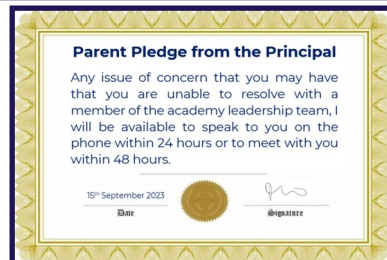


### Message from the Principal

We reach the end of another eventful week at Rivers in the run up to the Easter holiday. As we reach the end of a busy Spring term, I hope that our students take some time over the holiday to rest, recuperate and enjoy time with their friends and family.



This week I had the pleasure of attending our termly Honours Assemblies and as always it has been wonderful to share and celebrate individual students' achievements, hard-work and efforts. Congratulations to all students who received awards this term.

We had our Year 8 Parents Evening on Monday, and it was lovely to meet lots of our parents and carers face to face and hear about how our students are progressing as they move through their school career at Rivers.

On Tuesday, our A Level Biology students and some of our Year 11 students who are considering taking A Level Biology attended Colchester Zoo for the day. During the day, the students received two talks from experts at Colchester Zoo who helped the students to develop their understanding of the reasons for loss of global biodiversity, the history of zoos and also to understand the roles played by NGO's. Thank you to our Science department for organising and accompanying our students on such a valuable and informative trip.

On Wednesday, the academy joined in with the local community to support World Autism Awareness Day, with many of our teachers and Sixth Form students wearing autism-themed T-shirt designed and supplied by a local Burnham resident.

We held our first Online Parent Forum on Thursday on the topic of 'Go4Schools: a simple guide'. It was really encouraging to see so many parents and carers getting involved. If you were unable to join the forum, you can view the video on the Ormiston Rivers YouTube account, using the link here: [Ormiston Rivers Academy - YouTube](#).

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the next Online Parent Forum which will take place at 5pm on 22 May. We will advise you of the topic early next term.

I am pleased to report that our new 'Late Gate' system has been having a really positive impact on student punctuality in the morning. Your support is really appreciated in encouraging your child to arrive at school for 8.45am each day to ensure a smooth, settled start to the day and maximise their school achievement.

**Jo Williams, Principal**

**Disable Parking** - Please can we remind parents, carers and visitors to the academy that you should not park in the disabled spaces in the carpark unless you are displaying a Blue Badge.

I wish you all a fantastic Easter Holiday and look forward to seeing our students on their return on Tuesday 22nd April for the start of the Summer Term.

### Dates for your Diary



**Tuesday 22 April 2025**

All students return from Easter Holiday

**Tuesday 6 May 2025**

Year 7 Parents Evening

**Thursday 22 May 2025 @ 5pm**

Online Parents Forum

Subscribe here: [Ormiston Rivers Academy - YouTube](#).

### Parents Evenings 2024-25

Year 7 - 6 May 2025



#### **Year 7 Parents Evening**

The Year 7 Parents' evening will be taking place on Tuesday 6th May 2025 from 3.45pm – 7.30pm. The meetings will be held face to face inside the school.

Please book appointments with your child's teacher's using your Schoolcloud parent account: <https://ormistonrivers.schoolcloud.co.uk>. Parent details and parent email address that the school have on record will be needed, along with the details of the student in order to log in. The system will open for bookings on Monday 28th April 2025 at 7pm and will close on Sunday 4th May 2025 at 7pm.

**Note: You will have the option to book appointments automatically by choosing a preferred start time. Please select a 1.5-hour time range for your appointments to fall in. If no appointments are available using the automatic function, please try booking appointments using the manual function as there may be more appointments available to select from.**

### **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 **"Expire"**.

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



### Dance Exams

On Wednesday 2nd April, Year 10 and Year 12 Dancers performed in their practical dance exams. They performed to such a high standard, and we are very proud of them all.



Will A Yr 8

Ruby W Yr8



Bethany H yr 11

### Year 9 English: Key Skills Assessment (Week After Easter)

The first week back after Easter, all Year 9 students will be sitting a key skill assessment in English. They will be asked to write the opening of a story (which they have studied this half term) and they will complete a SATs-style assessment on unseen texts to test their reading skills. Revision materials are uploaded on Go4Schools.

These assessments are important as they will help us decide on sets for GCSE next year. We will combine this test data with their half-termly assessments, reading ages and baseline data to ensure they are set appropriately. Thus it is important the Year 9s do make a real effort to do their best in these assessments. Any support with revising and motivating students at home would be much appreciated.



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!!



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



### **ECO Club**

Environmental & ECO club meet on a Thursday after school in the library.

The foci for our continued work with Keep Britain Tidy's Eco Schools Green Flag Award are:

- ◇ Recycling
- ◇ Litter
- ◇ Global Citizenship
- ◇ Marine

The group are planning the following activities for the Summer term:

- ◇ Community tree planting with The Limes & RHS – just awaiting confirmation of delivery of saplings from the Woodland Trust.
- ◇ Visit from Bee Hive company on the importance of bees
- ◇ Beach clean up at Bradwell
- ◇ More litter picks – really want to get this out in the community
- ◇ Connection with overseas schools – Mrs Dennis is supporting us with our first letters to students in a German school
- ◇ Fundraising activities for a Wildlife Charity
- ◇ Recycle sale – books, clothes etc.

We'll also be planting a variety of vegetables in the kitchen garden for use in the school kitchen.

You can sign up to the club on Evolve or just come along and join us.



We have been so impressed with everyone in the last few weeks it is difficult to name just a few students!

Year 7 have showed such enthusiasm for their Design and Make" brief for a baked dish for afternoon tea, having researched into afternoon tea as part of the task. We were particularly impressed with the engagement and focus students showed in their lessons last week when writing a plan for their own dish to make, it was evident they were enjoying the tasks! Particular well done to Kyran in 7A2 for excellent focus in this lesson and also remembering to include all the key information in the plan with accuracy.

Also to Frankie in 7A1 who has given his dish a lot of thought and already practiced it at home a few times!

Well done also to Hunter in 7D2 who has worked hard on a unique concept for a new afternoon tea dish and sent in photos of his home practice and to Savannah in 7A2 for sending in photos this week of the spider bread and mini quiches you have made at home. (Mrs Hyde)

Year 8 have worked very hard this term on lots of highly skilled practical dishes and they have all really improved in many areas. Their own multicultural dishes have been planned in class and if there are any students whose class has not completed the practical at school (due to the end of term some of us have run out of lesson time) and they would like to make them at home we would love to receive the photos.

This term we have encouraged students to also think about the presentation of their dishes as well as making the food tasty. Students were asked to think about how their dish may be presented in a restaurant. We all like things to look nice when we eat so wanted the students to start thinking about this this term.

I want to say a massive well done to Eleanor (8Z2) for such impressive dishes this term. She has put such effort in and even thinking about how she would like to present her dishes and has come up with some fantastic ideas. Well done!

Also to Ava, Scarlett, Paige (8A1) and David, Jenna and Jessica (8M1) for outstanding work this term in food!

Thank you as always for your support. (Mrs Etherton)

Year 9 have been producing a mixture of dishes this term, researching and developing their own pasta dishes with home-made pasta (a new skill learned this term) and thinking about what sauce would complement each pasta shape. It is lovely as always to see them take on these challenges so well. We have also had some classes working on their technical skills (having completed the pasta unit first) including making fine vegetable cuts to improve their knife skills, panna cotta and fruit coulis as well as fish-baps and home-made mushy peas (inspired by Jamie Oliver and an excellent source of Omega 3 oils for brain power!).

We look forward to seeing many of you who have chosen food as an option back here in September to build on these skills! Particular well done to Logan, Emily, Evie and Erin (all in 9D2) Lia in 9A1, Amelia, Alfie and Keegan (all in 9Z1) and Tom in 9D1 for your consistent hard work and effort in practical lessons. (Mrs Hyde)

I wanted to give a shout out to Connie (9Z1), Evie(9D1), Ryan D(9z2), Elsie(9A1), Emme(9D2), Sofia(9A2), Olivia(9A2), Haidyn(9M1) and Jenson(9D2) for consistent great cooking this term, especially when making and designing pasta. Well done everyone. (Mrs Etherton)

Year 10 have been working very hard not only on the theory content of Catering but also on really improving their own practical skills in cooking, ready to begin a mock practical assessment later this year.

They have completed some lovely practical work to develop their skills since Christmas, including: Sectioning a whole chicken and making it into a number of dishes as teams (risotto, marinated chicken with flatbreads and chicken ballotine) Some sweet treats this term have included "Frasier Cakes" (whisked sponge mini gateaux), Fruit Tarts, and a big push on presenting dishes effectively too with a sweet and savoury presentation challenge which has been good fun.



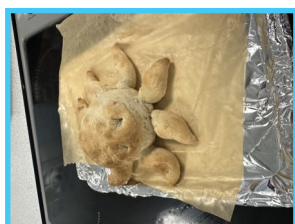
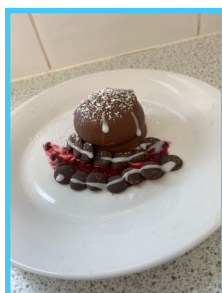
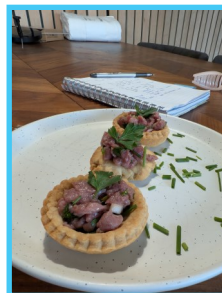
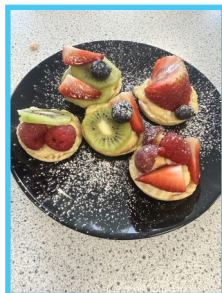
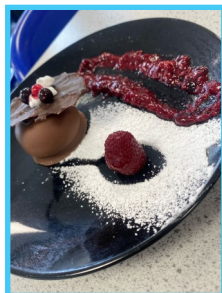
Practical skills are a big part of the mark allocation for their assessments next year so it is great to see them working so hard. We recommend "keeping your eyes peeled" with cooking shows like Masterchef, Great British Menu and even food magazines such as "BBC Good Food" being a great place to get more inspiration and tips to lift your work to a higher level.

Finally huge congratulations to our fantastic Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students! They have put in a lot of hard work and effort completing their NEA. They are now beginning to revise effectively for their written exam in June (worth 40% of the grade). Please don't forget to use the resources on your teams site to help, including past papers and mark schemes. A reminder that CGP workbooks and Revision Guides are very reasonably priced and can be ordered from Parent Pay and are in the Academy shop too. Feel free to email Mrs Hyde for questions and support about this at any time. [chyde@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:chyde@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).

Finally, it is so lovely to receive photos of dishes sent in by parents/carers where dishes have been made out of class (either for fun or to catch up where practical lessons have been missed) and we are so grateful for your support in allowing and encouraging your children to cook and gain confidence in the kitchen at home, this really helps their progress in school too.

Please do continue to share these with us as merits will always be awarded to students who have gone the extra mile!

Mrs Etherton, Mrs Hyde, Ms Nicoll (Teachers) and Ms Slade (Food Technician)



# Exams News



## Summer Exams

All Students taking examinations this summer have now received their individual provisional timetables and details of any special arrangements via the 6th form team or in the information packs provided at Year 11 Information evening or posted out the following day. If Students have any queries, please encourage them to speak to the exams or SEND team as soon as possible. We hope to have final timetables, with seating arrangements ready to publish soon after Easter. A summary of the Summer Exams Timetable is below, this will be immediately followed by our Y12 and Y10 Mock exam season.

We wish all of our students good luck for their exams.

Summer 2025 Exams		
	Year 11 and GCSE Resits	Year 13 and Y12
Date	9 AM Start Time	1 PM Start Time
01/04/2025	GCSE Drama Practical	GCSE Drama Practical
02/04/2025	L3 Dance Practical	L3 Dance Practical
03/04/2025		
04/04/2025	<b>EASTER</b>	
21/04/2025		
22/04/2025		
23/04/2025		
24/04/2025	GCSE Art Practical	GCSE Art Practical
25/04/2025	GCSE Art Practical	GCSE Art Practical
28/04/2025	L3 Health and Social Care AGCHSC Controlled Assessment	L3 Health and Social Care AGCHSC Controlled Assessment
29/04/2025	L3 Health and Social Care AGCHSC Controlled Assessment	L3 Health and Social Care AGCHSC Controlled Assessment
30/04/2025	MFL Speaking exams	MFL Speaking exams
01/05/2025	MFL Speaking exams	MFL Speaking exams
	Trinity Music Performance Exams	Trinity Music Performance Exams
02/05/2025	L3 Sport - Fitness Training and Programming	
	MFL Speaking exams	MFL Speaking exams
	Trinity Music Performance Exams	Trinity Music Performance Exams
06/05/2025		
07/05/2025	A Level Art Practical	A Level Art Practical
	A Level Art Practical	A Level Art Practical
08/05/2025	GCSE Drama Component 3	L3 Business - Developing a Marketing Campaign
09/05/2025	A Level Art Practical	A Level Art Practical
	L3 Business - Developing a Marketing Campaign	GCSE Business Investigating a small Business
12/05/2025	L3 IT - Fundamentals of IT	AS Further Mathematics Paper 1
	GCSE English Literature Paper 1	GCSE Computer Science - Paper 1
13/05/2025	GCSE RS Paper 1	GCSE Biology Paper 1
		GCSE Combined Science - Biology Paper 1
14/05/2025	A Level Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) Paper 1	A Level English Literature Paper 1
	GCSE Geography Paper 1	L3 Sport Anatomy and Physiology
		L3 Media - Media Products and Audiences
15/05/2025	GCSE Mathematics Paper 1	L3 Business - Personal and Business Finance
		L3 Criminology Unit 2
		L3 IT - Global Information
16/05/2025	A Level Psychology Paper 1	GCSE Business - Building a Business
		AS Further Mathematics Paper 2
	GCSE History Paper 1	L3 Media - Pre Production and Planning

19/05/2025	A Level Sociology Paper 1 GCSE Chemistry Paper 1 GCSE Combined Science - Chemistry Paper 1 GCSE English Literature Paper 2	A Level Further Mathematics Paper 1
20/05/2025		L1/2 Health and Fitness GCSE Computer Science Paper 2
21/05/2025	A Level Psychology Paper 2 GCSE French Listening and Reading	GCSE RS Paper 2 L1/L2 Engineering
22/05/2025	A Level Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) Paper 2 A Level English Literature Paper 2 GCSE Physics Paper 1 GCSE Combined Science Physics Paper 1	A Level Further Mathematics Paper 2
23/05/2025	A Level History Paper 1 A Level Physics Paper 1 GCSE English Language Paper 1	
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
02/06/2025	A Level Drama Component 3	
03/06/2025	L3 C & G Engineering L3 Health and Social Care AGAHSC	GCSE Polish Listening and Reading
04/06/2025	GCSE Mathematics Paper 2 (calculator) A Level Sociology GCSE History Paper 2	L1/L2 Health and Social Care - Principals A Level Mathematics Paper 1 GCSE French Writing
05/06/2025		A Level Biology Paper 1
06/06/2025	GCSE English Language Paper 2	A Level History Paper 2 A Level Geography Paper 2 A Level Further Mathematics Paper 3
09/06/2025	A Level Psychology Paper 3 A Level Physics Paper 2 GCSE Biology Paper 2 GCSE Combined Science Paper 2 GCSE Spanish Listening and Reading A Level Chemistry Paper 1	
10/06/2025	GCSE Mathematics Paper 3 (Calculator)	Contingency Afternoon
11/06/2025	GCSE Geography Paper 3	A Level Mathematics Paper 2 L1/L2 Hospitality and Catering L1/L2 Music Technology
13/06/2025	A Level Biology Paper 2 GCSE Chemistry Paper 2 GCSE Combined Science Paper 2	A Level Further Mathematics Paper 3 A Level Sociology Paper 3 GCSE Polish Writing
16/06/2025	A Level Chemistry Paper 2 GCSE Physics Paper 2 Combined Science Physics Paper 2	
17/06/2025	A Level Physics Paper 3 GCSE Spanish Writing	
18/06/2025	A Level Biology Paper 3	
19/06/2025		A Level Mathematics Paper 3
20/06/2025	A Level Chemistry Paper 3	
23/06/2025		
24/06/2025		
25/06/2025	Contingency day	Contingency day

**Year 7 - Mr Moon**

This year so far we have received 443,825 positives points the 3rd highest in the school we also have 93.91% attendance the best in the whole school!!!

We had our honours assembly this week well-done to all the winners of the CARE awards.

Individual achievements so far this year for Year 7's. have been Ronnie united nations champion in ju-jitsu, Monet signing for U12 Westham, Helena winning an ITAV award for best supporting actor and Max getting his writing published from the writing competition.

We have had lots of assessments this week so well done to everyone for persevering at the end of the term.

Next term we move onto Athletics in PE.

We have great news. We now have a Year 7 Student Support Advisor Mrs Byford, whose job role is to support all of our Year 7 students along with myself.

**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.

**Tutor contacts:**

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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)

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

7Z1: Mr Clarke - [acclarke@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:acclarke@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)

7Z2: Mrs Dennis - [adennis@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto: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.

**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.

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



### Year 8 - Ms Scott

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally made it to the end of what has been an eventful and rewarding term! I would like to take this opportunity to say how incredibly proud I am of our Year 8 students. Their hard work, kindness, and dedication have shone through, and it has been wonderful to celebrate their achievements.

This week, we had the pleasure of hosting a Rewards Breakfast for students who have consistently demonstrated perfect uniform, kindness, and politeness to both staff and peers. Well done to the following who were invited—your efforts do not go unnoticed!



Izabelle	Laila	Max	James	Mia
Bella	Kasey	Ellie	Daisy	Charlie
Ava	Harry	Leo	Annabelle	James

Additionally, our Honours Assembly was a fantastic way to recognise those who have gone above and beyond this term. A special congratulations to Lara M. (8Z1), who received the prestigious Principal's Award for achieving an incredible 4915 merits—one of the highest in the school! Lara has maintained 100% attendance, 0 negative behaviour points, and excellent academic performance since the start of Year 8. She truly embodies our CARE values, and we couldn't be prouder.



Looking ahead, we are excited to offer students the opportunity to attend our end-of-year trip to Stubbers Activity Centre, where they will enjoy activities such as raft building, rope climbing, and water sports. This trip will be reserved for students who have demonstrated good behaviour this and next term, so we encourage everyone to keep up their positive attitude and hard work.

Finally, I want to extend a huge thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. Both Ms. Corbett and I truly appreciate your cooperation in helping us foster a harmonious, kind, and high-achieving year group.

Wishing you all a relaxing and well-deserved Easter break, and we look forward to more celebrations next term!

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**Year 9 – Ms Thurtle**

As my time at Ormiston Rivers Academy comes to an end, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to everyone that I've had the privilege of working with during my time as a Head of Year.

I came into this role, determined to work with a year group that I knew really well on raising their aspirations and attainment, whilst also focusing on behaviour and accountability. Every day is faced with its joys and challenges and each one is a valuable lesson.

Ms Scott - The unwavering support that you provide for our Year 9 students and me has made such a huge difference to this year group. Whether it is being the smiling face during every line up or the 1-1 support for students, I truly appreciate everything you've done and will continue to do for Year 9. You have made a huge difference to my journey and the kids. Thank you!

Thank you to the entire pastoral team, who work tirelessly for all students at ORA. You have helped me so much along the way.

I'd like to also take a moment to thank the parents and carers who have taken the time to send me an email of thanks, over the past few weeks. It has been a privilege to meet some wonderful parents. Life in a school is fast-paced and demanding and the small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Please continue to work with school staff to promote a community where everyone is treated with respect and spoken to politely; it goes a long way!

Mr Marklew will be the interim HOY 9 during the next half term.

Please direct any emails to him at: [dmarklew@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:dmarklew@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)

**With that being said, form tutors are always the first contact point for your child. I will leave their emails below.**

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I would also like to say a huge thank you for the form tutor team for Year 9. You are committed to the children and have built strong relationships with students to ensure they have the best start to their day. You have all been such a huge support to me and I will miss working with such a wonderful team.

### **Year 9 Continued**

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the most merits this week:

Danica. C, James. D, Edward. R, Jenson. S, Joe. C.

### **Invitations have been sent out to students who are welcome onto the Thorpe Park trip in July!**

It was brilliant to reward our students during their honour's assembly this week. I want to recognise a few of our special awards.

Reading - Ben. H

Enrichment - Archie. H

Attainment - Penny. S

ATL award - Pippa. G

Principle's award

This student doesn't have a single behaviour point and has one of the highest number of merits in Year 9. Their contribution to the Maldon Respect project has been outstanding as well as their ongoing high grades. Haidyn is always respectful towards all staff and peers and works incredibly hard to be the best they can.

So far this year these students have the highest merits!

Pippa. G - The highest number of merits in the school!!!! 5460

Danica. C - 5235

Samuel. S - 5145

I hope that the students who are on their residential trip with the Maldon Respect Project have had an incredible time in the Lake District!

While it's always bittersweet to say goodbye, I'm excited for the new opportunities ahead. I leave with 9 years of great memories at ORA and appreciation for everything I've learned along the way.

I wish you all a happy and restful Easter holiday!

Take care

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### Year 10 – Ms Taylor

This has been a busy week for year 10. We have had an elite leadership and careers event for some of our girls, alongside some interventions aimed at improving attendance in our girls.

On Tuesday, we had our Honours assembly, and I would like to congratulate our award winners:

Community - Thomas H (A1), Rishi H (A2), Freya C (D1), Alex J (M1), Bella W (M2), Thomas Y (Z1), Chloe D (Z2).

Ambition - Emily B (A1), Edward A (A2), Riley W (D1), Ash H (M1), Harry L (M2), Aiden K (M2), Zoe N (M2), George C (M2), Holly B (Z1), Faith W (Z2)

Resilience - Oliver B (A1), Riley B (A2), Kaelen A (D1), Finn O (M1), Kourtney S (Z1), Avril H (Z2)

Respect - Daisy S (A1), Jayden W (A2), Bobby B (D1), Edward B (M1), Keifer B (Z1), Ella C (Z2)

Excellence - Halle D (A1), Ben S (A2), Hollie P (D1), Elsa L (M1), Isabelle T (Z1), Neala W (Z2)

Reading - Sam Turner (A1)

Enrichment - Poppy R (A2)

Attainment - Eleanor G (A1)

Attitude to Learning - Suzie P (D1)

Principal's Award - Tom N (D1)

On Thursday we had our Rewards Breakfast, and it was lovely Ms Makwana and I to celebrate with those students whose conduct has been exemplary:

A1 - Amalie C, Sam T

M2 - Kyle S, Matthew C

A2 - Ben S, Poppy R

Z1 - Isabelle T, Hazel W

D1 - Riley W, Bobby B

Z2 - Neala W, Faith W

M1 - Maria W, Lex O

Our top merit earners this week are:

Suzie P (D1), Ben S (A2), Ronnie S (M1), Bobby H (M2), Meade (A2), Mia A (Z2), Layla S (M1), Neala W (Z2), Emily B (A1), Sebastian W (M1), Harry L (M2).

Today also saw the close of this half term's attendance and conduct prizes, which were delivered in form time today.

The conduct prize went to 10M2 so congratulations to Ms Murphy and her mentor group.

The attendance prize went to 10Z1 so a huge congratulations to Ms Turnnidge and her form for having the most improved attendance.

Wishing you all a restful holiday.

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### Year 11 - Mr Field

As we finish our final full term before the exams, it was fantastic to reward so many of our Year 11s this week.

We held our termly honours assembly where many students received awards and gained recognition in line with our CARE values. It was overwhelming to see so many students who were proud with their achievements. To finish off this wonderful assembly, Dominic deservedly received the Principles Award for his continued hard work and focus throughout the year.



Yesterday some Year 11 students were also again rewarded with a Head of Year breakfast for continual hard work and focus as we lead up to their exams. It was great to see the students relax, while tucking into chocolate pancakes and chatting with their peers.

Well done to all those who gained recognition this week and please use all available time to prepare and revise over the next two weeks.

Please remember the revision session over Easter to help you prepare for the exams.

Have a fabulous break and I look forward to seeing everyone back next term, fully refreshed and focussed for their impending exams.

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# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

What a fantastic week in Sixth Form!!! An absolute high was seeing all Sixth Form staff wearing t-shirts from SAA Clothing representing World Autism Awareness Day.

## Sporting Competitions

On Wednesday we hosted a Yr12 vs Yr13 Football match with the Yr12 students winning 3-2 with Harry scoring the winning goal. On Thursday, the girls then competed in a Sixth Form House Netball tournament at lunch with the final score 3-1 to the pink team. Thank you to the few Yr13 boys who helped out.



## Friday Feels

On Thursday we celebrated with our Eggstravaganza competition where we encouraged students to make something Easter themed. The winner has been announced on social media.



We then had an Easter Egg hunt on Friday morning in the Sixth Form area. Congratulations to all who found the eggs.

Students with 100% attendance this term were treated to hot cross buns at break. Attendance has been fantastic this term with Yr12 achieving the highest - let's keep this up.



## Honours Assembly

Year 12 Honours Assembly took place on Thursday 3rd April during tutor time. Many students received awards as well as recognition for achieving Bronze or Silver for the Enrichment Scheme. Congratulations to all of our winners.



## ParentPay

The Yearbook is now on ParentPay as well as Summer Ball. On Wednesday we took Yr13 out onto the field to take their year group photo. It was a lovely sunny day and all students arrived dressed appropriately. Summer Ball is Friday 27th June at the Royal Corinthian - please make sure you submit your forms.





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## **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.

## **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.

## **Exams/Study**

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 and 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, 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 deadline is fast approaching. Please speak to the Sixth Form Team if you need any support.

## **Sixth Form Applications**

Interviews are now complete 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.

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.



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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.

We hope you have a wonderful Easter and look forward to seeing everyone back next term.

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



Due to the continuing high level of cost for catering supplies, it is necessary for us to increase prices with effect from 22nd April. We have held the prices for quite sometime now but, unfortunately, this is not sustainable. Main meals will remain at £2.70, but you may see an increase in the price of other items. We will continue to keep prices as low as we can. The current daily spend allowance per student on the cashless system is £4.50 . If you would like to change this please email our catering manager : [lwerner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:lwerner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk). Changes cannot be made over the phone.

## Catering Competition

We received a good response to our challenge to design a grab'n'go item that cost no more than £1.50 to make, and to give it a name. The judging panel was made up of Ms Warner and Ms White, from our catering team and Food Technology teachers, Ms Hyde & Ms Etherton. They were looking for originality, affordability & tastiness. Entries were received from:

### Year 7

Libby  
Sienna  
Lexi  
Sonny  
Tommy  
Harry  
Alfie  
Ollie  
Amelia  
Lola  
Edith  
Joseph  
Hunter

Beau  
Yasmin  
Teddy  
Ashley  
Jacob  
Caleb  
Jensen  
Kieran  
Poppy  
Betsy  
C'anna  
Lacey-mae  
Lily-Rose

### Year 8

Josh  
Frika  
Ewan  
Isabelle  
April  
Thomas O  
Ruby  
Evie  
Thomas F  
Alice  
William  
Paige  
Reuben

### Year 9

Harry  
Tegan  
George  
Teddie  
Jess  
Alexia  
Lily  
Henson  
Oliver  
Ethan  
Scarlet  
Penny  
Louisa

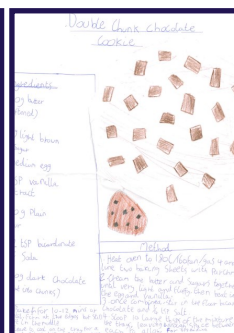
We received some great ideas; Taco Tuesday, Granny's Shortbread, Breakfast panini, Super Noodle Ramen, Mini Egg Brownies, Fruit Platter, and many more.

The judges have chosen the following winners:

Ashley - Year 7 for his Belly Buster Muffin and The Health Kick Protein Salad

Joint entry from Jacob, Caleb & Jensen for their Double Chunk Chocolate Cookie

They have all won an Easter Egg! The winning entries will be prepared and served by our catering team during the Summer term.





# 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:

2 x black pens  
1 x purple biro for assessment feedback  
2 x pencils  
1 x 30cm ruler  
Coloured pencils (not felt tips)  
Eraser  
Pencil sharpener

Maths set (including a scientific calculator)  
Student Planner (student organiser)  
Reading book  
Books / folders for the days lessons  
Water bottle  
Basic art equipment

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.

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



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MAT login

## Welcome to GO 4 Schools

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

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

 Overview

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

 Attendance

**Behaviour** positive and negative points.

 Behaviour

**Homework** see what homework has been set.

 Homework

**Inbox** messages from the school will be displayed here.

 Inbox

**Progress** grades for assessments taken over the academic year.

 Progress

**Reports** Annual written communication including strengths and next steps.

 Reports

**Timetable** full academic timetable.

 Timetable

**GO** Sign in with GO

First-time user?

Forgotten Password?

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

Email address

Send password reset link

## Forgotten Password

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

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



## G4S App Login

1 – Download the app.



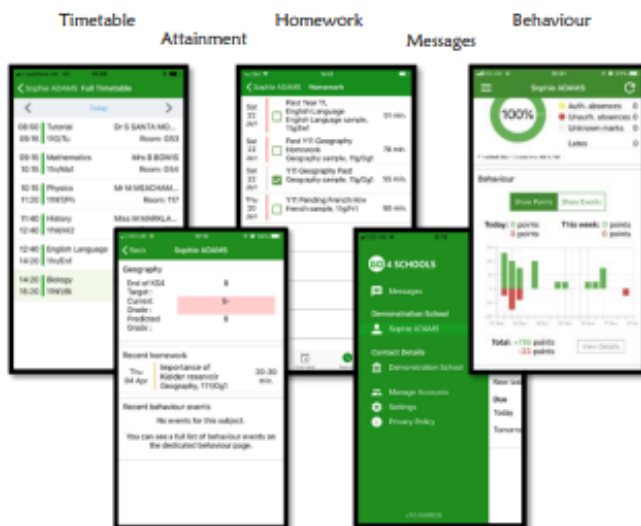
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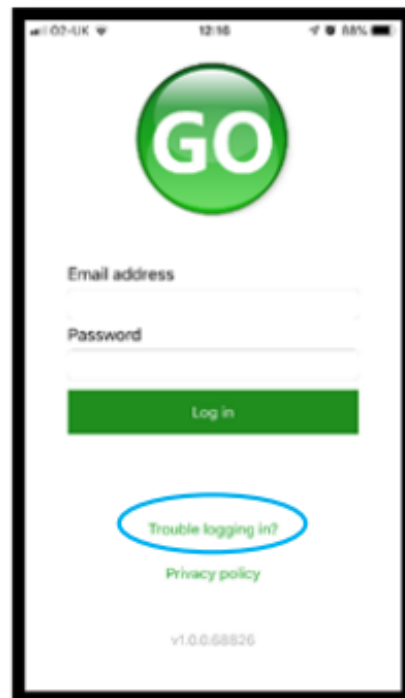
2 – Type in your school email address.

3 – Type in your password.

This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



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### FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD?

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

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

GO Sign in with GO First-time user?

Forgotten Password?

Email address

Password

[Forgotten Password?](#)

☐ Remember my email address

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Forgotten Password?

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

This is the password you may use to log in to GO 4 Schools if your school supports this login method.

Email address

Send password reset link

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.