



### **Message from the Principal**

Our students and staff have had a busy week with various trips and events taking place.

I was delighted to meet many of our Year 10 parents at Parents Evening on Tuesday and I was really pleased to hear about the positive start our students have made working towards their GCSEs.

Our focus remains on expectations around student's presentations in books and I would like to thank you for your support with our Presentation Pledge. We are already seeing real improvement in the standard of presentation of work being produced by students and we will continue to encourage our students to take pride in the work they are doing. Our Sixth Form Leadership Team handed out care cards today to students who brought beautifully presented books to show them and these students will also be entered into a prize draw. Please do encourage your child to bring a book they are proud of to Student Reception at break and lunch time on Fridays.

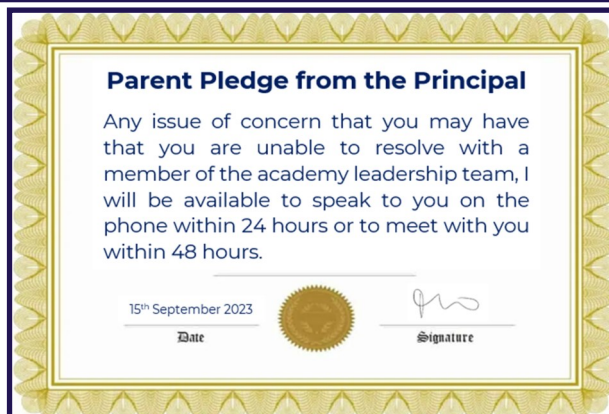
On Monday, our Science Department took forty of our Year 8 students to the Science Museum in London where they had the opportunity to explore all four floors of exhibitions and galleries including Exploring Space, Making the Modern World, Medicine and visited the WonderLab Enquire Gallery where they all participated in interactive experiments and observations of fundamental science. I would like to thank all the members of staff who accompanied our students on this exciting trip.

On Tuesday, sixty of our Year 10 students were given the opportunity to attend a Jack Petchey's Speak Out workshop where they received a full day of public speaking training to give our students the skills and encouragement to speak more confidently in public and work on their communication and oracy skills.

On Friday the Sixth Form team organised a Great Rivers Bake Off and our staff were invited to taste the home baked goodies and vote for their favourites – a task that was undertaken with great enthusiasm!

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

**Jo Williams, Principal**





### Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 13 February 2025**

Year 9 Parents Evening

**Friday 14 February 2025**

Break up for half term

**Monday 24 February**

Staff Inset Day – academy closed to students

### Parents Evenings 2024-25

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 24<sup>th</sup> January, the following Year 12 and 13 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..

#### **Year 12**

Tegan S (SF5)  
Daisy B (SF5)  
Isla D (SF4)  
Blake W (SF4)  
Theo J (SF6)  
Eva S (SF6)

#### **Year 13**

Kieran W (SF1)  
Shannon T (SF1)  
Alfie P (SF2)  
Calum D (SF2)  
Abi F (SF3)  
Harry W (SF3)



### **WORD OF THE WEEK**

### **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 **"Signify"**.

Why not have a go?

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

Say it: sig·nuh·fai

Spell it: Sig-ni-fy

**Signify**  
(verb)

(Stem) **sign** - mark  
(Suffix) **fy** - make  
into, become

Stem: /

**Understand it**  
Be a symbol of; indicate; be  
important



Ella C - Year 11



Liam H - Year 8



Beth H - Year 11

Beau D - 9o/Rs3



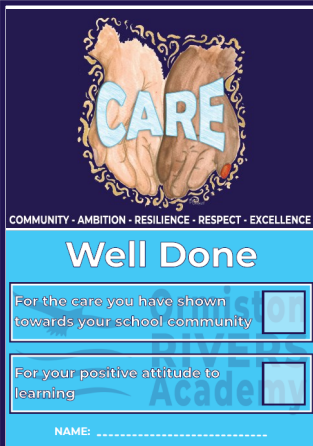
Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students have been completing their practical cookery assessments this week which make up a large percentage of their grade for the non-exam assessment. They have had to cook two dishes from scratch along with all accompaniments and demonstrate great time management, competence and independence along with their practical skills. There will be more in the coming two weeks but so far everyone has conducted themselves fantastically and the level of effort has been amazing. Well done to all! Mrs C Hyde



Well done to the following students who are going to perform at the Music Festival at St Leonard's Church on Saturday 26th April as part of a music competition.

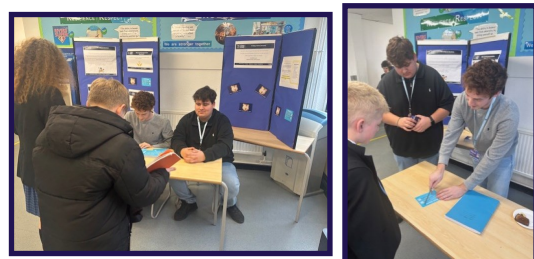
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| Max 10D1 | Bradley 10M1 | Alissa 10D1 | Emme 9D2 |
| Sam 10D1 | Danica 9M1   | Harry 9M1   |          |

There is still a chance to enter, if you email your video to Mrs Turnnidge by Monday 27th January.



### Presentation Pledge

On Friday, Sixth Form T&L Leadership (Charlie W and Luca W) were rewarding students with care cards if they could demonstrate excellent presentation in their exercise books. High standards of presentation are so important for students' self-esteem and accuracy - both of which help to motivate them to be successful learners. Our recent Presentation Pledge also helps to remind students of our expectations. Keep it up!



### Environmental Group - Mrs Mahoney



The Environmental Group would really like to introduce some frogspawn to the pond in the wildlife meadow. Now is the time that it may start to appear - January to March. If you are lucky enough to have some, or know someone that does, and would be willing to donate some to the group, I would love to hear from you!

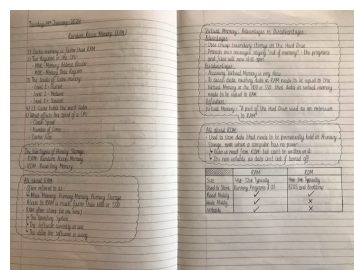


Year 7 have been learning about binary numbers and character representation. This is generally a topic they haven't looked at in Primary school and I think they surprise themselves how quickly they grasp the basics.

Year 8 have been learning how hackers can build a psychological profile to formulate likely password combinations. This is always a popular lesson with the students attempting to work out the login details for a fictitious social media account. Well done to Ryan in CS/8a2 who managed to crack the password in record time!

Year 9 were given more freedom this week to experiment with different tools using 'Photopea' which is basically a free online version of Photoshop. It's amazing seeing how the same design brief can show so many different designs. Notable efforts coming from Ryan in 90/Cs1 and Maisie in 90/Cs4

Year 10 have been learning about cache memory and revisiting what they had previously learnt about the CPU. Here is some lovely, neat work from Alex in 10D/Cs1:



It's nice to see so many of the year 11's attending the super 6 sessions on Monday's and Thursdays. This week they refreshed their memories with number conversions and binary shifts.

### Clubs and Super Six Sessions

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
Years 10 & 11	Business	Monday	After school	IT04





**Invitation to Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition**

Dear Parents of Year 8,

We would like to invite students to join us at the Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition! This is a fun and engaging experience that stays with them for life, encouraging students to think critically, build arguments, and boost their confidence. The event and its preparation, through our after-school club, will help students develop a sound knowledge and understanding of the role of law and the justice system in our society.



Our schools will have access to resources, including a specially written criminal case, to assist teams in preparing legal arguments. After preparation, our team will participate in a local heat, going head-to-head with other schools to prosecute and defend the case. The winners may then compete in a regional heat with a new case.

We will be holding an after-school club for one hour starting Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, every Monday until the competition on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025. To take part students must come to D06 and see Mrs Dennis by 31<sup>st</sup> January—spaces are limited and will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis. We need a team of 15 at the competition but would ask 20 to sign up in case of reserves. We will take the school bus to the competition at the Magistrates' Court in Basildon on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, so please ensure that students are available for the competition before signing up!

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to an exciting competition!





### **Year 7 - Mr Moon**

Another great week for Year 7,

This week we had our House assemblies where we looked at the areas the houses are excelling in and the areas for improvement. We also have an inter house football competition coming up in the coming weeks so make sure to look out for that.

#### **Student Shoutouts:**

Attendance for Year 7 is 94.55% this week. I know this time of year is hard with illness, but it is so important that we try to get to school so that we can achieve our goal of being the best year group. The tutor group with the best attendance this week is 7A1 with 96.80 %.

Top 3 merit earners this week are:

- 1st BellaMarie 7D1 with 280 merits - well-done
- 2nd Madison 7D1 with 210 merits - amazing work
- 3rd Envey 7A2 with 205.

7A2 are top this week in merits so a special well-done to all 7A2.

A special shout out to the Year 7 Boys rugby team who went undefeated in their tournament. A special shout out to all of the try scorers as well. It was also great to see some new faces in the team and they really impressed so well done boys.

#### **Helpful Reminders**

**Uniform:** Please make sure you're wearing the correct uniform each day. Check the school's guidelines if you're unsure about the details.

**Library Books:** Remember to return any overdue books and borrow something new to read during the week. The library is open during lunch for you to explore new books!

**Mobile Phones:** Phones should be off and out of sight during school hours. If you need to contact a parent or guardian, please use student reception.

**Word of the week:** Don't forget to submit your word of the week to Mrs Sams each week to receive extra merits.

**CARE Cards:** Parents, please ask your children if they received any CARE cards each day. I am hearing from the students that they are not showing people at home when they have received one which is a real shame because you should be able to share in their joy for their achievements, so please ask your child about the CARE cards.

I Hope you all have a restful weekend and look forward to another positive week for the Year 7s.

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**Year 8 - Ms Scott**

Dear Year 8 Students and Parents,

It's been another fantastic week at school, and I want to take a moment to highlight some of the wonderful things that have been happening!

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone for engaging so brilliantly in our house assemblies this week. It's been inspiring to see the healthy competition amongst the tutor groups and sense of pride.

On my learning walks, I've seen some fantastic work across all subjects, but a special mention goes to Erika G. for her beautifully presented maths book – an excellent example of effort and pride in her work. Well done, Erika!

A reminder to all parents to remind your child about the importance of reporting any issues or concerns promptly. Often, when problems are taken home instead of being reported at school, they can escalate unnecessarily. To help us resolve issues quickly, students should speak with their tutor, who is their main point of contact. Tutors will address any concerns or escalate them to me if needed. Let's work together to ensure a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

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

Ava B	Poppy C	April F	Charlie S	Ryan S	Annie B
Alfie M	Lewie L	James J	Riley N		

Well done to each of you for your hard work and positive attitude – keep it up!

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

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**Year 9 – Ms Thurtle**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our Year 9 newsletter! I am excited to share with you the latest updates of the past week.

This week students had their House Assemblies for Mekong, Danube, Amazon and Zambezi! Here is where they receive updates on the current scores across the school!

I would like to say a massive thank you to our wonderful SSA, Ms Scott! She truly goes above and beyond for our students, and we would all be lost without her!

Please note that Ms Scott is now running intervention sessions with students who need additional support during the school day.

A letter has been sent out to all parents/carers regarding progress on G4S. If you are having problems with signing in, please visit the academy website for updates. <https://ormistonriversacademy.co.uk/key-info/go4schools>

Congratulations to Oscar R (9A1), Evie H (9D2) and Jess W (9A2) for the highest amount of merit points in Year 9 this week. Keep up the good work!

**Thorpe Park trip:**

2800 merits or more

Do not exceed 500 behaviour points

**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

Have a lovely weekend!

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**Year 10 – Ms Taylor**

I was delighted to see so many Year 10s having a positive experience at parents evening on Tuesday. I hope that they have received some good guidance from their subject staff that can support their progress. As a reminder, I strongly suggest that they utilise material from exam board websites and use BBC Bitesize to support their revision.

I am hugely proud of the top achievers for merits this week:

Bella W - 10M2  
Tom N - 10D1  
Sienna B - 10D1  
Alex J - 10M1  
Bobby B - 10D1  
Freya C - 10D1  
Max C - - 10D1  
Kaelen A - 10D1  
Emmaline B - 10A2  
Georgie C - 10D1  
Ava H - 10D1

Congratulations to 10D1 and Mr O'Toole's mentor group for having 8 of the top achievers this week.

The form list for top merits are:

1 - 10M2 - Mrs Murphy  
2 - 10A2/10Z1 - Ms Nice/Ms Turnnidge  
3 - 10Z2 - Mrs French  
4 - 10D1/10M1 - Mr O'Toole/Ms Brooks  
5 - 10A1 - Ms Bennett

The most improved attendance this week are

1 - 10M2 - Ms Murphy  
2 - 10A1 - Ms Bennett  
3 - 10Z1 - Ms Turnnidge  
4 - 10D1 - Mr O'Toole  
5 - 10M1 - Ms Brooks  
6 - 10Z2 - Mrs French  
7 - 10A2 - Ms Nice

Congratulations to Mrs Murphy's mentor group who have topped both lists this week.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

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**Year 11 - Mr Field**

It was a pleasure to see the Year 11s during their food practical exam yesterday and today. The food they were preparing was fantastic and the smells were delightful. I saw millionaire shortbread to chicken goujons to apple pie all being prepared. Please see Mrs Hyde's write up for more information. I Hope parents have the opportunity to taste the food at the dinner table tonight.

During my learning walks this week it was great to see students focused and working hard within their lessons Ella and Alicia answered questions very well concerning their coursework in Health and Social care. Toby, Emily and Aimee were very knowledgeable of their Tablet holder designs in Engineering and how it is built as a part of their coursework.

Concerning the Year 11 prom, if students have not returned the consent form, please can these be handed to Mrs Edwards as soon as possible.

Top positive point earners this week are: Eva, Connie, Sydni, Ethan, Ellie, Bethan, Brennan, Ella, Brandon, Robert, Lola, Mason, Harrison and Aimee. Well done to you all.

Dates for your diary are:

30th /31st January - Student mock interviews

10th - 14th February - Mock exams

24th - 28th February - Mock exams continued

20th March - Parents evening

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

This week we were treated to an assembly with Mr Chapman, learning about Holocaust Memorial Day, when we remember all those murdered during the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution of other groups, and in more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. We will be lighting candles on Monday 27th January to remember those who were murdered for who they were and stand against prejudice and hatred today.

Today we welcomed in guest speaker Calum to talk to the students about his experience at Chelmsford college, gaining an apprenticeship and becoming a qualified Electrician.



## **Trips**

This week we launched the Summer rewards trip to Year 12 students. Please check your emails to vote on your favourite activity. The next university/apprenticeship career fair trip is on Friday 21st March. This is being held at Emirates Stadium London and we will be returning to school by 3:30pm.



## **Friday Feels**

Today we hosted our second 'Great Rivers Bakeoff'. What an outstanding turnout, enjoyed by all staff and students. We will be announcing the winner/s next week.

## **Exams**

This week Mrs Penberthy hosted an optional revision session in the Sixth Form area titled "Pemboodle's Revision". She provided snacks and light background music to create a warm and inviting environment. This session will run every Wednesday 3:20 - 4:20pm.



Congratulations to our Year 13 students who sat their Health & Social exams this week.

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

Reminder that 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



# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

during that week. Year 12 will also complete PPE's in a few subjects and will remain in lessons throughout.

## **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.

## **Mock Interviews**

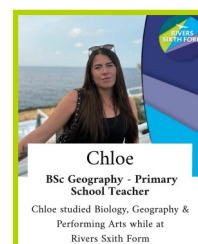
Year 12 students will be taking part in a Mock Interview Day across the 30th and 31st January. Please make sure you have completed your CV, Cover Letter and had them checked by your tutor.

## **Sixth Form Applications**

Year 11 students who applied to Sixth Form, slips are being handed out with your time to attend an interview with the Sixth Form team. These will be given out the week prior to your interview.

## **Throwback Thursday**

This week we introduced you to Chloe who is a qualified Primary school teacher with a BSc in Geography. While in Sixth Form she studied Biology, Geography and Performing Arts. To find out more, follow us @riversixthform.



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).





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# January **Food** Events



**NATIONAL**  
**CHOCOLATE CAKE DAY**  
JANUARY 27

## Monday 27th chocolate cake

National Chocolate Cake Day, is on January 27<sup>th</sup>, is the perfect excuse to indulge in a slice – or two or three – of the world's most beloved dessert.

Few desserts inspire such universal adoration, but not all chocolate cakes are made equal.



## Thursday 30th Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most cherished and vibrant cultural celebrations across the globe. Deeply rooted in Chinese traditions, this festival is a time of joy, togetherness, and colourful festivities that last for several days. From dazzling parades and lion dances to heartfelt family reunions, it's a celebration of new beginnings and cherished customs.



## Tuesday 28th Blueberry pancake day

Pancakes are great, but pancakes dotted with juicy, nutritious blueberries are even better, that's why we celebrate National Blueberry Pancake Day on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Did you know blueberries are super rich in antioxidants and are one of the only native North American fruits that we still eat today? These little wonders are packed with nutrients and have been linked to health benefits including lower blood pressure, improved insulin response, and reduced risk of cancer.

When combined with pancakes, blueberries can take your breakfast from decent to delicious. Try dropping some into the batter as soon as it hits the pan, and complement the pancakes with some butter, homemade



**National  
Blueberry  
Pancake  
Day**

## 31st Hot chocolate day

Happy International Hot Chocolate Day! January 31<sup>st</sup> is the time to cosy up with your favourite mug for a day that's devoted to the delicious chocolate beverage. Did you know that the ancient Mayans drank chocolate made from crushed cocoa seeds mixed in water way back in 500 BC?





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**新年快樂**

Happy Chinese New Year



The 2025 Lunar New Year marks the Year of the Snake, symbolizing reflection, growth, and personal transformation. By embracing the Snake's wisdom, adaptability, and strategic approach, individuals can navigate the year with grace and achieve their full potential.



## Wednesday 29th 2025

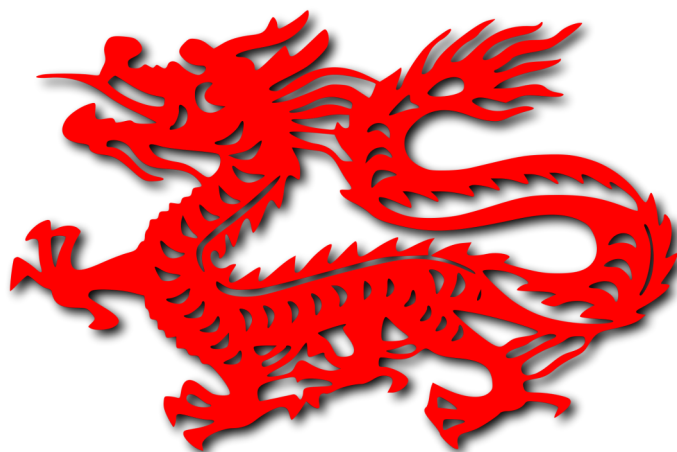
### Lunch menu

Salt and pepper chicken  
Sweet and sour chicken  
Egg fried rice  
Vegetable Noodles  
Vegetable stir fry  
Vegetable spring rolls  
Prawn crackers

**£2.70**

### Grab and Go

Pot of prawn crackers  
Pot of spring rolls and sauce  
Salt and pepper chips





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## Animals of the Chinese Zodiac



### **Rat - 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020, 2032**

The Rat is ambitious and honest. Prone to spending freely, they seldom make lasting relationships unfortunately! They are most compatible with Dragons and Monkeys but least compatible with the Horse. But the Year of The Ox is a good year for the Rat!



### **Ox - 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021, 2033**

The Ox is bright, patient and inspiring to others. This strong sign of the calendar is happy to be by themselves, yet can make an outstanding friend and companion. Look for the Snake or Chicken for good compatibility but try to avoid the Sheep, who could bring trouble!



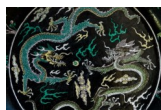
### **Tiger - 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022, 2034**

The Tiger has a mixture of traits and can be aggressive, courageous, candid and sensitive all at the same time! A Chinese symbol of power and often compared with emperors and kings. Find the Horse or the Dog for happiness but beware of the mischievous Monkey.



### **Rabbit - 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023, 2035**

The luckiest of all signs in the Chinese calendar. The Rabbit is talented and articulate, affectionate yet shy. This clever sign of the Chinese Zodiac seeks peace throughout life. The Jade Rabbit is a main character in the story of the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. Compatible with the Sheep or the Pig but the opposite sign to the Chicken.



### **Dragon - 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024, 2036**

The most famous of the Chinese Zodiac animals, the Dragon is strong and independent and is a great leader yet they will seek support and reassurance from others. Can sometimes be eccentric but very passionate and have abundant health. The Dragon is compatible with the Monkey or Rat but try to avoid the Dog.



### **Snake - 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025, 2037**

The Snake is wise and very intense with a tendency towards physical beauty. This member of the Chinese zodiac can often be vain with a fiery temperament. The Snake has different meanings for different parts of Chinese culture, with some believing the Snake is a strong protector whilst others believe it can be untrustworthy. Look for the Chicken or the Ox for happiness. The Pig is your enemy.



### **Horse - 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026, 2038**

The Horse is popular and is very attractive to others. This Chinese calendar sign is often ostentatious and impatient. Despite these traits, this lively character is considered to be warm-hearted and enthusiastic. The Horse needs to be with people and does not like to be alone. Compatible with the Tiger or the Dog but never the Rat.



### **Monkey 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028, 2040**

This mischievous sign of the Chinese Zodiac is very intelligent and a great influencer of people. The Monkey is an enthusiastic achiever and quick learner but is easily distracted and confused plus can be readily discouraged when the going gets tough. Very sociable and witty making this sign well loved - but be careful if you turn your back on this character! The Monkey needs to avoid the Tiger but seek out the Rat or the Dragon for happiness.



### **Sheep/Goat - 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027, 2039**

This timid sign of the Chinese Calendar prefers anonymity to standing out from the crowd. The Sheep is elegant and creative, compassionate and amicable. They will avoid confrontation, where possible, and their natural insecurity will drive them to look for protection and love. Most compatible with the Pig and Rabbit but never the Ox so be careful this year!



### **Chicken/Rooster - 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, 2029, 2041**

The Chicken or Rooster is a pioneer in spirit and is devoted to work, with a great thirst for knowledge. This focus on work and knowledge can mean that this character is often seen as selfish and eccentric. Chickens are often blessed with physical beauty and will usually be the best dressed in the room and will want to be noticed. The Rabbit can bring trouble for the Chicken but the Snake and the Ox can be lifelong friends.



### **Dog - 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, 2030, 2042**

Both loyal and honest, the Dog works well with others. This character can be lazy at times but will always be looking for the next adventure or challenge. A mix of traits will mean the Dog is very generous but can be stubborn and selfish at the same time! Quick witted and candid, the Dog is compatible with the Horse and Tiger but beware of the Dragon!



### **Pig - 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2031, 2043**

Noble and considerate, the Pig is a symbol of luck and wealth in Chinese culture. This sign of the Chinese Zodiac will have lifelong friends but unfortunately be prone to marital strife! The Pig is considered to be sincere and genuine with a warm heart which means that this character is well liked and loved. Well, except by their partners! The Pig needs to avoid other Pigs but look to the Rabbit and the Sheep for friendship.



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

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

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

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

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





### **Absence Reporting**

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

MyEd Messaging App

ConnectED absence line: 0845 355 8104

Attendance line: 01621 787855

### **Change of Personal Details**

It is essential that we are kept up to date with changes in your contact details. This may be a change to a mobile number, an e-mail address, a full address or even a change of who is the first priority to contact. By keeping us up to date with changes we can ensure that you are receiving information regarding your child's progress and that we can contact someone in the case of an emergency. Or preferred means of communication is by e-mail, please ensure that we have a current e-mail address for you. Please notify us of any changes by e-mail to: [kcannon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:kcannon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).

### **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 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

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

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

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

### **First Offence**

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

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

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

### **National Threshold**

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

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

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

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

### **Second Offence**

**(within 3 years)**

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

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

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

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

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

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



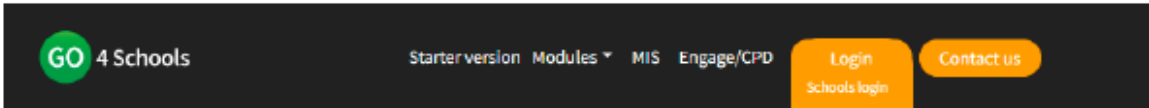
### Parent / Carer Login

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



# Ormiston RIVERS Academy

1 – [www.Go4schools.com](http://www.Go4schools.com) through any web browser.



### Welcome to GO 4 Schools

Your school can make better decisions with information that is accurate, up to date, complete,



- 2 Select Parents Login
- 3 Click First-time user
- 4 Enter email address registered with Ormiston Rivers
- 5 Click New password
- 6 Select Sign in to Parent Site
- 7 Open link sent to personal email address entered and activate account
- 8 Set your Go4Schools password
- 9 Sign in

	Overview	Attendance live percentage for the academic year (24hr update).
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	Homework	Inbox messages from the school will be displayed here.
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Email address

Send password reset link

### Forgotten Password

If you have forgotten your password, click 'Forgotten your Password' which is located just below the sign in option.

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



## G4S App Login

1 – Download the app.



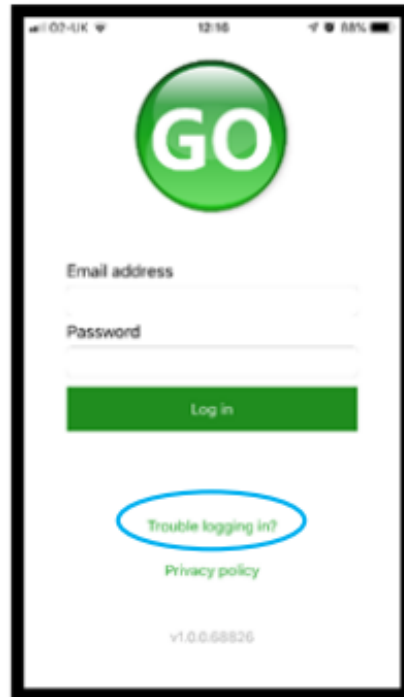
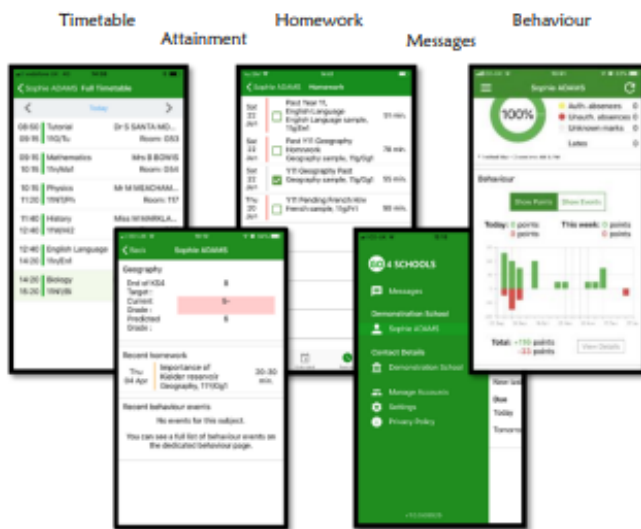
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2 – Type in your school email address.

3 – Type in your password.

This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



### FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD?

If you have forgotten your password, click 'Trouble logging in?'

This will open the web browser where you will click forgotten password.

Type in your school email address and click 'Send password reset link.'

Open Outlook from Office 365 (your school email) and you will have received an email from Go4schools that include instructions on how to reset your password.



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