

Message from the Principal

It has been another eventful week at Rivers as we move towards the last week of this Spring half term.

Our Year 13 students sat their mock exams this week and I have been really impressed with the mature attitude our Sixth Form students have shown towards their preparation for these. I hope our students are rewarded for their hard work and receive the grades they deserve.

Our Year 11 students will be sitting their mock exams over the next few weeks. Please can I ask you to support your child to arrive to school 'exams ready', on time and with all the equipment they need for their exam including spare black pens. I wish all our students good luck with these important exams which will help them to prepare for the real exams when they begin in May.

On Thursday our GCSE and A Level Drama students were fortunate enough to watch 'The Play That Goes Wrong' at the Duchess Theatre in London. This trip gave our students the opportunity to review live theatre as part of their GCSE and A Level curriculum.

On Friday, 30 of our Year 12 students were invited to attend an oracy 'Talk the Talk' workshop to help develop their confidence with public speaking, improve self-esteem and enable students to engage with others confidently and persuasively.

I would like to personally commend one of our Year 9 students, Jake W (9DT) who was walking after school with his younger sister Charlotte last week, when they found an elderly gentleman collapsed on the street and not breathing properly. They immediately stopped to help the man and quickly called for assistance to give him CPR and access to a defibrillator. The gentleman is now recovering in hospital and the medical professionals caring for him believe that Jake's quick response undoubtedly saved the man's life. Their actions highlight the importance of one of the academy's CARE values, Community, and the impact that community spirit can have. We are all extremely proud of Jake for his quick thinking, bravery and willingness to help others.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing our students on their return on Monday for the last week of this half term.

Jo Williams, Principal

Parent Pledge from the Principal

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

15th September 2023

Date



Signature



Dates for your Diary



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



Tea with the Principal

On Friday 7th February, the following Year 8 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..

Bella D(8A1)

Finian R (8D1)

Luke R (8M1)

Tom S(8Z1)

Edward D (8A2)

Lenny S (8Z2)

Josh R (8A1)

Harley F (8M2)

Jayla H (8M1)

Ciaran K (8D2)

Leo F(8A2)

Jude L (8D1)

Ryley N (8M2)

Logan S (8Z1)

Lou Lou C (8D2)

Emilie-Rose C (8Z2)



BRONZE

For Bronze DofE, big congratulations to Freya C, Skye H, Holly D, Chloe D, Sebastian W for completing the full Bronze award.

Well done



WORLD 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 **“Subcommittee”**.

Why not have a go? Send the definition and the word in a sentence to lsams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Say it: suhb·kuh·mi·tee **Spell it:** Sub-com-mit-tee

Subcommittee
(noun)

Stem: mit:- release / send / throw

Understand it
A group composed of some members of a larger committee, board, or other body and reporting to it

(Prefix) **sub** - under, below; less important; up to, towards
(Prefix) **com** - together, with; altogether
(Suffix) **ee** - a person affected by an action



The Performing Arts Team would like to recognise and celebrate the fantastic work that happens in the department each week. .

This week a massive congratulations goes to Riley SF1 and Keeaun SF2 for getting through to the regional finals of Ormiston's Got Talent. If they get through, they will be performing in the final show in Birmingham. Good luck to both of them!

There are still a few tickets left for our theatre trip Blood Brothers on Wednesday 5th March. This is open to all year groups from Year 8 - Year 11. If you are interested in getting a place, please contact Mr Jones on cjones@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk before they sell out!



FRANCAIS Oliver K Yr 8
Español Zack N Yr 8



Cheri Patterson-Lyon Yr 9

Chinese New Year

Our Chinese New Year VR session was a hit!

All 150 spaces were taken up and firmly enjoyed by all the students who were fully engaged and intrigued by the different culture and exciting, visual experience.

Students learned about the story behind the Chinese New Year, their traditions and parts of the Chinese culture.





Year 7 have been learning about internal and external storage devices and the different methods of storage such as Hard Disc Drives which use magnetic storage and CD's which use optical storage, being read by a laser. Students were also tasked with assessing the durability and portability of various storage devices.

After learning about potential cyber security threats over the last few weeks, year 8 have been learning about prevention methods which could be as simple as maintaining a secure password or making sure that you are running the most up to date version of a software or as complicated as setting up a firewall. I was impressed by the way that both James's in 8R/Cs1 contributed to the class discussions and the way that Ava in 8R/Cs1 did lots of work in her book!

Year 9 were editing and re-purposing images in preparation for their assessed piece of work next week, where they will be creating a video game cover based on a design brief using 'Photopea' software. This is a nice introduction to the type of work they could expect to do if they picked Media later in their academic journey. Shout outs to Chloe and George of 9O/Cs4 who did rather well with these tasks.

Year 10 have been going back over the work we did with compression, and I also decided to challenge them with a selection of GCSE past paper questions which they tackled rather well.

Well done to the Year 11 students that are turning up to Super 6 sessions on Monday's and Thursdays. I'm also starting to run a bit of an impromptu Wednesday after school revision session (meetings permitting) for those students that want to go that extra mile! In class this week, year 11 have been looking at trace tables. This isn't the easiest of topics and something where a lot of practice is required. Luckily, as well as the school resources there are quite a few videos online to help with this.

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



Exams News



Our February PPE season is now well underway with the Year 13 students setting off to a flying start and Year 11 following suit. As shown in the schedule, they are running all the way through to 3rd March, with a break for half-term. All Students have their individual timetables along with details of approved access arrangements where applicable, so please keep checking these to make sure you are prepared. Students have been encouraged to speak with the Exams or SEND staff if they have any concerns.

Please could you support students 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, as well as a Black Pens, which can be stored in a clear pencil case. Year 11 students were offered a pencil case in assembly this week. Students may bring water into the exam in a clear, colourless, unmarked plastic bottle.

We continue to 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 the summer exam season will follow after the PPEs have been completed.

*Good
Luck!*

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 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 Paper 3 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
Half Term		
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	Chemistry	Literature Paper 1

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

Sports News



On Wednesday 5th February our Year 7 and Year 8 girls travelled to Moulsham High School in Chelmsford for a 7-a-side football game. Our year 7 girls worked really hard against a very strong side but unfortunately were beaten. Our player of the match was Millie B (7D1) who showed her superb

goal keeping skills. A mention also for Harriet F (7A1) who was strong in defence and showing great leadership skills of the team.

The year 8 girls had a superb game. They were strong and organised from the start, showing superb pace. The final score was 3-1 to Ormiston. Our player of the match was Jenna S (8M1).

On Thursday 6th February our Year 7 and Year 8 girls had another trip out to Beckett Keys High School in Brentwood. They came up against a really strong opposition and unfortunately were beaten. Year 7 player of the match was Mia B (7Z1) who kept battling to get the ball forward. Our year 8 player of the match was Abbie S (8D2) who showed great organisation skills in defence. Well done girls.

Years 7 and 8 Inter House Football

Thank you to all the students that took part in the Inter House competitions this week, with the Year 7's competing for the first time.



Year 7

The first boy's semi-final saw Danube overcome Amazon while at the same time, Mekong got the better of Zambezi.

3rd place went to Zambezi after a tense penalty shootout, which meant Amazon had to settle for 4th place. The final was won by a deserved Mekong team who were too strong for the Danube house to contend with.

The Year 7 girls was another fiercely fought competition. In the first semi-final it was Amazon who managed to overcome Danube while Mekong beat Zambezi to make their way to the final. Both games were a close call and had to be decided through a penalty shootout. A HUGE shoutout to Ava F for her great saves during these games. This meant that Zambezi and Danube were fighting for third while the others were challenging for the title.

Danube got the better of Zambezi to claim 3rd place and the final was won by a jubilant





Year 8

The Year 8 boys all turned up on Thursday after school to compete for the title. All teams were full-strength, with the exception of Danube who could only field 5 players, whereas the other teams had plenty of subs for the 7-a-side tournament.

Mekong beat Zambezi to be the first team into the final while Amazon and Danube had to go to penalties thanks to a stubborn defensive display from Danube. Hayden (8D1) saved the necessary penalty to send Danube to the final.

3rd place went to Zambezi after beating Amazon 2-1 in an end-to-end encounter. Somehow, miraculously, Danube took Mekong to a penalty shootout in the final, despite their numerical disadvantage. Yet again, it was Hayden who made the save, leaving it for Lews (8D2) to slot home the winning penalty for the 5-man team!!

The Girls competition took place at the same time on the astroturf, but sadly, many players had a clash due to a Mid Essex league fixture away to Becket Keys in Brentwood, meaning only Amazon and Danube players could compete.

The game was lots of fun and it was Danube who came away victorious to make it an incredible double for the Year 8 boys and girls - Amazon therefore settled for second place.

The next Inter House competition is on Monday for the Year 9 students.

Sports Leaders

A special thank you to our Year 12 Sports Leaders, the competitions ran so much better thanks to your help and support. Special thanks also goes to Henry (10Z2) who refereed on both nights of the week to support the event, your help is truly appreciated!



Year 7 - Mr Moon

Yet another great week for Year 7.

This week we had our inter house competition. Well done to everyone who attended and represented their houses. It was great to see everyone there and even the spectators who came to give their support.

Student Shoutouts

Attendance for Year 7 is 94.24% 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 95.94 %!

Top 3 merit earners this week are:

1st - Bellamarie 7D1 with 300 merits - well-done!

Joint 2nd - Grace and Esme 7A2 280 merits - amazing work girls!

Joint 3rd - Evie, Envey and Ava in 7A2. I think it goes without saying that 7A2 are top this week in merits so a special well-done to all of 7A2.

Helpful Reminders

1. Uniform: Please make sure you're wearing the correct uniform each day. Check the school's guidelines if you're unsure about the details.
2. 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!
3. 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.
4. Word of the week: Don't forget to submit your word of the week to Mrs Sams each week to receive extra merits.
5. 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 Group.

Contact: smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 8 - Ms Scott

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are incredibly proud of Year 8 this week! Behaviour across the year group has shown fantastic improvement, with minimal concerns reported. It's wonderful to see students embracing positive attitudes and making great progress.

Ms. Corbett and I are currently planning an exciting end-of-year rewards trip to celebrate these achievements. Please keep an eye out for more information coming your way soon!

Congratulations to the students who enjoyed hot chocolate and cake with the Principal today — what a lovely recognition of their hard work and dedication.

During my learning walks this week, I had the pleasure of seeing some excellent RS presentations on the culture of Islam. A special shoutout to Charlie S. and Zach S. for their fantastic explanation of the intricate movements involved in Muslim religious prayer—your hard work and confidence were inspiring!

I was also thrilled to watch the Year 8 interhouse football game, which went down to some nail-biting penalties. There were fantastic goals from Sonny M. and Lewis S., and a huge well done to Hayden F. for his incredible goalkeeping skills. Congrats Danube for the win!

Also a big well done to the following top 10 behaviour points earners this week:

Jude L - 325	Zach S - 300	Ava B - 270	Paige S - 260
Lexi-Jaye D - 260	Lara M - 260	Scarlett H - 230	Olly S - 220
Adora H-W - 210	James J - 200		

Thank you for your continued support, and well done Year 8 for another brilliant week!

Contact: hscott@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 9 – Ms Thurtle

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope that you are all well.

In assembly this week students were introduced to the Felstead Summer School programme by Mrs Williams. This is an exceptional opportunity for students to apply and interview. Application forms can be collected from student reception. Ms Gibson then took over to talk with students about online safety.

Please be aware that due to mock exams, the Year 9 line up has moved onto the MUGA. Students were made aware of this this morning and have been told to bring a coat to wear over the top of their blazer.

Next week, Year 9 will have their rewards breakfast. This half term, students have been selected for 'Most Improved'.

Well done to the students below for their hard work over this year.

Harry. T	Kaitlin. F	Jamie. G	Lia. M	Aaliah. D	Alexia. C
Nathan. B	Beau. D	Bella. M	Taylon. T	Emily. T	Megan. K
James. D	Keegan. R	Olivia. G			

Next week, students will also be invited the hot chocolate and cake with the head teacher. Form tutors are now making their nominations.

Congratulations to the following students for the most merits this week.

Jack. B (9D1)	Pippa. G (9Z2)	Lorna. L (9Z2)	Daniel. R (9M1)
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Please be aware that there has been a slight delay with the options booklets being distributed. Unfortunately, this is out of my hands.

I look forward to seeing you all next week for parents' evening.

Have a lovely weekend.

Contact: cthurtle@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



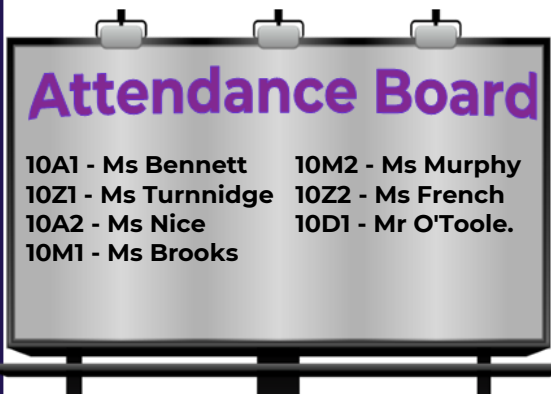
Year 10 – Ms Taylor

We are currently looking at our Year 10 attendance, which is currently much lower than the rest of the school. We have always looked at Year 11 behaviour and attendance when looking at the reward of Prom at the end of Year 11. The target for this is 95% but individual circumstances are always taken into account.

If your child currently has 95% attendance, they have already missed 25 lessons of their GCSE subjects, if they have 90% attendance they have already missed 48 lessons this academic year.

By the end of Year 11 if your child remains below 90% attendance they will have missed over 200 hours of GCSE content, looking at previous years results there is a clear link between attendance and the average grade students gain at GCSE.

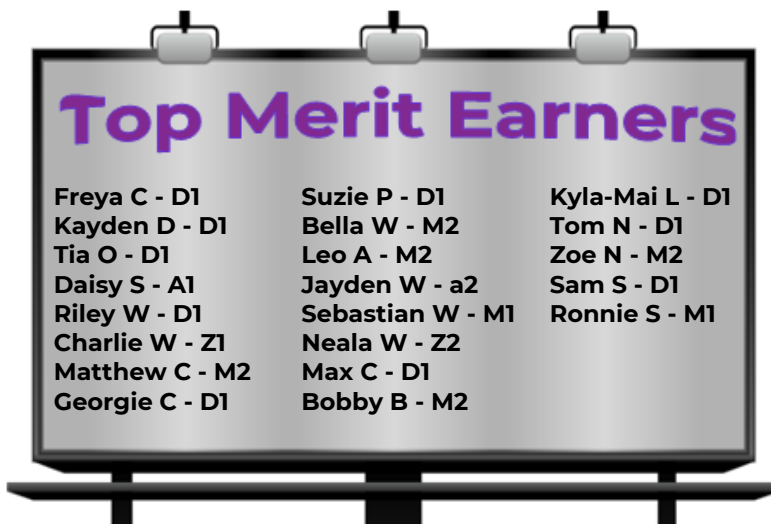
With that in mind the most improved form groups for attendance this week are:



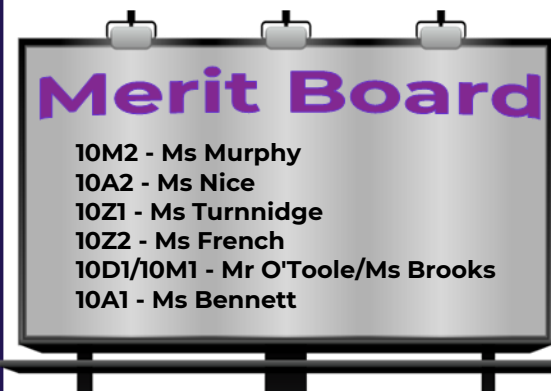
A massive congratulations to 10A1 and Ms Bennett for their efforts this week.

There a large number of top merit earners this week, so my congratulations go to:

Congratulations to 10D1 and Mr O'Toole for having the most students in the top earners this week.



The form leader board for merits are



Again a huge congratulations to 10M2 and Ms Murphy who are yet to be knocked the top spot.

Contact: staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 11 - Mr Field

Yesterday the students commenced their second round of mock exams. Students have been reminded earlier in the week of the strict rules and regulations of the examination process.

As the students sit their exams, I would like to offer a reminder to help them succeed:

1. Ensure revision is divided into 20/25 minutes slots with short rest periods in between.
2. Exercise helps the brain and the body relax between sessions.
3. 8+ hours of sleep which starts before midnight.
4. Remain hydrated.

Earlier in the week we congratulated Nancy, Molly, Ella, Josh and Harry with the reward for achieving the most marks and points when completing papers using the new Method Maths package. All students received an Amazon voucher as a reward for their hard work. I believe the next round will start shortly. Please keep up the good work to all those who are using the software.



Top positive points earners this week are Jack, Esme, Mason, Samuel, Harry, George, Harry, Bethany, Ethan, Ellie, Robert, Alisha. Well done to you all!

Good luck everyone in your exams over the next week.

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Good Luck!

RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

We started the week with a fantastic assembly with Mrs Gibson focussed on Internet Safety and raising awareness about online scammers. Charlie Dix also congratulated the Year 12 students on their behaviour and how smart they all looked for their mock interviews on Friday. We received excellent feedback from everyone involved in the event and the students were a credit to our school.

Trips

The Summer rewards trip for Year 12 students has been announced as LASER TAG! Letters will be sent out for this, and we are looking forward to spending the day with you all.

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 and complete your consent forms as there are still a few we are waiting on. If you need a manual consent form, please see Mrs Penberthy.



On Thursday Year 12 Drama Students travelled to London to see 'The Play That Goes Wrong'.

Talk The Talk Workshop took place today and 30 of our Year 12 students were engaged in the programme to develop confidence with speaking and communication in interview situations.



OAT Oxbridge Programme

Today we launched the OAT Oxbridge programme to support students with applying to Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group universities. All Year 12 students are invited to attend the virtual talk about the programme on Tuesday 25th February 3:30pm-4:30pm and the Personal Statement Presentation on Wednesday 7th May 3:30pm-4:30pm.

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.

RIVERS SIXTH FORM

PPE's

PPE's started this week for Sixth Form students. Students were offered study leave but many have chosen to work in the building and study in groups. Year 12 students have also behaved impeccably, arriving to exams ahead of time and in a mature manner.

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

We have nearly finished Year 11 interviews for 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 Char who is the owner of CharsFlamingNailStudio. While in Sixth Form Char studied History, Food, Business and Performing Arts. To find out more, follow us @riverssixthform.

Please follow our instagram account for regular updates @riverssixthform
Remember to call Mrs Penberthy to report absences 01621 787882

Contact: mwilkins@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk





Catering



Menu

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

Nut Allergies

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

Parentpay

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

Free School Meals

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

Catering Cards

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

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



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.

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

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

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

Absence Reporting

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

MyEd Messaging App

ConnectED absence line: 0845 355 8104

Attendance line: 01621 787855

Change of Personal Details

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

Lost Property

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



Essex County Council

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

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

Who may be fined?

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

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

First Offence

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

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

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

National Threshold

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

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

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

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

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

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

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

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

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

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

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



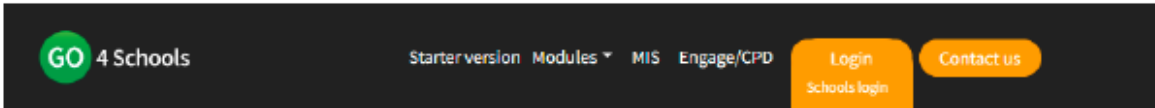
Parent / Carer Login

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



Ormiston RIVERS Academy

1 – 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 grades for assessments taken over the academic year.
	Progress	Reports Annual written communication including strengths and next steps.
	Reports	Timetable full academic timetable.
	Timetable	

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

If you have forgotten your password, you can reset it by entering your email address.

Email address

Send password reset link

Forgotten Password

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

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



G4S App Login

1 – Download the app.



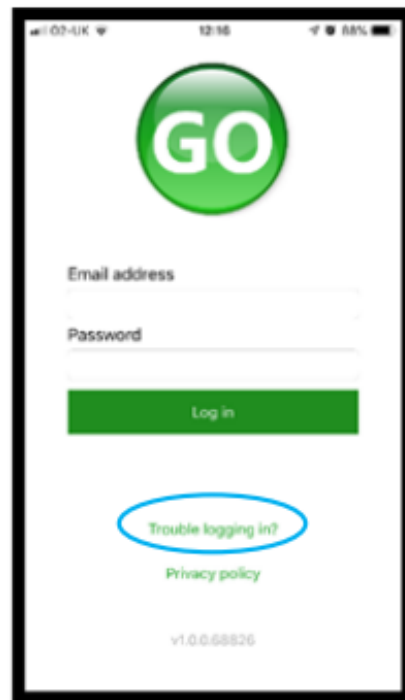
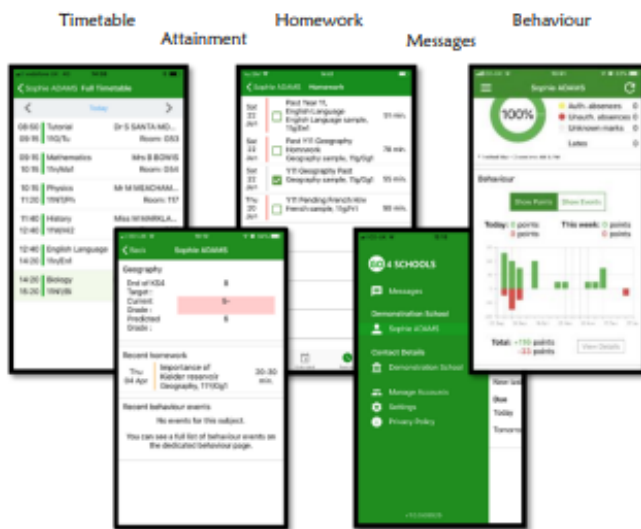
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2 – Type in your school email address.

3 – Type in your password.

This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



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.