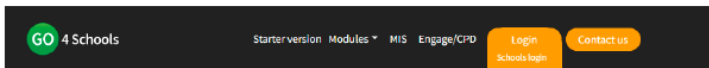
Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



### Parent / Carer Login

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

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 progress grades for assessments taken over the academic year.
- Progress Reports 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

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.

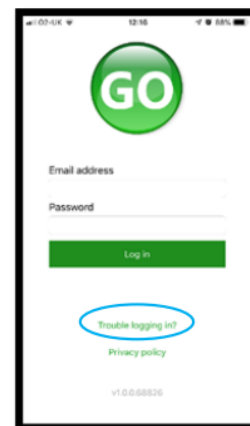
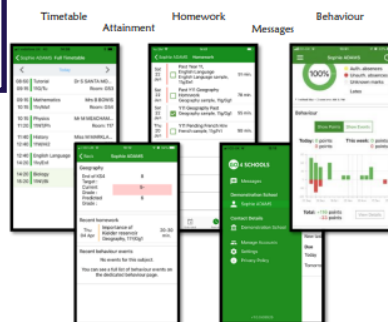
Enter your school email address and a password reset will be emailed to your school account.

### G4S App Login

1 – Download the app.



2 – Type in your school email address.  
3 – Type in your password.  
This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



### FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD?

If you have forgotten your password, click 'Trouble logging in?' This will open the web browser where you will click forgotten password.

Sign in with GO First-time user? Forgotten Password?

Email address

Password

Remember my email address

Sign in with 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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