



### **Message from the Principal**

On Thursday 3rd April at 5pm we would like to launch the first of our parent forums. Please subscribe to the Ormiston Rivers YouTube account, the link is here:

[Ormiston Rivers Academy - YouTube.](#)

The topic of our first Forum is **'Go4Schools: a simple guide'**.

You will be able to ask questions live in the YouTube chat. Mr Priddle (Senior Vice Principal) and I will be available to answer your questions.

It has been another busy week at Rivers with various trips, visits and sporting fixtures.

On Tuesday our A-Level Drama & Dance students were invited to attend an exciting educational performance of Hamilton at the Victoria Palace Theatre in London. The performance was followed by a 20-minute technical demonstration and Q&A with members of the Hamilton cast and crew.

On Friday our Year 12 students attended the UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fair at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium. This event designed for KS5 students is an exciting and informative event to provide students with the opportunity to speak to a multitude of exhibiting universities and apprenticeship providers. These will include Russell Group, red brick and modern institutions, as well as apprenticeship providers and local colleges.

Our PE department have been busy with lots of fixtures for our students.

On Tuesday our Year 8 Boys had a football match against Beaulieu and our Year 7, 8 and 9 Girls played Boswells. On Wednesday our Year 7 Boys had an away futsal fixture at Sandon School and on Thursday our Year 7 Girls had an away futsal fixture at Sandon School.

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

**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.

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Date



*Jo Williams*

Signature



### Dates for your Diary



**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

Year 8 Parents Evening

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Break up for Easter Holiday (Academy closes at 1.50 pm)

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

All students return from Easter Holiday

### Parents Evenings 2024-25

Year 8 - 31 March 2025

Year 7 - 6 May 2025



### *Tea with the Principal*

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, the following Year 9 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..

Evelyn B 9A2

Freya H 9M1

Harry T 9D1

Lewis H 9Z2

George R 9A2

Danica C 9M1

Voilet B 9D1

Chloe C 9Z2

Poppy F 9Z1

Lia M 9A1

Jensen H 9D2

Darcey J 9Z1

Beau D 9A1

Tommy W 9D2



### **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 **"Circular"**.

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

[Isams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:Isams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).

**Say it:** suh·kyuh·luh

**Spell it:** Circ-u-lar

**Circular**  
(adjective)

(Prefix) **circ** - around  
(Suffix) **ate** - make into, become; put into action; treat with

**Stem:** circ:- around

**Understand it**

Having the form of a circle

### **Super 6**

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



A massive well done to Riley SF1 and Keeaun SF2, who competed in the semi-final of Ormiston's Got Talent last week. They were fantastic and got through to the final at The Birmingham Rep Theatre on 10th July.

The judges commented on how impressed they were that the song they performed was written by themselves and the audience also thoroughly enjoyed it. Henry SF1 also supported as their producer. We are very proud and look forward to the final.



There is also an opportunity to be a compere for the final. If you would like to enter, please come and see Mrs Turnnidge for more information. This would involve introducing the acts on stage for the event, along with students from other Ormiston Academies. This would be a great opportunity for those who enjoy public speaking.



### Performing Arts Trip

On Tuesday, GCSE and A Level Drama and Dance students travelled to the West End on Tuesday to watch an educational performance of Hamilton. This included a technical demonstration and Q&A with members of the Hamilton cast and crew. A fantastic experience for all involved.



**FRANCAIS** Ella B (11Z1)  
**Español** Lara M (8Z1)



Bobbi C (11M1)

### 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, as are any wool donations!!





A busy week for the PE Department this week. We have had 7 fixtures taking place throughout the week!

### Girls Football

On Tuesday the Year 7, 8 and 9 Girls Football teams played games against The Boswells School. A great game of football for all of the teams. Our Year 7 team drew 3-3, with all 3 goals coming from Monet G! Our year 8 team were unfortunate to lose 2-1 with the goal coming from Jenna S. And our Year 9 team also drew 3-3, with all 3 goals coming from Evie J!

A special thanks to our Sports Leadership students Blake W and Patrick S for refereeing the games.

#### Player of the Match:

Year 9 - Evie J

Year 7 - Millie B

Year 8 - Scarlett H

Year 9 - Evie J



### Year 7 Girls Futsal

On Thursday, our Year 7 Futsal team travelled to Samson School for their annual tournament. We played 4 games, against Sandon, St Martins and Becket Keys. The team were unfortunate enough to lose their matches but what an experience for the team who have never played Futsal!

A special well done to everyone!

#### Player of the Match:

Mia W





Year 7 have been continuing their learning journey with Spreadsheets, and this week the focus was using Microsoft Excel to calculate and format real life scenarios. The students commented to me that their parents used spreadsheets for similar tasks during their work life so it was nice to see that the students are appreciating the usefulness spreadsheet software.

Year 8 have been learning about embedded systems which is a current hot topic. Embedded systems are often part of the IoT (Internet of Things) where pieces of hardware that are embedded with sensors, software, and other technologies are used for the purpose of connecting and exchanging data with other devices and systems over the internet. This is currently one of the most popular courses at university and the students seem to like it. Well done to Teddy and Ella of 80/CS2 that did particularly well with these tasks.

Year 9 have been consolidating their learning of logic gates by applying their knowledge to real life scenarios such as controlling the temperature of a greenhouse automatically. Students are encouraged to practice their logic circuits using the 'Logic.ly' website. Ben, Evie and Thomas of 90/CS3 particularly well with these tasks, well done!

Year 10 have been busy going through their recent test results and used a rating of green, amber or red depending on how well they did with each question. Students were then encouraged to perform various growth tasks relating to the areas of knowledge that require the most attention. A special well done to Alex, Cooper, Hazel and Suzie who got the highest marks.

Year 11 have just had their parents evening with lots of people attending if you didn't manage to get a slot and would still like to talk to your computer science teacher please drop me an e-mail this week, year 11 have also been using various revision strategies to fill the gaps in their learning.

**Clubs and Super Six sessions:**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
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



### Timber Donation

A massive thank you goes out to Brooks Bros Timber in Danbury for their very generous donation of timber for students to use in their DT lessons.

Donations are always welcome at the school and they are always very much appreciated. We can't wait to show you some of the fantastic projects that the students will be working on.

**BROOKS BROS**  
FOR THE COMPLETE TIMBER SERVICE



# RED NOSE DAY Copper Race



Years 7 and 8 took part in a copper race which was lead by Mrs Byford and Mrs Sexton. The idea was for each tutor group to collect as many 1p and 2p coins as they could to raise money for Comic Relief.

Between the two year groups they raised a whopping £217.28, which is a fantastic result!

The winning tutor group for Year 7 was 7A2, and the winning tutor group for Year 8 was 8Z2.

However, there has to be an overall winner and that award goes to:

**7A2**

Both 7A2 and 8Z2 are being rewarded with a slice of cake which they will collect from Mrs Byford during Lunch on Friday.



Well done everyone and thank you for your kind donations.



**Year 7 - Mr Moon**

Another great week for Year 7 this week. We have been very busy with lots of fixtures again this week we had the boys' and girls' annual futsal tournament this week were they both played three different schools in a game of Futsal it was great to see so many schools come together to play a sport that is not commonly found in secondary schools.

**Learning walks:**

Maths: The year 7's have been learning substitution in algebra. They have also been completing their times tables quizzes and their method maths homework.

Music: The students have been looking at composing music based on different themes this week was Scary/Horror.

Science: in Science they have been learning about the composition of the earth and the layers to space.

**Student Shoutouts:**

Attendance the attendance for year 7 is 93.94% 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 95.97 %.

Top 3 merit earners this week are joint 1st Bellamarie 7D1 with 270 merits outstanding once again, in 2nd we have Matilda 7D1 with 250 merits great work and in joint 3rd place we have Madison 7D1 and Alex 7D1. The tutor group with the most merits this week are 7D1.

**Helpful Reminders**

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Year 7 - Mr Moon**

**Tutor contacts:**

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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

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

Many thanks, Mr Moon

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**Year 8 - Ms Scott**

Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers,

It has been another fantastic week for Year 8, and we are incredibly proud of our students. We have seen a significant reduction in after-school detentions, which is a testament to their positive attitude and commitment to our school values.

During this week's assembly, we focused on student leadership and how the school has actively listened to and acted on student feedback. As a result, we have introduced quieter corridors during break and lunchtimes and increased staff presence on the astroturf to ensure a more enjoyable environment for all students.

We were also delighted to celebrate our students' success in the Burnham-on-Crouch Rotary Club poetry competition. A huge congratulations to Katelynn C for her well-deserved prize!

Well done to Jenna S and George C, who were awarded Ms. Corbett's Students of the Week for their outstanding contributions to their football matches on Tuesday night. Both received an Easter egg as a reward for their efforts!

A special good luck to Charlie Wiggins, who is heading to Austria to represent the UK in a snowboarding tournament – an incredible achievement!

Please can I take the time to remind parents that if you have any feedback regarding your child's classes, please ensure that these are first addressed with the class teacher. This allows them to respond directly and take action where necessary. If the issue persists, it can then be escalated to the Head of Department and, if needed, to me as Head of Year.

We are also reminding students that they should first speak with their tutor or teacher before approaching me with concerns. As a full-time English teacher, I need to prioritise students' needs accordingly, and we encourage students to follow the correct channels before seeking my support.

For any SEN-related concerns, please direct these to our SENDCO, Ms. Tovey, at [jtovey@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:jtovey@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).

Ms. Corbett and I are looking forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evening next week. If you have not yet been able to book an appointment, please feel free to reach out to teachers via email, and they will be happy to provide feedback.

With just two weeks left until the end of this half-term, we are excited about the rewards and activities planned for the next one!

Finally, a big well done to our top 10 behaviour points students this week – your hard work and positive attitude have not gone unnoticed!

Dean J  
George O  
Brianna B  
James J

Riley N  
Phoebe M  
Georgia R  
Sam A

George R  
Lenny S

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



**Year 9 – Ms Thurtle**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have had a good week.

Students have now submitted their options forms, and I hope your child is excited for what is to come! We are now in the process of celebrating student success by selecting winners for the termly Honours assembly which will take place very soon.

This Friday students have been selected for Hot Chocolate and Cake with the Headteacher! Congratulations to the students below:

Harry. T, Violet. B, Evenlyn. B, George. R, Darcey. J, Poppy. F, Freya. H, Danica. C, Lia. M, Beau. D, Lewis. H and last but by no means least, Chloe. C!

For our dancers, Erin R and Adele R, they competed in the U16 advanced category for the first time for street and contemporary styles in solos and duos and placed first and second in all their routines. They were later joined by Alexia. C (9M1), Ava. B (8A1/2) Emily. RC (8Z2) and Isla. L(7M1) for their street and contemporary team routines, which they also placed in first position for. Congratulations ladies!!

As I move into my final weeks being Head of Year 9, my focus remains on creating a safe and engaging space for students. Creating this space is about fostering kindness, respect and inclusivity. To be transparent, I have needed to address this more than ever with students this week and I need your support with reminding our children about the importance of treating others with respect. It is something that I say every single morning to them on our daily line up, whilst form tutors do the same during PSHE and Culture Wednesday.

I was genuinely moved by the new Netflix series 'Adolescence' and would encourage parents/carers to watch it if they can. It isn't an easy watch and in truth, Jamie's story isn't far-fetched. We are living in a world where children are regularly exposed to toxic social media, indoctrinated by what they consume. Every single day, I see the effects that social media is having on our children. The series highlights the rise of incel culture, with communication using emojis with negative meaning and hidden messages. Reducing your child's time on social media is challenging, but it's possible with a combination of clear boundaries, engaging alternatives, and open communication. Here are some effective strategies:

**Set Clear Limits**

- Use screen time controls or parental controls to set daily limits on social media use.
- Establish "no-phone zones" (e.g., during meals, in the bedroom at night).

**Lead by Example**

- Model healthy screen habits by limiting your own social media use.
- Prioritise in-person interactions over screen time.

**Encourage Offline Activities**

- Get your child involved in hobbies, sports, or creative activities.
- Plan family outings or game nights to replace screen time with quality bonding.



**Use Apps & Tools**

- Apps like Apple Screen Time, Google Family Link, which can help monitor and limit usage.
- Set up 'Find my Friends' to ensure you are aware of your child's location.

**Educate About the Impact**

- Discuss the effects of excessive social media use, including mental health concerns.
- Encourage self-awareness by having them track their screen time.

**Make it a Collaborative Effort**

- Instead of enforcing strict rules, involve your child in setting reasonable limits.
- Help them recognise when social media is interfering with sleep, school, or real-life relationships.

**Are you worried about your child?**

**If you require any support, please email myself or Ms Scott**

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

- **Stay calm & open-minded** – Avoid confrontation, as that may deepen their resistance.
- **Encourage critical thinking** – Ask open-ended questions that make them reflect.
- **Expose them to diverse perspectives** – Introduce books, discussions, and experiences that broaden their worldview.
- **Strengthen emotional connection** – Maintain a trusting relationship so they feel safe discussing their beliefs.

Have a safe a restful weekend

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**Year 10 – Ms Taylor**

This week, students have been reminded about the need for good attendance (over 95%) and good conduct in order to access an automatic invite to year 11 prom. Students are reminded weekly, and yet there is no reduction in the number of detentions. It is of particular concern that many students are ending up in SLT detentions when for most incidents the initial sanction is 10 minutes. The accumulation of negative behaviour points could affect their future prom invites. I have been transparent with students about the fact that prom is a reward to be earned. I would appreciate your support with this.

Assembly this week was on student leadership. Year 10 are now moving into the space of senior students with year 11 preparing to leave, and my expectation is that they lead by example. They are more than capable.

A reminder that the deadline for work experience is in May, and so for those that are yet to organise their placement, the clock is ticking.

If you are yet to see it, Adolescence on Netflix is a hard hitting, yet realistic drama highlighting the toxicity of social media. The series tracks a young lad indoctrinated by incel culture. It is a timely reminder that we as adults need to have an ongoing dialogue with young people about how to manage their social media and keep themselves safe. I recommend it as a watch and as a possible discussion point,

**Top merit earners this week are:**

Emily B - A1  
Suzie P - D1  
Georgie C - D1  
Matthew C - m2  
Amelie c - A1  
Tylor E - D1  
Henry A - Z2  
Max C - D1  
George C - M2  
Daisy S - A1  
Mia A - Z2  
Phoebe N - D1  
Summer T - D1.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

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**Year 11 - Mr Field**

On Monday the year group received their mock exams results in assembly. The students opened an envelope with their grades to replicate the process of when they finally receive their GCSE results in August.

It was pleasing to see so many faces beaming with pride and happiness as they have achieved good grades.

This week we saw our second parents evening and it was great to see so many students and parents discussing the preparation for the summer exams with the class teachers.

I hope all the students take note of their mock results and the advice from their teachers and prepare thoroughly for their exams.

**Top positive points earner this week are:**

Oscar, Bethan Ella, Bethany, Jessica, Samuel, Charlie, Harry, Harry, Lillie, Ava & Isabella.

Well done to you all

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

# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

### Sporting Competitions

On Thursday we hosted our first staff vs Sixth Form dodgeball tournament in the Sports Hall during break. It was a fantastic turnout raising £74 for Comic Relief. PHOTO

On Monday, Year 12 students took part in a 5 aside football tournament, competing for House points. Amazon won the overall prize



### Friday Feels

Today we travelled to a university/apprenticeship career fair trip at the Emirates Stadium London.

### 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.



### House Assemblies

Next week students are required to attend their House assembly instead of their usual one.

Monday - Amazon  
Tuesday - Danube  
Thursday - Mekong  
Friday - Zambezi

### Careers

If any Year 13 students would like a careers appointment or support for the final few months, please speak to Mrs Penberthy to arrange this.



# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

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

### **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 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**

Business interviews started this week for Year13 students to contribute towards their coursework grade.

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.





# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

**Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins**

## **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.

As the weather is starting to warm up, can we please be mindful and follow the correct uniform policy. Please see Mrs Wilkins or Mrs Penberthy if you are unsure.

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).



# Catering



## Win An Easter Egg!



## Suggest a grab 'n' go option for break

- Design a recipe for a grab 'n' go item
- It must cost no more than £1.50 to make
- Give it a name
- Write it on a ticket
- Add your name & tutor group
- Pop it in the box

All entries will be judged for originality, cost and tastiness. Two winners will be chosen and presented with one of the above Easter eggs during end of term assembly.



# Rivers Academy Shop

## Academy Shop

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

Equipment:

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

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

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

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

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



### **Absence Reporting**

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

MyEd Messaging App

ConnectED absence line: 0845 355 8104

Attendance line: 01621 787855

### **Change of Personal Details**

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

### **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'.



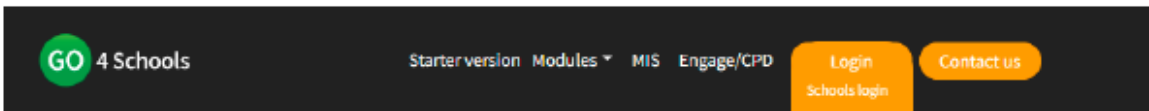
### Parent / Carer Login

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



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



### Welcome to GO 4 Schools

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

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



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

Send password reset link

### Forgotten Password

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

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



## G4S App Login

1 – Download the app.



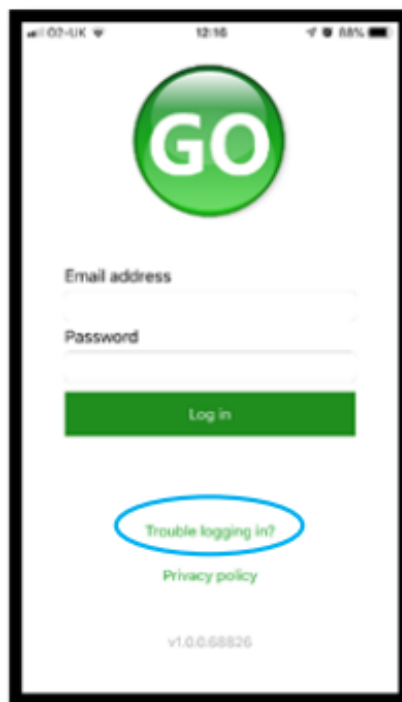
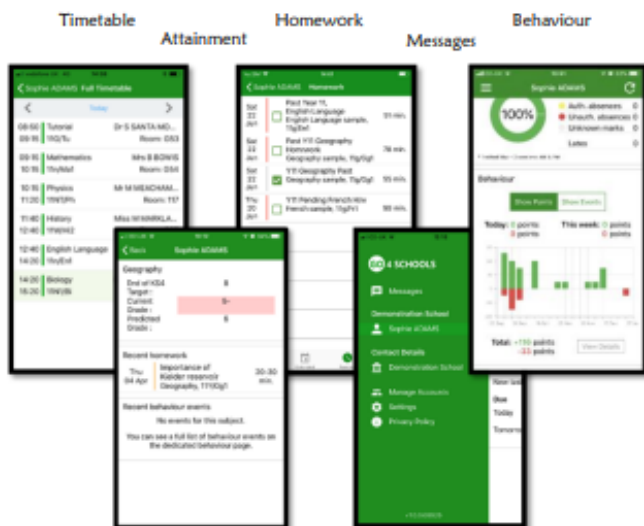
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2 – Type in your school email address.

3 – Type in your password.

This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



### FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD?

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

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

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

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





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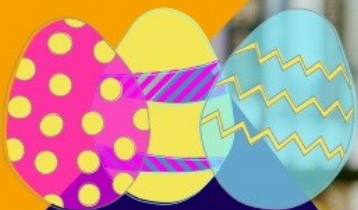


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