



### **Message from the Principal**

It has been another busy week at Rivers with various trips and internal events.

Mock interviews were held for our Year 11 & 12 students with volunteers from our local community to help prepare our students for future university, work or apprenticeship interviews. I would like to thank Mrs Compton for organising these and those who gave up their valuable time to help our students.

Some of our Year 9 students were invited to attend an Outdoors Activity Day at Layer Marney Outdoors Activity Centre as part of the Respect Project. The Project is run and funded by Essex Boys and Girls Clubs and the Jack Petchey foundation. Over the course of the day students took part in a variety of team building exercises.

Our Sixth Form students studying A Level Drama were fortunate to have received some free tickets to go and see 'The Little Foxes' at the Young Vic Theatre in London on Wednesday.

Some of our Year 7 & 8 students had the chance to participate in a fantastic Virtual Reality Chinese New Year experience where they virtually experienced the influence of great Chinese thinkers and scientists on the world, travelled along the Great Wall, learnt about the Silk Road, marvelled at the Terracotta Army, and visited a shadow puppet theatre.

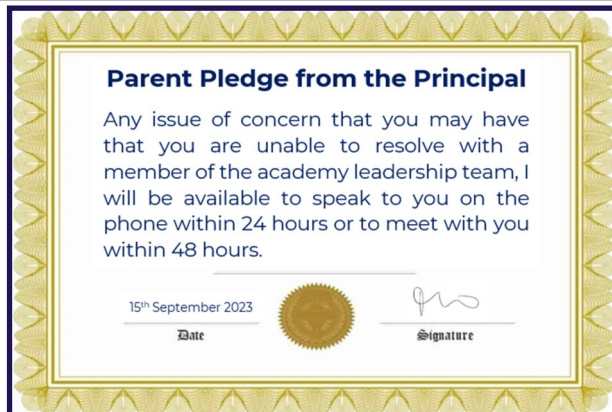
Also, this week our Year 7 and 8 Girls Netball teams had away fixtures at William de Ferrers School.

I am delighted to inform you that in partnership with Felsted School, we are once again able to offer our current Year 8 and 9 students the opportunity to apply for one of ten fully funded residential places at their International Summer School for two weeks running from Sunday 20 July to Sunday 3 August 2025. Those students selected to attend will take part in a fantastic Global Studies programme and will be able to choose one enhanced learning academy option from Art, Computing, Dance, Drama, Environment & Sustainability, Fashion, Football, International Relations, Leadership, Mathematics, Multisport, Music, Sports & Recreation, STEM and Tennis, alongside a fun and varied social programme and three excursions per week. The aim of the Felsted Summer School is to provide an incredibly beneficial experience for all those who take part, allowing students to grow, communicate, create and collaborate with others from all around the world.

We will be launching the application process with students in our Year 8 & 9 assemblies on Wednesday and Thursday next week and there will be an introductory meeting for parents/carers of our Year 8 & 9 students at the academy on Thursday 21st February at 5pm to give further information about this exciting opportunity and answer any questions about the programme.

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 2025**

Staff Inset Day – academy closed to students

**Tuesday 25 February 2025**

All students return to academy for Spring Half Term 2

**Thursday 27 February 2025 – 5pm**

Felsted Summer School Year 8 & 9 Parents Information Evening

**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



**Former Ormiston Rivers Student Achievement**

We were delighted to be informed this week that Max Beard, a former Ormiston Rivers student who attended Ormiston from 2007 to 2014 and who went on to achieve a First-Class Master's Degree with honours in Astrophysics and subsequently completed a four-year PhD in Astrophysics, has recently had his PhD paper published by the Royal Astronomical Society and Oxford University Press. We would like to congratulate Max for such an amazing achievement and we hope that Max's success will inspire our current students to strive for excellence in everything that they do.



## 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 **"SIGNIFY"**.

Why not have a go?

Say it: sig·nuh·fai

Spell it: Sig-ni-fy

Stem: /

**Signify**  
(verb)

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

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

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



## Tea with the Principal

On , the following Year 7 students, who had been nominated by their Head of Year and Tutors, were invited to tea with the Principal to celebrate their outstanding demonstration of the academy's CARRE values..

Lexi M (7D2)  
Hunter S (7D2)  
Tristan H (7M1)  
Ava R (7M1)  
Harriett F (7A1)

Evie P (7A2)  
Fern W (7Z1)  
Robert N (7Z1)  
Ava S (7D1)  
Niamh P (7D1)

Ethan R (7A1)  
Helena D (7M2)  
Jessica H (7M2)  
Savannah B (7A2)



## News from the PE Department

On Wednesday 29th January our Year 7 girls travelled to William De Ferrers for a netball tournament. We took two teams of very keen girls with each team playing 5 shorts games against schools from the district. Team 1 successfully won all of their games and team 2 won one two games, drew two games and lost one game.

Excellent work girls!

Team 1 player of the match was Seren J 7D2 who played extremely well moving around the court and passing the ball with ease.

Team 2 player of the match was Sophia D 7M2 who provided the team with lots of opportunities and is a true team player.

On Thursday 30th January our Year 8 girls travelled to William De Ferrers for a netball tournament. They played 5 short games against other schools from the district. The competition was tough, and the weather was extremely cold, but the girls showed true resilience and battled to be placed fourth out of the five schools.

The player of the match was Zahra M 8Z1. Zahra has recently come back to Netball club and has shown such improvement and ease in playing in varying positions.

Well done girls!







## Rotary Young Chef Competition

We are planning to start an after-school club in the Spring/Summer term for students in current years 7-11 who might be interested in taking part in the Rotary Young Chef competition.

This is a "Masterchef" style event with initial heats being held at school and the opportunity to go through to the district (usually held in Chelmsford), regional (East Anglia) and national final!

It involves cooking a two-course meal in two hours with accompaniments.

At the club we will work through some dishes together, improve cooking and presentation techniques as well as learn how to cost and plan a menu which is all needed for the competition.

There is no obligation to complete the competition by coming to the club and you do not have to be currently studying a food course to take part, just be keen and interested in cooking!

**Please email Mrs Hyde if you are keen to take part in the club and / or the rotary competition so that we can plan accordingly.**

**([chyde@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:chyde@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk))**

**Rotary YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION**

**LET'S COOK!**

**Calling all young chefs**

Fancy yourself as a budding cook? Put your culinary skills to the test and have your two course meal judged by industry professionals as part of the annual Rotary Young Chef competition. (Age 11 to 17)

For more information contact:  
Charlotte Hyde on [chyde@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:chyde@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)  
Or Ken Smith at [ken@crouchvalley.com](mailto:ken@crouchvalley.com)  
from The Rotary Club or Burnham on Crouch and dengie

Download the competition information pack at: [rotarygbi.org](http://rotarygbi.org)

Rotary Great Britain & Ireland

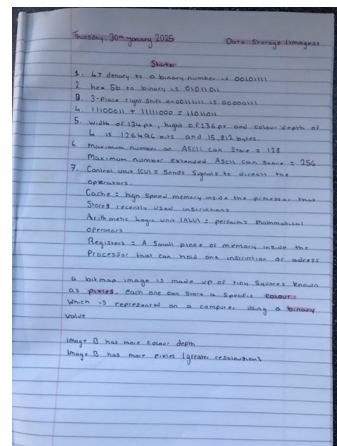


This week, year 7 have been finding out how characters are converted into binary using the ASCII table so the computer can understand them. The students sent each other messages in Binary and then decoded them using the ASCII table. Well done to Archie and Harriet of 7o/Cs4 who did really well with this task.

Year 8 have been learning how criminals create DDoS attacks by turning innocent computers into bots so they can be used to overwhelm a server with requests.

Year 9 were learning how to use various Photoshop tools to retouch images. These skills will come in handy when the students create their assessed piece of work in the last week of this half term. I was very impressed by the way that Thomas and Jess of 9A1 attempted this task by using the layers intelligently.

Year 10 have been recapping their knowledge of sound and images and how file sizes are calculated. They have also been having some fun with pseudocode challenges which has inspired their competitive natures! Here is some nice, neat work from Skye in 10D/Cs1:



This week in Super 6 the year 11's studied how sound is sampled and stored on computers. A question about this often comes up in the exam so hopefully it was well worth the effort!

**Clubs and Super Six Sessions:**

Year 7 & 8 Computer Science club. Monday lunchtimes. Room: IT02

Year 10 Computer Science – Mondays and Thursdays after school. Room: IT02

Year 10 iMedia – Monday's and Thursdays after school. Room: IT02

Year 11 Computer Science - Monday's, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. Room: IT02

Year 12 & 13 Media – Wednesdays after school (apart from parents evening days) Room:IT02



# Exams News



Our February PPE season begins on 3rd February and, as shown in the schedule on the next page of the newsletter, runs all the way through to 3rd March, with a break for half-term. All Students have now been given their individual timetables along with details of approved access arrangements where applicable. Students have been encouraged to speak with the Exams or SEND staff if they have any concerns.

Please could you support our young people in arriving in school 'exams ready', on time and with all the equipment they need for their timetabled exam such as calculators and other maths equipment. Exam Boards require all papers to be completed in Black Pen, please bring spares, these may be in a clear pencil case. Students may bring water into the exam in a clear, colourless, unmarked plastic bottle.

We wish all of our students the very best of luck with this final practise run before the Summer exams season begins fully in May, more details of this will follow after the PPEs.



**February PPE Exams - Provisional Schedule**

Year 13	Year 11	Year 12
Date	AM Subject	PM Subject
03/02/2025	English Literature Paper 1 Chemistry Paper 2 Y12 Information Technology 5840 01	Biology Paper 2 Music Tech (studio time) Y12 Business (Part A)
04/02/2025	English Literature Paper 2, Chemistry Paper 3 Y12 Business (Part B)	History Paper 1 Further Maths (AS Paper 1) Sociology Paper 2 Y12 Criminology
05/02/2025	Physics Paper 2 Psychology Paper 1 Y12 Maths AS Paper	Maths Paper 1 Core Maths Paper 1 Health and Social Care Y12 Sport 31524 H
06/02/2025	History Paper 2 Further Maths (AS Paper 2) Sociology Paper 3 Y12 Information Technology 5840 02	Biology Paper 3 Music Tech (studio time) Music Technology
07/02/2025	Maths Paper 2 Core Maths Paper 2 Drama Drama (Hospitality and Catering clash students)	Psychology Paper 2 Physics Paper 3 Geography Paper 2 (modified) Hospitality and Catering
10/02/2025	Sociology Paper 1 English Language Paper 2	French/Spanish/Polish Listening and Reading
11/02/2025	Psychology Paper 3 Biology	Maths Paper 1
12/02/2025	Maths Paper 3 Geography Paper 1	History Paper 1
13/02/2025	Literature Paper 2	Health and Social Care
14/02/2025	French / Spanish / Polish Writing (Computer Science clash)	RS GCSE Paper 1 Computer Science Paper 1
<b>Half Term</b>		
24/02/2025	INSET DAY	
25/02/2025	Engineering	Maths Paper 2
26/02/2025	Physics	English Language Paper 1
27/02/2025	Business (RS GCSE clash)	Computer Science Paper 2 RS GCSE Paper 2
28/02/2025	Maths Paper 3	History Paper 2
03/03/2025	Engineering REAL EXAM Chemistry	Literature Paper 1

Additional dates for practical assessments and controlled coursework units can be obtained from subject teachers.





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

Another great week for year 7 this week. This week in tutor we have been looking at different careers and the careers of family members and the tutors have been busy working together sorting out the football teams for the house competition happening next week.

### **Student Shoutouts:**

#### **Attendance**

the attendance for year 7 is 94.26% 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 once again is 7A1 with 95.90 %. A special shoutout to 7A2 and 7Z1 who missed out by 0.5% on overall attendance.

#### **Merits**

Top 3 merit earners this week are 1st Bellamarie 7D1 with 235 merits well-done, 2nd Envey 7A2 180 merits amazing work and 3rd Esme 7A2 170.

7A2 are top in this week's merits for a second week in a row so a special well-done to all of 7A2.

A special shout out to the Year 7 girls netball team. We took two teams to the competition and both teams had very successful runs in their matches. A special shoutout to everyone who took part especially the newcomers who really stood out. Mrs Blogg and Mrs Dos Santos where really impressed!

### **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

**CARRE Cards:** parents, please ask pupils if they received any CARRE 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 CARRE cards.

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

Contact: [smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)



**Year 8 - Ms Scott**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've had an exciting and immersive week here at school! Our Year 8 students enjoyed a fantastic virtual reality experience that transported them to the vibrant celebrations of the Chinese New Year. The excitement and engagement during the sessions were wonderful to see as students explored this cultural event in a completely new way.

**Reminder: Reporting Concerns**

We encourage students to use the appropriate channels if they have any concerns. Their first point of contact should be their tutor, who can escalate any issues to the Head of Year if necessary. This approach ensures that concerns are addressed promptly and effectively.

**Monitoring Academic Progress**

We are currently reviewing students' academic progress and will be in touch shortly with individual feedback where needed. Please keep an eye out for any email updates from me regarding your child's progress.

**Positive Behaviour Recognition**

A huge congratulations to the following students for demonstrating exceptional behaviour and a positive attitude this week:

James B - 200 points  
Alfie M - 190 points  
Elie M - 160 points  
Jude L - 160 points  
George C - 150 points  
Gracie W - 150 points  
James J - 140 points  
Leo F - 140 points  
Ruby W - 140 points  
Thomas F - 140 points

Your efforts have not gone unnoticed—well done!

**Principal's Hot Chocolate & Cake Reward**

Next week, tutors will be selecting two students from each group for this special recognition. We wish all students the best of luck, and we look forward to celebrating their hard work and positive contributions.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Contact: [hscott@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:hscott@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)



**Year 9 – Ms Thurtle**

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you have had a great week.

This week, 15 Year 9 students were selected to attend the Maldon Respect Project at Layer Marney Tower. Students worked on developing team building skills and building confidence with the team from Essex Boys & Girls Clubs.

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 the following students with the highest amount of merit points in Year 9 this week. Keep up the good work!**

Danica. C (9M1)

Jack. B (9D1)

Scarlett. D (9M1)

Flynn. B (9Z2)

Pippa. G (9Z2)

**Thorpe Park trip:**

2800 merits or more

Do not exceed 500 behaviour points

**Key Dates for Term 2:**

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!

Contact: [cthurtle@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:cthurtle@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)



**Year 10 – Ms Taylor**

As we near the end of January, the competition is hotting up for the inter-form competitions for improved attendance and best positive points compared to negatives. This week's improved attendance is a total change from last week, and the scores are:

10A2 - Ms Nice  
10M1 - Ms Brooks  
10M2 - Ms Murphy  
10Z1 - Ms Turnnidge  
10Z2 - Ms French  
10A1 - Ms Bennett  
10D1 - Mr O'Toole.

A massive congratulations to 10A1 and Ms Nice who were in 7th place last week and 1st this week.

The top merit achievers this week are:

Suzie P - 10D1  
Edward B - 10M1  
George c - 10M2  
Tylor E - 10D1  
Faith W - 10Z2  
Bella W - 10M2  
Oliver B - 10A1  
Matthew C - 10M2  
Karsten M - 10A2  
Ben S - 10A2  
Leo A - 10M2  
Freya C - 10D1  
Harry L - 10M2  
Jaya N - 10M2  
Ronnie S - 10M1

A very well done to Ms Murphy's form - 10M2 for having the most students in the list this week.

The form leader board for positives is:

10M2 - Ms Murphy  
10Z1 & 10A2 - Ms Turnnidge and Ms Nice  
10Z2 - Mrs French  
10D1 & 10M1 - Mr O'Toole and Ms Brooks  
10A1 - Ms Bennett.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend.

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**Year 11 - Mr Field**

As we approach our second round of mock exams it was great to see the pupils working hard in the morning interventions. All pupils are gaining an extra 2 hours of preparation in English, Science or Maths.

When chatting to pupils it is good to hear about their revision and study habits in preparing for the mocks as well as summer exams.

Please see Mrs Compton's report on mock interviews the pupils undertook this week. It was great to see the commitment from them in terms of producing CVs to dressing in professional attire in preparation for the interview. Well done to you all and I hope it has been a great learning

Please see the photo below of all the pupils who were rewarded by completing an extra 3 hours of science work. I hope you enjoyed the double pepperoni!!



Top positive point earners this week included the following. Ella, Ellie, Oscar, Bethany, Samuel, Ava, Eva, Robert, Poppy, Jessica, Poppy, Connie, Ethan, Harry. Well done to you all

**Mock exams commence on the 10th February.**

Contact: [sfield@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:sfield@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)

# RIVERS SIXTH FORM



### Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

Congratulations to all of our wonderful students who took part in The Great Rivers Bake Off. The winner of the Bake Off is:

### Aisden, Charlie and Dan

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

On Wednesday Mrs Penberthy travelled with Year 12 and 13 drama students to see 'The Little Foxes' at the Young Vic, London. They were faced with delays coming home but enjoyed the views across the Southbank and shopping in Stratford Westfield.



Next week we will be announcing the Summer rewards trip to Year 12 students. Please check your emails to vote on your favourite activity if you have not done so already.



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. Please check ParentPay.

### Mock Interviews

Year 12 students took part in a Mock Interview Day today. They all looked incredible and were a credit to our Sixth Form.



### Exams

Mrs Penberthy will continue to host 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.

### PPE's

Reminder that the next set of PPE's for year 13 students are NEXT WEEK! We will be treating these like the real exams, allowing students to experience study leave during that week. Year 12 will also complete PPE's in a few subjects and will remain in lessons throughout.



# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 Fern who is a Trainee Account at LB Group. While in Sixth Form Fern studied Accountancy, Mathematics and Drama & Theatre Studies. To find out more, follow us @riversixthform - PHOTO

**Please follow our Instagram account for regular updates @riverssixthform**

**Remember to call Mrs Penberthy to report absences 01621 787882**

**Contact: [mwilkins@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:mwilkins@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)**



# Catering



## Menu

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

## Nut Allergies

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

## Parentpay

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

## Free School Meals

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

## Catering Cards

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

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





# Rivers Academy Shop

## Academy Shop

All students are required to have sufficient equipment to allow them to learn and achieve their full potential. It is a students' responsibility to arrive at the Academy with the appropriate equipment for lessons:

Equipment:

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

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

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

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

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



### **Absence Reporting**

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

MyEd Messaging App

ConnectED absence line: 0845 355 8104

Attendance line: 01621 787855

### **Change of Personal Details**

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

### **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**

**RECYCLE**  
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!



### **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.



**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'.





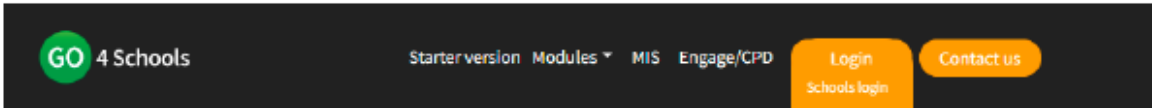
### Parent / Carer Login

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



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



### Welcome to GO 4 Schools

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

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

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	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.
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Email address

### Forgotten Password

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

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



### G4S App Login

1 – Download the app.



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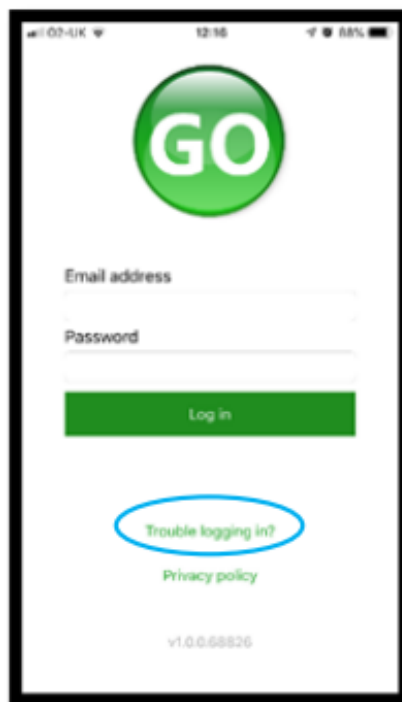
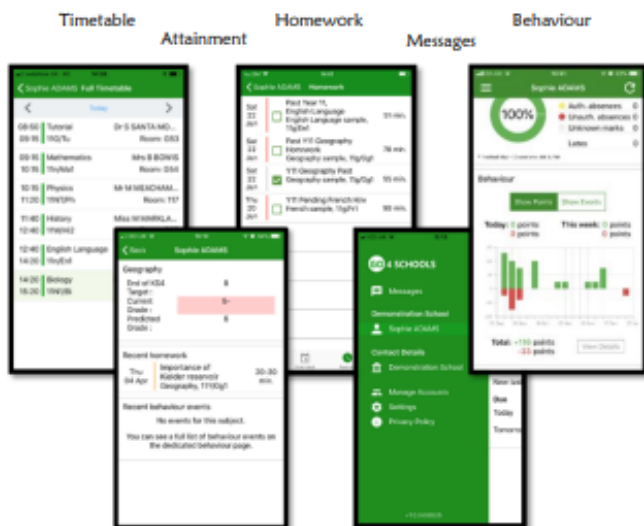
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This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



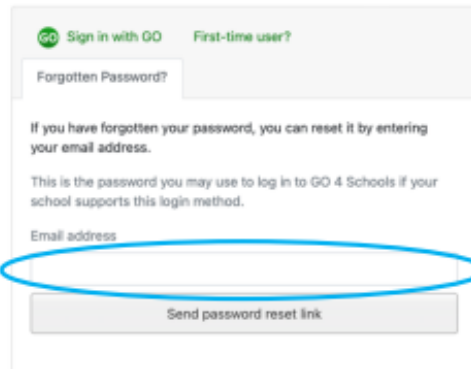
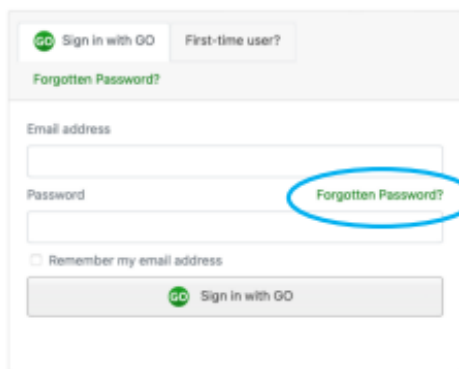
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### FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD?

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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