



Message from the Principal

It has been another busy week at Rivers.

I am really excited to let you know that we are in the process of putting together an online Parents & Carers Forum which will take place every half term and will allow parents & carers to take part in a live question and answer session via our academy YouTube channel. These forums will focus on a specific aspect of Teaching & Learning, Assessment for Learning and Behaviour for Learning and will be led by myself and another senior staff member.

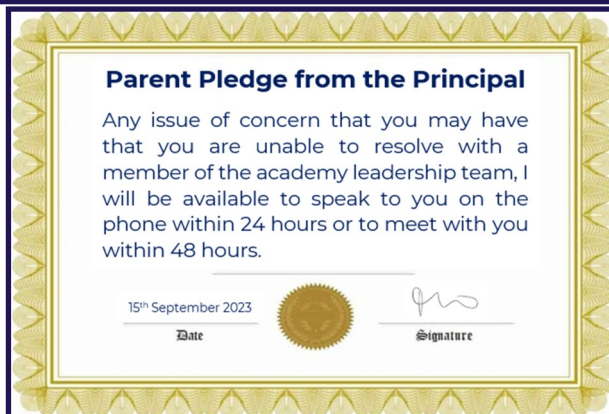
On Thursday, our Literacy Lead, Mrs Sams, organised a fantastic World Book Day reading breakfast in our wonderful library and it was fantastic to see parents & carers reading with their children. Our school therapy dog, Bear, was also in attendance and enjoyed being read to by our students!

Our PE department has been busy again this week accompanying our Year 7 girls football team to a fixture at Brentwood County High School and our Year 9 girls football team to play against Anglo European School.

I am really pleased to report that we have received lots of applications from our Year 8 and 9 students for the Felsted residential Summer School experience. Interviews will be held next week, so good luck to all those who applied.

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 20 March 2025

Year 11 Academic Parents Evening

Monday 31 March 2025

Year 8 Parents Evening

Parents Evenings 2024-25

Year 11 Academic - 20 March 2025

Year 8 - 31 March 2025

Year 7 - 6 May 2025





Tea with the Principal

On Friday 7th March, 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 CARE values..

Danny M 7Z2 Millie C 7M2 Poppy D 7D1 Max T 7A1 Harry E (7M1)
James S 7Z2 Joseph B 7D2 Matilda S 7D1 Mia H (7A2)
Sophia D 7M2 Libby B 7D2 Archie K 7A1 Ethan V (7A2)



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 "".

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

lsams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Say it: in-stuh-choot

Spell it: In-stit-ute

Institute
(noun)

(Prefix) **In** - in, into, on; not; very - can be 'en'

Stem: stit: - place / put / establish / stand

Understand it

An organization having a particular purpose, especially one that is involved with science, education, or a specific profession.

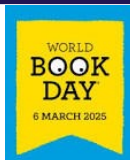


World Book Day 6th March 2025

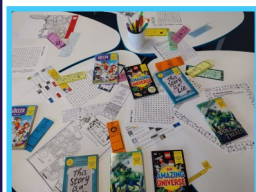
Library News



We celebrated World Book Day with a number of events happening across the school. We started this morning with our Year 7 & 8 Reading Breakfast. It was great to see Parents and Carers coming in to read with their children and celebrate World Book Day whilst enjoying some delicious refreshments from our canteen. The event was enjoyed by all who attended, and thank you again to the parents that took the time to come in and celebrate with us this morning.



During Period 1, 3 lucky students were invited to read with Bear in the Library to reward them for being avid readers and users of the school Library. Bear enjoyed the experience just as much as the students did! These students were Zhani 7M2, Niamh 7D2 and Haidyn 9M1, well done!



To celebrate World Book Day in the Library at lunchtime, students signed up for activities including book themed wordsearches and colouring sheets, the Book of the Month challenge, book reviews, and creative bookmarks. We also talked about books students are currently reading and the £1 World Book Day titles available this year.

Everyone who attended enjoyed taking part and all received merits for their fantastic work.

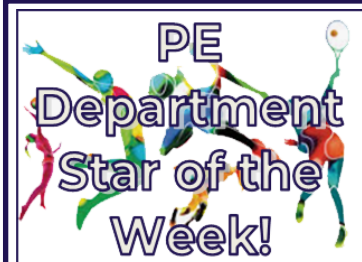
Thank you to everyone who participated in our World Book Day events, and we look forward to the next Library challenge!



Well done to Ella (11Z1) for getting a distinction in her Music Technology PPE exam.

Charlie (10Z1), Jaya (10M2) and Halle (10A1) for achieving the top Year 10 Drama grades in their PPE exams.

Hayden (SF4) for achieving a Distinction * in his Podcast for Music Technology.



Good luck to Max C (10D1) who is currently in Nottingham ahead of representing Essex in tomorrows Inter Counties Cross Country Championships - We all wish you great race!!



On Tuesday 5th March, the Year 7 girls travelled to Brentwood County High School for a 7 - a side football match. They played well but unfortunately lost 6-2. The player of the match was Harriett F 7A2 who played on the wing, creating lots of opportunities and playing the ball forward.



Calling all Year 7's. Don't forget that Knitting and Crotchet club runs every Friday lunchtime. Everyone is welcome!!



Health & Social Care Super Six sessions are running every Monday in D06.



Katelyn C Year 8 **Español** Paige S Year 8

Year 9 French Carnaval

This week was Mardi Gras on Tuesday 4th March, otherwise known as Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day. In France it marks the end of Carnaval - 2 weeks of parades, balls, masks, fun and dancing etc. Year 9 students have been learning about this event in French lessons and have been designing their own 'Grosses Tetes' float designs. Bravo!



Bobbi C Year 11



The students are now very confident using whiteboards for starter activities, which is something we've been concentrating on this week.

Year 7 have been learning about basic spreadsheet formatting and how to use formulae and functions. It's nice to see the students incorporating a bit of flair into their spreadsheets in the way they use formatting. Just as a reminder to parents and carers that Microsoft Excel is available to use at home when the student is signed into their Microsoft 365 account using their school email address and the password they use in school to login. Harriet and Archie in 70/Cs4 did really well with these tasks.

Year 8 have been learning about the difference between RAM and ROM whilst also recapping last week's topic of the CPU. Some of the students informed me that they have built or modified their own computers, so it was nice for them to add some theoretical knowledge to their practical experience.

Year 9 have been learning about logic gates and truth tables which is a convenient introduction to the GCSE curriculum. Luckily, the students are only expected to become proficient in using the AND, OR and NOT logic gates but it's surprising the amount of complexity that can be achieved just using these. If you want to practice using logic gates at home, there is a nice website 'logic.ly' that you can use. Just select 'free trial' when you are on the home page.

Year 10 have been revising for and attempting their end of unit assessment which we will be marking as soon as possible so that the students receive feedback. When the feedback has been given and the students have produced a growth task activity we will be focussing on the following topics until Easter: Local and Wide area networks, Peer-to-peer and client server models, network hardware, network topologies, IP and MAC addressing, DNS and the internet.

Year 11 have been looking back over questions they found most challenging during the recent PPE exams and making sure they are prepared if a variation of the question crops up in the Summer. Past papers are a great way of revising and we have lots of these on Teams.

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



Celebrate Change and Adapt: British Science Week 2025

Today, March 7, marks the exciting start of British Science Week 2025, and this year's theme is all about **Change and Adapt!** From the days of the dinosaurs to the age of artificial intelligence, science and technology have evolved in ways that once seemed impossible. The way we live, learn, and interact with the world has changed so dramatically and it's all thanks to the amazing adaptations we've made over time.

Just think: Not too long ago, the idea of humans flying across the world in just a few hours or talking to someone on the other side of the planet in real-time was pure science fiction! Now, it's part of our everyday lives. From the discovery of electricity to the development of life-saving vaccines, science has consistently pushed boundaries. And don't forget the mind-blowing advancements in technology, from the first computers that filled entire rooms to the super-smart AI devices we use today that fit in our pockets!

This British Science Week, we're diving into how change and adaptation have shaped not only the world of science, but also how we, as individuals, evolve and adapt to the changing world around us. It's a perfect time to reflect on how far we've come and to get excited about where we're headed!

Here at Rivers, we've put together a fun and educational line-up of activities for all our students. So, make sure to tell them to keep an eye out for the British Science Week banner throughout the school and get involved! There's a lot in store, including challenges, interactive experiments, and opportunities to explore how science and technology are transforming our world in real-time.

Get ready to celebrate science in its many forms, from the big discoveries that changed the course of history, to the small but mighty adaptations that are shaping the future. This week is not just about learning science, but about feeling the change and getting inspired to adapt to the world of tomorrow!

Let's embrace the journey from dinosaurs to AI, and all the science in between! Stay tuned for all the exciting events happening next week there's something for everyone to discover!





Celebrating Women in Science on International Women's Day 2025

WOMEN-IN-SCIENCE



On March 8th, we celebrate International Women's Day, recognizing the remarkable contributions women have made to science under the theme Change and Adapt as part of British Science Week 2025.

Women in science have always embraced change and adapted to challenges. From Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, to Rosalind Franklin, whose work led to the discovery of DNA's structure, these women broke barriers and reshaped the world of science. Dr. Katherine Johnson's calculations helped send astronauts to the Moon, and Dr. Jane Goodall revolutionized our understanding of animal behaviour.

Today, women continue to drive innovation in fields like AI, space exploration, and climate science, proving that the spirit of adaptation remains strong. As we celebrate these trailblazers, let's support the next generation of women scientists, whose contributions will continue to shape the future.

Here's to the women who've changed the world with their passion and determination, your impact is immeasurable!



Learn more about Women in Science by clicking the link below:

[Shout Out for Women in Science | Oxford University Museum of Natural History](#)

Design a Lab Coat Competition – Enter Now!

Here's an exciting opportunity for your child or ward to showcase their creativity and win in the Baylab Design a Lab Coat Competition! Participants will have the chance to design their very own unique lab coat, and the winner will receive a special prize.

For more details and to collect a coat template, please see Mr. Williams in S04. Don't miss out, this is a fun way to blend fashion with science!

Baylab

Your mission

- Medical assistance
- Agricultural Support
- Technology of the Future
- Education and Learning
- Environmental clean up

Reminder:
Your idea doesn't have to be a robot — It could be any technology, like a smart device or Apowered tool, that helps the environment.

/// Design a lab coat showing how robots can help in the future.
/// Choose one of these themes for your design

Baylab

How to enter:

1. Choose your favourite theme:
 - Environmental clean up
 - Medical assistance
 - Technology of the Future
 - Agricultural Support
 - Education and Learning
2. Draw your robot design on a lab coat outline.
3. Add lots of color and creative ideas!
4. Hand in your lab coat to your teacher.

/// Baylab BSW Lab Coat Competition 2025



**Food Technology
Department
Stars of the Week**

Y10 Hospitality and Catering students with both Mrs Etherton and Mrs Hyde have been working hard to develop their skills in garnish and decoration over the last two weeks with a sweet and savoury presentation challenge.

For the savoury challenge they have been working with a standard ready-made dish of their choice such as a Kiev, sausage roll etc and planned creative garnish and decoration to plate it up. Using a ready-made item for the dish allows them more time to focus on the plating skills which can get overlooked in a busy practical lesson.

For the sweet version of the challenge students used a Tunnocks teacake and the theme of "culture and celebration". We had a fair few Easter and Christmas themed plates and some patriotic colours with blueberries and raspberries coulis used.



The standards have been very high and it's been lovely to see students being so creative having researched ideas for homework.

We will be entering the teacakes for the Tunnocks Teacake Challenge later this year, which is a national competition supported by the Food Teachers Centre. Watch this space for results and information!

Well done everyone and thank you to our wonderful food technician Ms Slade for supporting our students and making this possible.

Watching and Browsing Online - Internet Matters



According to Ofcom, 90% of children are watching online videos and browsing the internet regularly. Children may love to stream videos and look up information, it's a fun way to learn and relax after all, but they must be guided. The e-space is filled with inappropriate content and dangerous material. It is important that parents and even teachers, are able to steer their pupils and youngsters, towards the right places when online. Internet Matters has published a guide dedicated to supporting adults in setting digital boundaries for children, so that they can make smart choices and build healthy online habits. In the Internet Matters guide you'll find practical tips on managing content access, the use of safety controls, advice on setting boundaries and ways to educate children on how to stay secure online. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/watching-and-browsing-online-a-parents-guide/>



COMIC RELIEF

Year 7



Copper Race



This weeks Tutor Group Leaderboard



Year 8



Copper Race



This weeks Tutor Group Leaderboard





Year 7 - Mr Moon

Another great week for year 7 this week, we have been very busy with the copper race thank you to everyone who has donated.

This week on my travels around school I have seen maths lessons where they have been learning about adding and subtracting negatives. In Art they have been drawing from different perspectives. In history they have been comparing their lifestyle to those in medieval times. In PE it has been great to see the boys dance group giving it their all in with the just dance lessons next week we will be learning the Ormiston dance, and the boys will start to create their own dances in the next few lessons.

Student Shoutouts

Attendance: The attendance for year 7 is 94.04% this week. Illness is rife at the moment, but it's so important that we get to school and achieve our goal of being the best year group. The best attendance this week goes to 7A1 with 95.99 %.

Merits: The top merit earners this week are 1st Madison 7D1 with 230 merits then in 2nd place we have Bellamarie 7D1 and Jacob 7D2 each with 180 merits, and in 3rd place we have Tommy 7D1 and Poppy 7A1. The tutor group with the most merits this week is 7Z1 with 226.

Helpful Reminders

Contacting school: Please contact tutors in the first instance. If you do not get a response from the tutor, then please contact me. This helps to divide the tasks and means your query can be dealt with quickly.

7A1: Mr Chapman- rchapman@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

7A2: Mrs Cope- tcope@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

7D1: Mrs Aleksandrova- saleksandrova@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

7D2: Mrs Dos Santos- adossantos@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

7M1: Miss Hayes- ehayes@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

7M2: Mrs Nicoll- nnicoll@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk Mrs Hyde-
chyde@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

7Z1: Mr Clarke- aclarke@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

7Z2: Mrs Dennis- adennis@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

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 so that they can share their achievements with you.

Contact: smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 8 - Ms Scott

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another fantastic week in Year 8, with students earning plenty of merits and Care Cards in recognition of their hard work, kindness, and positive attitudes. A huge congratulations to Kian G. and Leila C., who were rewarded with Ms. Corbett's Easter treat this morning for consistently showing respect towards their teachers—well done! Let's keep up this excellent standard.

Our line-ups have been improving every day, with students taking responsibility for their uniform and ensuring they are quiet and respectful without needing reminders. This positive trend is great to see—long may it continue!

In assembly this week, Ms. Dennis delivered a powerful message on International Women's Day, teaching students about the history of women's rights and the importance of celebrating the women in our lives. We encourage you to take a moment this weekend to recognise and appreciate the amazing women around you.

Finally, a special congratulations to the following students who earned the most merits this week:

Lara M
Paige S
Luke R
Sam A
Thomas F
Jude L
Joshua R
Olly S
Ewan G
Megan G

Keep up the great work, Year 8!

Best regards,

Contact: hscott@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 9 – Ms Thurtle

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely week. It is so nice that the sun is finally shining again, and students are able to be outside during their break and lunch times.

Year 9 have now been given their options forms and are due to return them to Student Reception no later than Friday 14th March. I encourage you to sit down with your child to complete the form, as it must be signed by a parent and the student. We have already had a number of forms completed incorrectly.

Please use Go4Schools to look at your child's attainment and behaviour points. This will be a good indicator as to whether or not the options you discuss would be a good one to pick. Please use the links below to help you.

[Ormiston Rivers Academy - Assessment & Reporting](#)

[Ormiston Rivers Academy - Careers Guidance](#)

[Ormiston Rivers Academy - Go4Schools](#)

[OAT Maths](#)

In assembly this week, students received a talk on International Women's Day by Ms Dennis.

Can I please ask that students do not attend school with the new stretchy noodle. If your child has one, please confiscate it.



Congratulations to the students who received the highest number of merits this week.

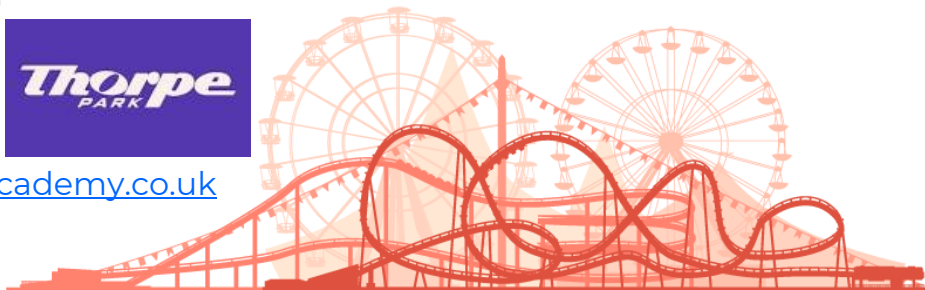
Samuel. S, Leah. R, Jess. W & George. N

Please know that the Year 9 reward trip is fast approaching. Students must exceed 2800 merits and not exceed 500 behaviour points to attend. We currently have 42 students who have met this threshold out of 65 spaces available. You will be sent an invitation in due course.

Have a lovely weekend.



Contact: cthurtle@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk





Year 10 – Ms Taylor

This week in assembly, the year 10s learned about International Women's Day, and the importance of equality between the genders.

Attendance continues to be a concern in the year group, and I ask for your support in helping to support good school attendance - 95% and above. It makes a material difference to their grades and therefore their futures.

Mr O'Toole's form has won the merit competition this week, with all of the top performers being in his form this week. Congratulations to:

Hollie P, Kayden D, Tom N, Bobby B, Tia O, Tylor E, Harrison F, Max C, Ava H, Molly P, Sienna B, Freya C, Phoebe N, Sam S - all in D1 and Thomas y in Z1 for their huge amount of merits this week.

Also congratulations to Max C who is representing Essex in cross country in Nottingham this Saturday and Isobelle C who is cheerleading in Blackpool this weekend.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Contact: staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 11 - Mr Field

Students have continued their hard work after round 2 of mock exams.

Pupils this week have been receiving their marks from the exams. On Monday 17th the year group will be having a special assembly where they will receive their grades in an envelope to replicate results day in August.

On 20th March we will be having our second parents evening where it will be a good time for parents and pupils to meet with staff about the exams and the final push leading up to the summer.

Top positive points this week were the following pupils: Bethan, Samuel, Bobbi, Alisha, Ella Mae, Jack, Ellie, Thomas, Eva, Harry, Katie, James, Lillie. Well done all and keep up the good work.

Contact: sfield@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

Today we were treated to the Road and Water Safety Team from Essex Fire. They stayed in the Sixth Form area discussing road and water safety with our students. They were using VR headsets that they use as a tool to share their safety message.



World Book Day 2025

Students worked in groups to decorate a Sixth Form door with their favourite book. The winners were Yr12 students who designed the main doors into Sixth Form with images from the Hungry Caterpillar. In second place were our Yr13 students who designed a door with Captain Underpants on it.



Dodgeball

On Thursday we will be hosting a staff V Sixth Form Dodgeball tournament in the Sports Hall during break. Look out for more information coming Monday.

Friday Feels

This term we will be focussing on something to do with Comic Relief - please let us know any ideas you may have.

Yr13 Yearbook plans have commenced and the photoshoot is taking place today. What better way to look back at your time at Rivers Sixth Form! We will also be arranging a whole year photo when the weather is a little warmer.



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Trips

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. The deadline is today!

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.

OAT Oxbridge Programme

Following the launch of the OAT Oxbridge programme which aims to support students with applying to Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group universities. A group of Year 12 students attended the virtual talk about the programme on Tuesday 25th February. These students have also now completed applications to be accepted on the programme and are waiting to hear the outcome. The next session will be a Personal Statement Presentation on Wednesday 7th May 3:30pm-4:30pm and this will be available to any students looking to attend university.

Exams/Study

Congratulations to our Yr12 Criminology students who have sat real exams this week. Excellent behaviour from all involved. 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.

Tutor Sessions

A reminder that you need to attend all mandatory tutor sessions

Monday - Yr 12 Assembly, Yr 13 Careers

Wednesday - Yr 12 Skills

Friday - Yr 12 Careers, Yr 13 Assembly

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.



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

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

Interviews are now completed for Sixth Form and letters have been sent out to all students who applied with conditional offers or the outcome of the meeting.

Housekeeping

We are noticing a few lanyards not being worn again. This is a requirement of a Sixth Form student.

Summer Ball letters will be going out next week - the date this year is Friday 27th June at the Royal Corinthian.

We understand that this time of year is very stressful and students may start feeling the pressure of exams. Please do speak to Mrs Penberthy or Mrs Wilkins if you have any concerns.

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.



Red Nose Day 2025 - 21st March

We are now selling red noses in the Academy Shop. They are £1, all monies received will be sent to the charity. Please help us raise as much as we can.



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 each half-term may be donated to charity or disposed of accordingly, therefore, please remind your children to check for anything they have misplaced before this time. Thank you.

Week

Next Weeks is Week A

Thank you

It's a GOOD week to have a GOOD week



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'.



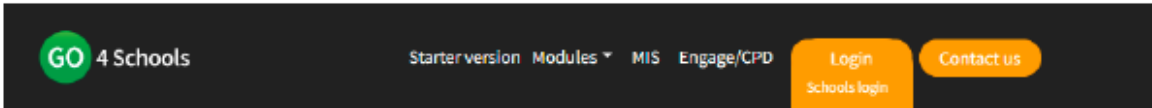
Parent / Carer Login

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.
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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

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.



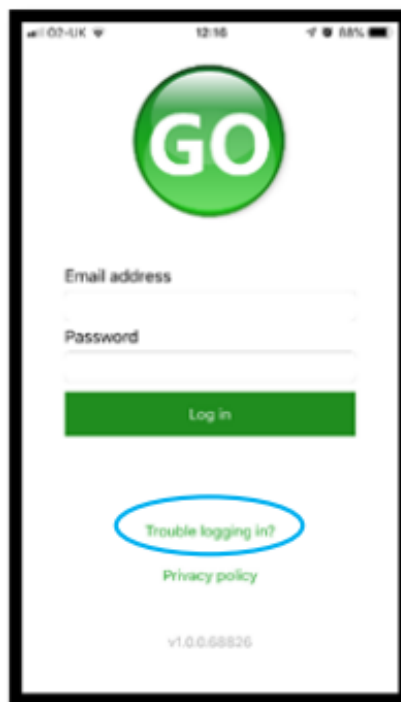
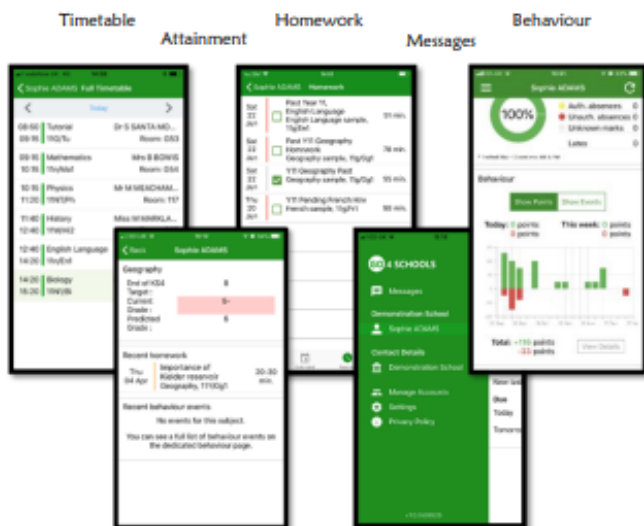
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2 – Type in your school email address.

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.