



### Message from the Principal

It has been another busy week at Rivers.

I was delighted to welcome our OAT CEO, Tom Rees to the academy on Thursday. Tom took a tour of the school and met with staff and students and it was a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate the progress we have been making on our development journey together as an academy.

Interviews took place this week for the Year 8 & 9 students that had applied for a place at the Felsted Summer School this year. We had 23 applicants and all of the students performed really well at their interviews and should be very proud of themselves. I am delighted to announce that the following students were successful in gaining one of the ten fully funded places this year. Congratulations to:

Laila C 8A2	Christopher E 8M1	Mollie B 9D1	Lacey N 9A1	Jessica W 9A2
Ethan A 9A2	Louisa W 9A2	Erin R 9D2	Freya H 9M1	Danica C 9M1

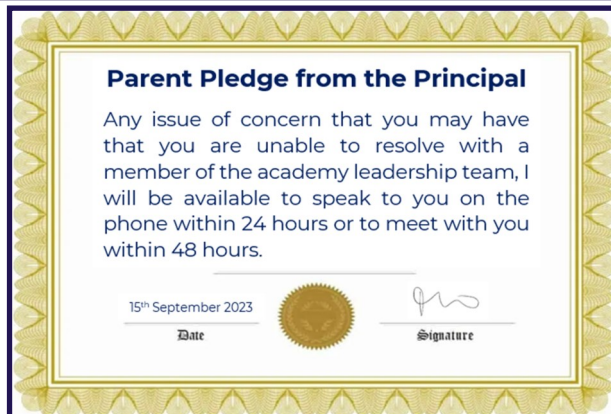
On Wednesday, two of our Sixth Form students Riley and Keeaun performed at the regional heats of Ormiston's Got Talent 2025 at Ormiston SWB Academy in Wolverhampton where they performed the songs 'Time Goes By' which has been written by them. I am told their performance was fantastic and we are very proud of them for representing Rivers at this competition.

Our PE department hosted a Year 7 and Year 8 rugby festival this week for our local secondary schools. On Tuesday our Year 11 boys football team attended a fixture against William De Ferrers School and on Wednesday our Year 7 girls played a netball match against Plume Academy. I would like to thank our PE staff for organising and accompanying our student to these sports events.

This Saturday some of our Year 8 students will be attending the Magistrates Mock Trial Competition taking place at Basildon Crown Court. Students have been working very hard towards this after school with Ms Dennis and we wish them all the best of luck.

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



### *Tea with the Principal*

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 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..

Eoin C 8D1	Lexi D 8Z1	Charlie B 8M2	
Mia L 8D1	Alice M 8Z1	James J 8M2	Tyson K-S 8Z2
Ivy N 8M1	Freya O 8A1	Riley N 8A2	Megan R 8D2
Ewan G 8M1	Jack F 8A1	Samuel B 8A2	Theo G 8D2



## 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 **"Constitute"**.

Why not have a go? Send the definition and the word in a sentence to [lsams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:lsams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).

**Say it:** kon·stuh·choot

**Spell it:** Con-stit-ute

**Constitute**  
(verb)

(Prefix) **con** -  
together, with;  
altogether

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

**Understand it**

Be (a part) of a whole

### *Knitting & Crochet Club*

Calling all Year 7's. Don't forget that Knitting and Crotchet club runs every Friday lunchtime in D05 with Mrs Procter and Daisy in Year 12 as the club leader. Everyone is welcome!!



A huge well done to the Year 13 drama students, who put on a fantastic performance to parents showcasing their exam pieces.

The standard was extremely high, and students performed a mixture of scripted and original material.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed it, and we know they will all do very well in their practical exam this week.



### **Year 7 Netball**

On Wednesday our Year 7 netball teams played a friendly match against Plume School. Due to the high demand of players, we decided to play 2 teams, giving students who have just started netball for their PE lessons a chance to explore their love for the sport.

The girls played 4 matches, winning 3 out of 4 and drawing their final match. Both teams played some excellent netball, showcasing the skills they have been learning and developing during lessons.

Players of the match, nominated by the Plume students were:  
Amelia E, Lola K and Tilda S.

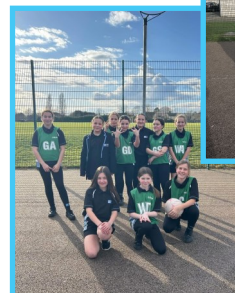
Well done girls!

### **Cross Country**

Well done to Max C (10D1) for representing Essex last Saturday in the UK CAU Inter Counties Cross Country Championships that were held in Nottingham.

Essex was placed as the 15<sup>th</sup> best team nationally in the U15 boy's category.

We wish Max all the best with his upcoming athletics season as he aims to break a couple of school records this year.



Health & Social Care Super Six sessions are running every Monday from 3:20 to 4:20 in D05 with Mrs Procter.





### **Magistrates Mock Trial**

Please wish our students good luck as we head off to Basildon Crown Court for the Magistrates Mock Trial on Saturday. Our team comprised of a dedicated small Year 8 group who have been working extremely hard in their own time and after school. We also had the pleasure of a visit from JP Palmer to help with this event. Exciting times ahead!



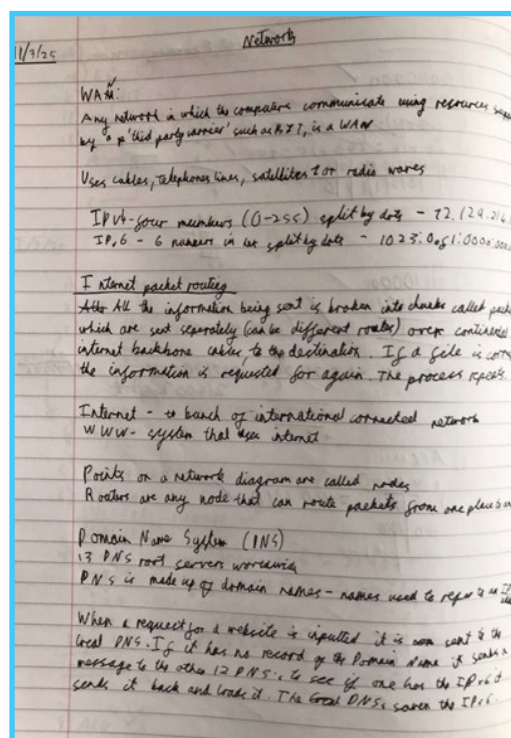


Year 7 have continued to develop their spreadsheet skills using Microsoft Excel. They looked at formulas and functions such as SUM() & COUNT(). It's nice seeing the lightbulb moment when students realise how much time they can save using these functions.

Year 8 have been learning about Translators and the difference between Compilers and Interpreters. They also recapped their knowledge of computer components such as RAM and ROM. The students used examples on paper of how instructions were either compiled as an executable file or interpreted line by line, which of course allows the user to see if there are any errors before proceeding to the next line. Well done to Ava and James of 8R/Cs1 that did particularly well with this task.

Year 9 have continued learning about Logic Gates and are now combining them to create more complex logic diagrams. Chloe and George in 90/Cs4 did well with this task.

Year 10 have started learning about Networks and we focused on Local and Wide area Networks. We've been linking the concepts to real world scenarios such as the school network. Here is an example of Hazel's self-motivated note taking.



Year 11 are honing their skills based on the results of their recent PPE exams. It's important that students focus on the areas they feel less confident in as it's very easy to keep repeating tasks that are within their comfort zone and develop a false sense of where they are at in terms of their subject knowledge. We have past papers and resources on teams but please ask for more revision ideas. Shout outs Joslyn and Oliver who have approached this week's lessons with renewed enthusiasm.

### 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



**Coding Challenge 2025 at ORA**

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, selected students will take part in a coding challenge. Students have been invited with an invitation, which has been handed to them during tutor time. This will take place during P2 and the challenge will last for 45 mins. The selected students are those who did very well in the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge in November. The names of those invited are:

Archie 7o/Cs4	Islay 7r/Cs1
Alexander 7o/Cs1	Thomas 7o/Cs1
Elissa 7o/Cs1	Finn 8o/Cs4
Autumn 7o/Cs2	Esme 7o/Cs2
Stanley 7r/Cs3	Tommy 9o/Cs1
Harlie 7r/Cs3	Teddy 8o/Cs2
Ava 7o/Cs2	Lara 8o/Cs1
Grace 7o/Cs2	Joslyn 11C/Cs1
Bobby 7r/Cs3	Oliver 11C/Cs1
Sienna 7r/Cs2	Rose 9o/Cs1
Michael 7r/Cs3	Beau 8o/Cs4
Jessica 7r/Cs3	Annie 8r/Cs1
Alena 7r/Cs3	Erin 7o/Cs3
Evie 7o/Cs2	Keegan 9o/Cs2
Jack 7r/Cs3	Ryan 8r/Cs1
Hannah 7r/Cs1	Elliott 11C/Cs1
Zhani 7o/Cs1	April 8r/Cs2
James 8r/Cs1	Alice 8o/Cs4
Scarlett 7r/Cs3	





is hereby invited to participate in the

**2025 Coding Challenge on the 31st March Period 2 in IT04**

You are cordially invited to participate in the online Coding Challenge which takes place on th 31st March ( Monday) Period 2 in IT04

Just like in Bebras you will need to have great computational thinking skills but unlike Bebras you will need to prepare. You will find information and tutorials explaining how to prepare in the coding Challenge tab on [bebras.uk](http://bebras.uk).

Mrs Gibson will be running practice sessions in IT04 every Monday and Tuesday Lunchtime starting the 10th March as practice will be required to participate. Mrs Gibson will notify students of the date and time that the actual challenge will take place as it has to be overseen by a teacher- the challenge is 45 minutes and students will miss a lesson to take part.

We really hope you can take part.

*Peter Millican*

Professor Peter Millican



Hertford College

Email or see Mrs Gibson in IT04 ASAP to register your intention to take part

Practice sessions are held every Monday and Tuesday lunchtime in IT04 with Mrs Gibson. Students can also practice at home using this [link](#); (no login required as these will be given out at the start of the actual challenge on March 31<sup>st</sup>).

Students need to select the **Novice** level unless they are in Years 10 or 11, in which case they should select **Explorers**.

**Students MUST attend a practice session OR let Mrs Gibson know that they wish to participate, as if they do not, they will be unable to take part in the actual challenge on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March Period 2.**

Any questions please contact Mrs Gibson: [dgibson@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:dgibson@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).



### Year 7 - Mr Moon

We have been very busy with lots of fixtures this week. The Year 7 rugby tournament took place and the boys went undefeated with one win and a draw. We also had the Year 7 netball tournament where we managed to get two teams out and both teams won without conceding a single point! A special thank you to all the supporters who came to watch both competitions.



Year 7 attendance this week is 94.04%. Please keep trying your best to get to school, to ensure that we have the best attendance in the school. The tutor group with the highest attendance this week is 7A1 with 96.04 %.

Top merit earners this week are Bellamarie 7D1 with 250, Riley 7A1 and Poppy 7A1 with 220 and Madison 7D1 with 200. The tutor group with the most merits this week are 7Z1.

A shout out to Lexi 7D2 for being selected to be an Everton Ladies Mascot today!! We all hope you have a great time.



When you need to contact the school, please make form tutors your first port of call and me your second. This helps to divide the tasks and means your query can be dealt with quickly and more efficiently. Contact details for form tutors are as follows:

- 7A1: Mr Chapman- [rchapman@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:rchapman@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)
- 7A2: Mrs Cope- [tcope@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:tcope@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)
- 7D1: Mrs Aleksandrova- [saleksandrova@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:saleksandrova@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)
- 7D2: Mrs Dos Santos- [adossantos@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:adossantos@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)
- 7M1: Miss Hayes- [ehayes@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:ehayes@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)
- 7M2: Mrs Nicoll- [nnicoll@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:nnicoll@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)  
Mrs Hyde- [chyde@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:chyde@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)
- 7Z1: Mr Clarke- [aclarke@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:aclarke@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)
- 7Z2: Mrs Dennis- [adennis@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:adennis@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)

Please make sure your child wearing the correct uniform each day. You can check the school guidelines for correct uniform if you're unsure about anything.

I hope you all have a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all for another great week.

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

Huge congratulations to Laila (8A2) and Christopher (8M1), who have secured a place at the Felsted Summer School this year. I'm sure it will be a fantastic experience for them.

It was also lovely to see some of our Year 8 student who have demonstrated our CARE values being rewarded with milkshakes and cake with the Ms Williams this afternoon.

Congratulation to the following students who have all received over 200 merits this week—well done!

Olly S  
Lara M  
Lewie L  
Jude L  
Grace A  
Izabelle Q  
Eoin C  
Thomas F  
Megan G  
Eleanor B

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!

Have a lovely weekend and I can't wait to see everyone next week.

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





**Year 9 – Ms Thurtle**

Students should have now handed in their options forms to student reception and the process is now underway to prepare for Year 10.

Please use Go4Schools to look at your child's attainment and behaviour points. Please use the links below to help you.

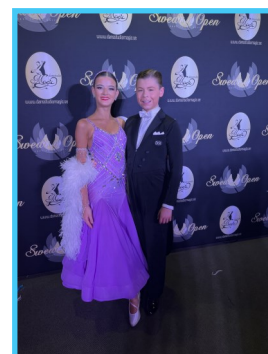
[Ormiston Rivers Academy - Assessment & Reporting](#)

[Ormiston Rivers Academy - Careers Guidance](#)

[Ormiston Rivers Academy - Go4Schools](#)

[OAT Maths](#)

Ethan. A (Year 9) and Sophia. S (Year 8) had an amazing time in Sweden and achieved fantastic results in their most recent dance competition. They were the only UK couple in the under 14's Ballroom and Latin category and were delighted to reach the finals in both. It was a great experience for them travelling to Sweden and competing against incredible international dancers. Congratulations guys, I can't wait to see what amazing things you'll achieve next!



Year 9 had their immunisation jabs this week. The year group were very mature and polite to the NHS staff who came in to see them.

A small group of Year 9 students have been working with Bruce from the Essex Boys & Girls Club. They have been invited on a residential trip to the Lake District for the Maldon Respect Project. Well done to: Haiyden. V, Jack. S, Pippa. G, Sophie. L, Penny. S and Tommy. S who have worked so incredibly hard during this time.

The Respect Project has been delivering since the year 2000 and has helped over 1,500 young people gain confidence and build life skills. The project was conceived and developed by Simon Knightly, a Police Officer and the County Director of EBGC in 2000. The project was co-designed with input from local community groups, young people from youth clubs, and young people contacted through detached/outreach work. This fills a gap in provision for young people, opening up opportunities and ultimately improving their outcomes. The overall format for the project has remained relatively consistent. Young people provide direct feedback at all stages of the project, and this is systematically reviewed.

Have a lovely weekend.

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



### **Year 10 – Ms Taylor**

This week in assembly Year 10 had a careers focus, with particular attention to work experience that will be taking place in the last week of the summer term.. Many Year 10's that I have spoken to have a good idea of what they will be doing, but are yet to get their forms in. The deadline in May will soon come around and so I urge them to get these in as soon as possible. Mentors, Ms Makwana, Ms Compton and I are here to help any student who needs help trying to decide what they would like to do and there is plenty of information on the school website.

Also this week, Ms Williams came into assembly to check that standards of uniform are right. With the Year 11 students soon leaving, Year 10 need to step up to the challenge of being the senior uniformed students in the school, and therefore their standards need to be high, as they are role modelling for the younger years.

This week's top merit earners are:

Hollie P - D1	Tylor E - D1	Emmaline B - A2	Faith W - Z2	Daisy S - A1.
Thomas Y - Z1	Albert S - M2	Freddie J - M2	Edward A - A2	
Suzie P - D1	Katalinah W - A2	Becca M - M2	Max C - D1	
Kayden D - D1	Bella W - M2	Blake V - A2	Evan M - D1	

Congratulations to those students.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

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

### **Year 11 - Mr Field**

As we grow ever closer to the summer exams, students are continuing to focus and work hard in their preparation for mid May.

During learning walks this week it was great to see students working well in their morning interventions. In science I saw James working out correctly what are the recessive & dominant genes in genetics. Then Poppy was able to correctly inform me of what are alkanes and giving numerous examples.

Students that have received the most positive points this week are Oscar, Anna, Ella, Jack, Charlie, Zach, Beth, George, Harvey, Jacob, Samuel and Rory. Well done to you all.

Just a reminder that we have Year 11 parents evening on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

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



# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

### Sporting Competitions

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.

Today, Year 12 students took part in a 5 aside football tournament at lunch, competing for House points. PHOTO

### Mathematics Intervention

Our fantastic mathematicians have set up intervention sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays after school. Monday sessions will be run by Year 12 and Tuesday by Year 13. We had a fantastic turnout, and our Teaching and Learning lead Luca has been driving this project to improve outcomes.



### Friday Feels

George is fundraising for the Little Princess Trust. He has been growing his hair for the last 3 years and will be donating this along with all of the money he raises. His goal is £700, the amount needed to cover the cost of making a real-hair wig. Here is the link to his Just Giving page - [https://www.justgiving.com/page/george-hutcheon-1?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/george-hutcheon-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)



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. We will also be arranging a whole year photo when the weather is a little warmer.

### 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.

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 Russel Group universities. A group of Year 12 students attended the virtual talk about the programme on Tuesday 25th February. These students



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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 amazing A Level drama students who completed their final practical exam today! Every performance was superb, and we are incredibly proud of all of them.



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.

## **WEX - Year 12**

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.





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Summer Ball letters will be going out next week - the date this year is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mwilkins@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)

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# Catering



## Menu

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

## Nut Allergies

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

## Parentpay

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

## Free School Meals

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

## Catering Cards

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

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



# Rivers Academy Shop

## Academy Shop

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

Equipment:

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

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

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

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

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



## 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](mailto:kcannon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).

### **Lost Property**

We have several items in lost property, mainly coats, PE kits, blazers and drinking bottles. Any student can check in Student Reception for lost items. Please note that items not collected before the end of 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.





**Essex County Council**

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

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

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

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

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

### **First Offence**

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

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

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

### **National Threshold**

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

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

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

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

### **Second Offence**

**(within 3 years)**

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

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

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

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

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

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



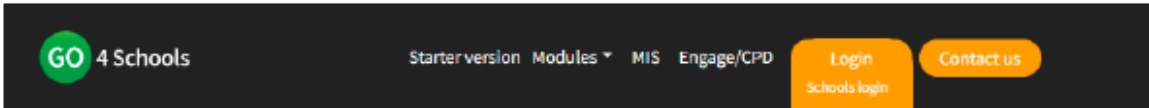
### Parent / Carer Login

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



# Ormiston RIVERS Academy

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



### Welcome to GO 4 Schools

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

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



	Overview	Attendance live percentage for the academic year (24hr update).
	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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**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.



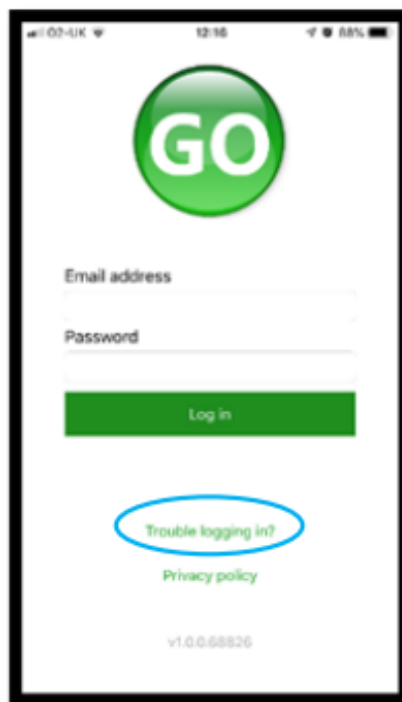
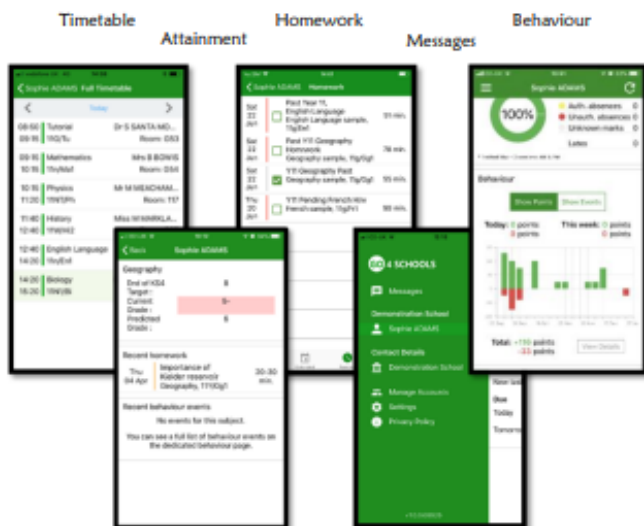
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2 – Type in your school email address.

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.





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# **CADETS**

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## **PREPARING YOU FOR YOUR FUTURE**

Essex Police's Volunteer Police Cadet scheme offers a fantastic variety of fun and exciting opportunities for young people from 13-18 years old.

Being a cadet will help prepare you for your future by providing a unique experience to become part of the Police family.

Cadets will have many opportunities to gain further qualifications and develop themselves in fun and positive ways, gaining life experiences that will enhance interpersonal skills, confidence and develop a sense of pride through supporting their local community.

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