

### Message from the Principal

It was lovely to welcome our students back this week after the Easter break and I hope they have returned for the busy Summer term relaxed and refreshed and ready to learn.

As we move towards exam season, I would like to assure you that we are all on hand to give our Year 11 and Year 13 students any support they need. Please encourage them to attend their morning and afternoon intervention sessions and do not hesitate to contact their teachers or Head of Year if they need further support with revision and exam preparation.

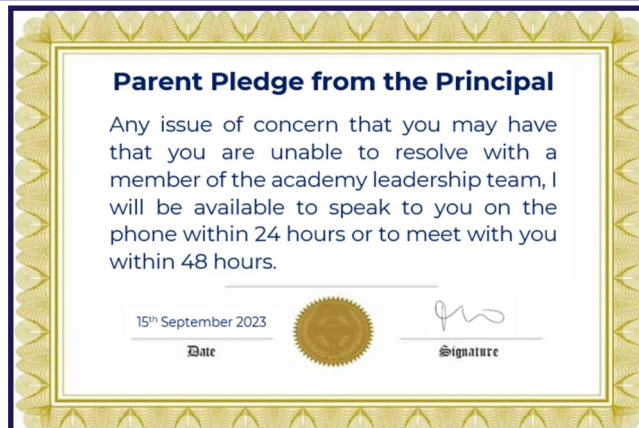
On Thursday, Isobel S, Year 10 competed in the Regional Finals for the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge, a nationally recognised competition which promotes oracy and public speaking in schools. I have been told that Isobel gave a really confident delivery and that she did Ormiston Rivers proud.

Finally, The Haddrell Family are climbing Mount Snowden on Saturday 3rd May to raise money for two charities that have supported them: SUDEP Action and The Brompton Fountain. All the students and staff at Rivers wish them the best of luck with the climb! If you would like to make a donation, their JustGiving page is linked below:

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

**Jo Williams, Principal**



### Dates for your Diary

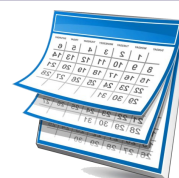
**Tuesday 6 May 2025**  
Year 7 Parents Evening

**Thursday 22 May 2025 @ 5pm**  
Online Parents Forum

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### Parents Evenings 2024-25

Year 7 - 6 May 2025



### 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 **"Horticulture"**.

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

**Say it:** haw·tuh·kuhl·chuh      **Spell it:** Hor-ti-cul-ture

**Horticulture (noun)**

**(Prefix) hort(us)**  
- garden  
**(Suffix) ure** - act, process, result

**Stem:** / cult:- grow / care for / dwell

**Understand it**  
The branch of plant agriculture dealing with garden crops, generally fruits, vegetables, and ornamental plants.



### Shakespeare Day 2025

At lunchtime in the Library on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, students took part in activities to celebrate Shakespeare's birthday.



A Fortune Teller game with a selection of Shakespeare's quotes as insults or compliments from [Shakespeareweek.org.uk](http://Shakespeareweek.org.uk) was very popular and fun to make. There were challenges to create a new spell for the witches in Macbeth, design masks for the ball in Romeo and Juliet, plus wordsearches and colouring sheets.



In the English department, classroom doors were decorated with Shakespearean quotes and students were invited to complete a scavenger hunt to identify which plays they were from.

Mrs May, English Teacher and Mrs Yerbury, Librarian were very pleased to see how many students enjoyed celebrating Shakespeare's birthday, and merits will be awarded to those who participated.

### Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Regional Final 23rd April



Isobel S (Year 10) took part in the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Regional Final on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at St Benedict's Schools in Colchester. Having completed a full day public speaking workshop (alongside 60 other Year 10 students), Isobel and six others were nominated to proceed in the competition by delivering their speech in a Year 8 assembly. Isobel was chosen to represent the school and worked incredibly hard independently in order to compete. She gave a speech entitled 'The Perfect Woman' which brilliantly touched on issues of the impact of social media on young girls, body shaming, the need for women to support each other and the historical manipulation of beauty standards. She gave an excellent performance which was both entertaining, moving and expertly performed. Well done Isobel!




### Careers Spotlight

Careers Education, Information and Guidance (CEIAG) is a very important part of the curriculum for our students. CEIAG is an integral part of the way we support students to make positive life choices and develop their aspirations.

Students access CEIAG throughout their time at Ormiston Rivers Academy, to begin to understand the world of work and its changing career opportunities, and to see the relevance of school to their future lives.

Students will have the opportunity to have at least one dedicated meeting with an independent and Impartial careers adviser, Louise Brazier, from Directions. Students will receive a copy of the notes made, including an action plan and details of where further information can be found.



Louise also attends events at the school including, parents' evenings, KS4 Courses Evening, Open Evening for Year 12 intake and GCSE and A level Results Day, enabling parents/carers to access information. Careers education, information and guidance is provided through our Careers Tutor Time curriculum, excursions and visits, and additional support from advisers and tutors.

### Year 7

During Year 7, students begin to discuss their hopes and dreams for the future, focusing on how their current likes and dislikes could lead into a future job pathway.

Students will also be given a username and password for Unifrog (<https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in>) allowing them access to up-to-date, impartial careers information, based on interests and aspirations. Unifrog brings together all the available information into one single, impartial, user-friendly platform. Students will also be taught how to access labour market information (LMI) and why this is relevant.

### Year 8

During Year 8, students look at employability skills, qualities and values; they identify the key skills needed in different career paths, while also focusing on their own personal skills and attributes. An emphasis is placed on the importance of communication skills.



Students will continue to use Unifrog and access labour market information (LMI).

### Year 9

During this year, students choose their GCSE options. During lesson time, teachers inform students of the subjects on offer, and what they will cover. There is also an options assembly for Year 9 students, as well as a KS4 Courses Evening for students and parents/carers to find out more about each GCSE option, speaking directly to teaching staff and current students. The school's independent careers adviser will also be in attendance at the KS4 Courses Evening, offering advice and support to both students and parents/carers.

During careers sessions, students will develop their understanding of careers and links with their future aspirations. They will consider the skills employers look for when recruiting and recognise their own skills and values. They will also learn about the legal limits and rights at work.

**Year 10**

As Year 10 students begin their GCSE options, they will spend some time considering how these will guide them towards their future career choices. Students will update their Unifrog profile, allowing them access to personalised advice and access labour market information (LMI).

All students will prepare themselves for the world of work through creating a CV, personal statement and a letter of application and knowing the features of successful applications. This allows students to recognise their current achievements, as well as identify any gaps in their current skills and attributes.

Students will also learn about rights and responsibilities in the workplace, employment laws and protection against discrimination. Students are encouraged to find a one work experience placement in the summer term.

**Year 11**

In Year 11, students begin to prepare for their onward education. Students will be given information on possible steps they can take as they move into the next stage of education or training. Students will be taken through the application processes for sixth forms, further education college, apprenticeships and traineeships. Students will also examine and practise interview techniques which will prepare them when applying for both further education and employment. Students are encouraged to attend taster days and open evenings of providers.

Students will also ensure they are ready for the world of work by updating their CV, personal statement and letter of application. Following this, all Year 11s take part in a mock interview.

**Year 12 and 13**

Throughout students' careers in the sixth form, there is a programme of guidance and information to support students in considering their future choices and pathways. While a significant majority of students apply to university and enter Higher Education, independent advice and guidance is available to students throughout their time in the sixth form, with support for university applications as well as for those seeking routes into apprenticeships, training or employment after completing their studies at this level.

Examples of these include, but are not limited to, student life and the introduction to the university experience, introduction to student finance, Higher Education fair visit, interview techniques and mock employer/university interviews, support for competitive applications and support with personal statement writing. Talks and workshops from universities and apprenticeship providers take place throughout Year 12 and the first two terms of Year 13, and students are encouraged to take part in university open days and apprenticeship fairs.





### *Knitting & Crochet Club*

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

## Super 6

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



The Haddrell Family are climbing Mount Snowden on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to raise money for two charities that have supported them: SUDEP Action and The Brompton Fountain.

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All the staff and students at Rivers wish them the best of luck with the climb!



### Southminster Music Festival

Some of our amazingly talented students are performing in a competitive music festival at St Leonard's Church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Please come and show your support. The students below are performing at the following times and have the chance to win monetary prizes.

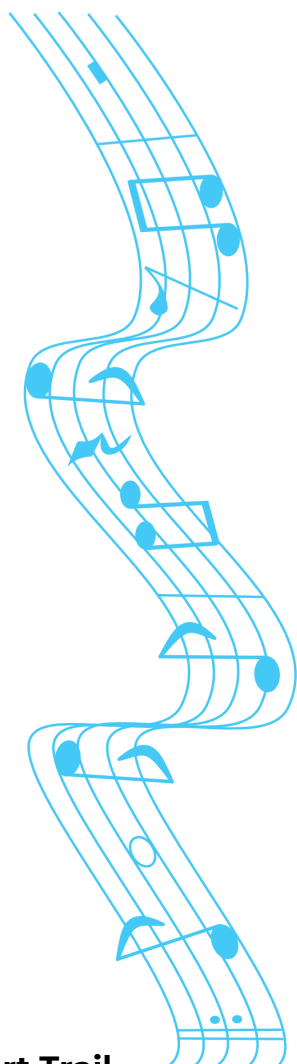
8.30am - Max 10D1  
8.55am - Emme 9D2

9.05am - Sam 10D1  
9.25am - Danica 9M1

9.45am - Harry 9M1  
10.00am - Bradley 10M1

10.35am - Alissa 10D1

It will be a fantastic day, please see the poster for more detail. We wish all students the best of luck!



### Burnham Art Trail

We have a performance opportunity for a concert for Burnham Art Trail on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. If your child is interested in doing either an instrumental or vocal performance, as a soloist or group then please tell them to see Mrs Turnnidge in Performing Arts by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. All year groups are welcome!



**SOUTHMINSTER  
Competitive Festival  
of Music  
2025**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
8:30 - 17:30  
St. Leonard's Church, 1, Station Road,  
Southminster,  
CM0 7EW.

**FREE ADMISSION**  
Come and watch local talented young musicians perform!

**Programme**  
8:30 Young Musician 12 -18 years  
11:30 Junior Choir 11 years and under  
14:30 Young Musician 11 years and under

Follow Southminster Parish Council on Facebook for latest updates!

 Southminster Parish Council

**Year 7 - Mr Moon**

Welcome back Year 7 for what has been a short but productive week this week. There will be lots of tired students this weekend as they have all worked really hard to get back into a routine. Our assembly this week looked at setting up our expectations for the half term and setting the standard that we want to be setting ourselves to demonstrate excellence.

**Learning walks:**

**PE:** the classes have started athletics this term ranging from lots of different events such as high jump, Javelin, Sprints, Long jump and Discus.

**English:** the students have been looking at Shakespeare.

**History:** in History they have been looking into Henry the eighth.

**Student Shoutouts:**

Attendance for Year 7 is 93.87% 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 7M2 with 95.04%.

Top 3 merit earners this week are Grace 7A2 with 150 merits, joint 2nd we have Esme and Evie 7A2 with 140 merits each, and in joint 3rd place we have Ava, Mia and Lexi 7A2 with 130 merits each. Great work from all the girls. The tutor group with the most merits this week is 7A2.

**Helpful Reminders**

**Contacting school:** Please contact tutors in the first instance. If you 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

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

I hope you all have a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all for the final week of this term.

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

**Year 8 - Ms Scott**

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter break and that your child is feeling recharged and ready for the exciting term ahead.

As we start the final term of Year 8, it's a great time to reflect on all the progress students have made and look forward to the opportunities ahead. There's plenty to look forward to as we finish the year strong and prepare for Year 9.

As always, we have high expectations for all our students in terms of behaviour, attendance, and academic progress.

- Great behaviour helps create a positive, respectful environment for everyone.
- Good attendance is crucial – every school day matters.
- Consistent effort in lessons leads to progress, confidence, and success.

This week in assembly, we focused on how to be a good person and set clear expectations for behaviour this term. We also re-introduced the exciting Stubbers Activity Centre reward trip at the end of the year. This trip will be available to students who consistently show dedication to improving and progressing throughout the term. As a reminder, the Stubbers trip will also help us determine who will join us on the Thorpe Park trip in Year 9. This is an opportunity for your child to demonstrate commitment to personal growth, and we're excited to reward those who've worked hard all year. To sign up your child's attendance for the Stubbers trip, please email Craig Jones at [cjones@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:cjones@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).

We understand that the final term can sometimes bring its own set of challenges. Please remember that Mrs. Corbett is always here to help with any worries, whether about school, friendships, or anything else. Her door is always open for students who need someone to talk to or for advice and guidance.

There are so many exciting opportunities ahead this term – in lessons, through enrichment activities, on the sports field, and in personal development. We're looking forward to seeing all our Year 8 students continue to grow and shine in the coming weeks.

**Top 10 Positive Behaviour Students This Week**

Jude L 8D1	Lexi-Jane D 8Z1	Scarlett H 8A1	Alex S 8D1
Paige S 8A1	Zach S 8M1	Olly S 8M2	Callie-Mai O 8Z1
Ewan G 8M1	Katie C 8A1		

We're wishing all Year 8 students a happy and successful start to the summer term. Let's make it a great one!

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





**Year 9 – Mr Marklew**

The Year 9s have settled back into school really well this week. I have been pleased to see their positive behaviour points increase day on day - up to 3500 today - and any negatives reduce as the week has progressed. Each day and during each line up I am speaking to students who are leading the positive points table so that this achievement is recognised.

In our assembly we spoke about ambition and resilience - trying to show excellence even in difficult situations. How they may fail but with determination and effort they can succeed. I have witnessed some excellent work in English and Maths since then. A real focus on attention to detail, neat presentation and quality class work.

We also discussed our Options process and how they would receive the first draft of these towards the end of this half term. They will then be given the opportunity to make choices where possible.

We have also encouraged the year group to work together and in turn celebrate as a year group with the end of year trip. I want as many students as possible to attend the trip as a reward for their efforts this year.

As Ms Thurtle mentioned last half term, form tutors are fantastic and should be your first port of call with any questions or queries.

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



**Year 10 – Ms Taylor**

It was lovely to welcome Year 10 back and they have enjoyed a positive start. There are some students in particular who have made a real effort to improve their conduct.

Ms Williams led the assembly this week to remind students of the need for positive attitudes to conduct, learning and the way in which they treat staff. Most students have taken that on board, I am pleased to report.

I would like to remind students of the need to be punctual to all lessons and line ups so that lessons can start swiftly.

Students should also be reminded that their first set of mocks are coming up later in the summer term and they should be starting to prepare for these. Slow and steady wins the race with revision.

Top merit earners this week are:

Leo A - M2, Tom N - D1, Hollie P - D1, Neala W - Z2. Ash H - M1, Bobby H - M2, CJ H - Z2, Zoe N - M2, Bobby B - D1, Freya C - Tylor E - D1, Callum G - A1, Alex J - M1, Jaya N - M2, Poppy R - A2, Kourtney S - Z1, Sam T - A1, Sebastian W - M1, Riley W - D1, Thomas Y - Z1.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

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

**Year 11 - Mr Field**

I hope you had a relaxing, yet productive, Easter break in terms of exam preparation.

Firstly, well done to our artists who spent all day Thursday and Friday completing their practical exam. The artistry I have seen has been outstanding, with the colour and variety of work really showing off their talent. After chatting to a few students, it has been apparent that they are all ready proud of what they have achieved and the work they have done.

As we approach the start of the exam season, it is important to remind students to look after themselves during this stressful time.

- Students should aim to have at least 8 hours sleep which starts before midnight
- Remain hydrated
- Plenty of exercise to relax the body and mind during the revision periods

The following pupils have received the most number of positive points this week: Jack, Jacob, Nancy, Alisha, Brandon, George, Fraser, Samuel, Zachary, Esme, Kyra, Charlotte, Grace, James. Well done to you all!

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

# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

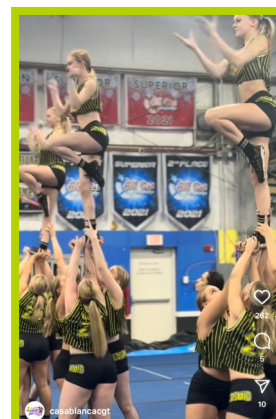
## Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

Welcome back to our wonderful Sixth Form students. We have an exciting Summer term with Year 13 students completing their final exams, Year 12 students starting their UCAS process, trips, Summer Ball, Year 12 work experience week and much more.

### Performances

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April, many of our Sixth Form students performed in the National Theatre Connections play 'No Regrets' by Gary McNair. They were fantastic and received excellent constructive feedback from a director from the National Theatre.

Libby is currently in Orlando Florida with her Cheer team Cosmic 5. This week they will be competing in the World Cheerleading Championships 2025. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to hearing all about it.





**RIVERS SIXTH FORM**

Standards of dress and appearance should be appropriate for the business of studying and should not include styles which are extreme. The dress code for more formal occasions including Celebration Evening, Open Evening etc. must be appropriate business attire. If students fail to meet these standards, they may be asked to go home and change.

Students must wear their Sixth Form ID badge at all times. Not only does this allow them access to and from the building, but it is a safeguarding concern if they are not wearing it. If a student forgets their badge, they must report immediately to the Sixth Form office to be issued with a temporary one for the day and will pay £5 if this needs to be replaced.

Students are expected to wear clean, safe and functional clothing which is always appropriate to the study they are undertaking and environment in which they are learning.

Decisions are at the discretion of the Sixth Form Team

**DRESS CODE**

- No short skirts, dresses, or playsuits
- Smart jeans, no rips
- No flipflops or beach footwear
- Tops that expose the stomach or reveal the chest are unacceptable as are strappy strapless or backless tops
- No loungewear
- Leggings can be worn under long tops/dresses
- No large facial piercings
- No loose hanging jewellery
- No large tattoos on show

If students disregard the dress code they will be given one warning. If at any point in the academic year they disregard the dress code again, they will be sent home to change. This will be unauthorised absence as you arrived unprepared.

**Appropriate clothing images:**



**Inappropriate clothing images:**



### Dress Code

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 but following a first warning, students will be expected to go home to change and then return to lessons.

### ParentPay

The Yearbook is now on ParentPay as well as the Summer Ball. Summer Ball is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Royal Corinthian - please make sure you submit your forms.

### 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 provides 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, 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.

### **Housekeeping**

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

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





# 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:

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.



### **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.



# Ormiston RIVERS Academy

GO 4 Schools

Starter version Modules MIS Engage/CPD

Login

Contact us

Schools login

Students login

Parents login

Governors login

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.



[Click here](#)

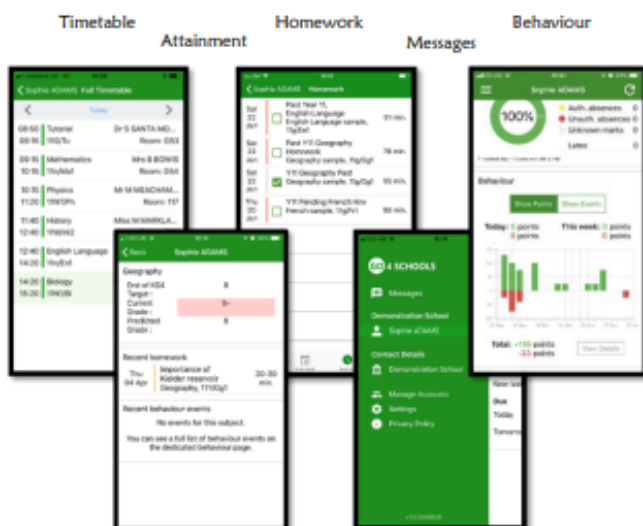


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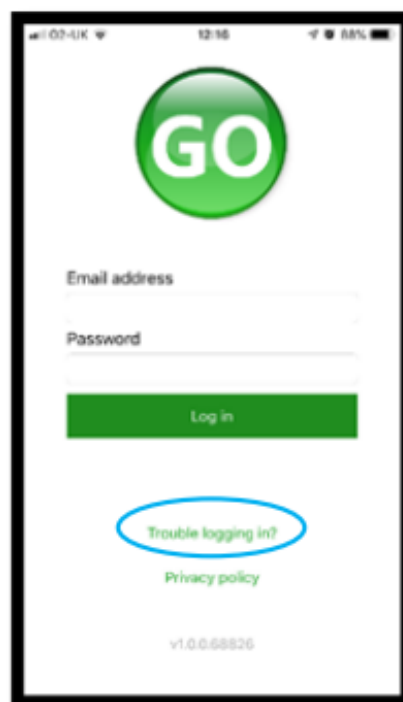
2 – Type in your school email address.

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

GO Sign in with GO

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.

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.





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# CHARITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025 £25 PER TEAM**



**AGE RANGES,  
12-13 YEARS**

7 aside with a max  
of 10 players per  
team



**YOU CAN ENTER  
A SINGLE OR  
MIXED GENDER  
TEAM**

There will be a boys  
and girls tournament



**FOOD/DRINK/  
GOODIE BAGS/  
TROPHIES  
PROVIDED.**



**8.30AM FOR  
REGISTRATION -  
9AM START**

Team registration  
cut off - 13th June  
2025

The event will be held at Essex Police College, St Margarets Road, Chelmsford, CM26DT

**To Register Email: [Essex.police.uk/Communitygoals](mailto:Essex.police.uk/Communitygoals)**

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