

Message from the Principal

It has been another busy week at Rivers and it has been lovely to see our students outside at break and lunch time enjoying the warm weather.

GCSE and A-Level exams have now started and I would like to wish all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students the best of luck over the coming weeks and assure them that we are all on hand to give them any support they need. Please continue to encourage them to attend their intervention sessions and do not hesitate to contact their teachers or Head of Year if they need further support with revision and exam preparation.

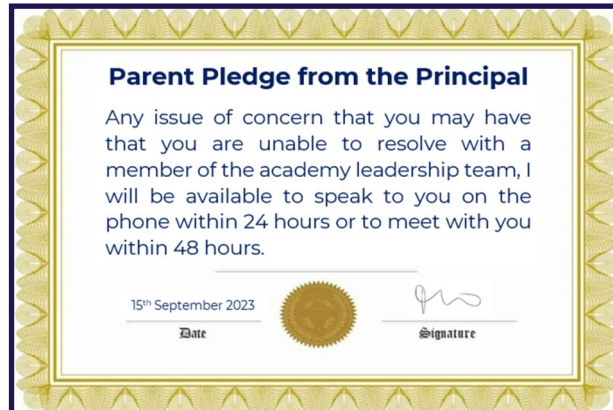
For your diaries, I would like to inform you that we will be having an **Extraordinary Staff INSET day on Monday 16th June** to focus on Teaching & Learning and the academy will be closed to students that day. The Year 10 Geography field trip will go ahead as planned and parents of our Year 11 students who have a Physics GCSE that day will be contacted separately regarding arrangements for this. Please be assured that staff will be available that day for any Year 11 or Year 13 students who require support for any remaining exams.

Our Year 7 Parents' Evening is coming up on Tuesday 6 May, and I'm really looking forward to meeting lots of you and sharing how your children are settling into Rivers and thriving in their first year of secondary school.

Please can I draw your attention to the reminder below regarding students with allergies, specifically nut allergies and the support we need from our families.

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

Jo Williams, Principal



Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 6 May 2025
Year 7 Parents Evening

Thursday 22 May 2025 @ 5pm
Online Parents Forum - Attendance
Subscribe here: [Ormiston Rivers Academy - YouTube](#).

Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May
Summer Half Term Holiday (1 week)

Nut Allergies

We would like to remind you all that we do have students in school who have severe nut allergies which can be life threatening. We ask that all students & staff refrain from bringing in items which do or may contain nuts but, to add further context, we have asked a parent to put together some more detailed information:

WHAT IS A NUT ALLERGY?

GENERAL OVERVIEW

A nut allergy, in general, is an immune system reaction to the proteins found in nuts, causing a range of symptoms from mild to life-threatening. Tree nut allergies are a type of food allergy where the body's immune system mistakenly identifies nut proteins as a threat. This leads to the release of chemicals like histamine, causing the allergic symptoms.

LIST OF NUTS

Peanuts

Tree nuts include almonds, Brazil nuts, cashew nuts, hazelnuts, walnuts, pecans, pistachios and macadamia nuts.

WHAT

COMMON SYMPTOMS

01 MILD REACTION




- A red raised rash (known as hives or urticaria) anywhere on the body
- A tingling or itchy feeling on the lips
- Swelling of lips, face or eyes
- Stomach pain or vomiting
- Sneezing





02 SEVERE REACTION

- AIRWAY – swelling in the throat, tongue or upper airways (tightening of the throat, hoarse voice, difficulty swallowing)
- BREATHING – sudden onset wheezing, breathing difficulty, noisy breathing
- CIRCULATION – dizziness, feeling faint, sudden sleepiness, tiredness, confusion, pale clammy skin, loss of consciousness

REACTION

TYPICAL PROBLEMS ARE ANY OF THESE SAFE?

TYPICAL PROBLEMS

ALL MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF NUTS AND ARE THEREFORE **NOT** SAFE

SCHOOL NUT FREE SAFE TREATS

Maltesars	Maryland minis	McVities Digestives	Galaxy original
Munchies	Cadbury Twirl	Smarties	Kitkat original
Dairy milk buttons	Cadbury Flake	NOMO milk chocolate bar	Rolo's
Oreos original	Aero peppermint	Jammie Dodgers	Kinnerton chocolate
Nestle Yorkie	Galaxy Ripple	Aero milk chocolate	Cadbury Fudge
McVities Mini Cheddars	Curly Wurly		Hob Nobs milk chocolate

SCHOOL

***the ingredients still need to be checked regularly as ingredients change constantly.

Donation Request

ORA's Childcare classes are kindly asking if there are any Puzzles up to age 5, art and craft materials and any equipment that would be useful for the students studies they could donate to the class.

We would very much appreciate it.

Please either drop into reception or email Mrs Procter to discuss this further at aprocter@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Thank you



Library News



Each month we recommend books for you to read and review; introduce new authors and genres. We encourage you to share your opinions and thoughts about the books by completing reviews and activities - outstanding entries will be rewarded with merits and badges!

In April our theme was Identity, Memory, Place... exciting tales of friendship, courage and discovery, set in Australia, London and eastern Africa. The new theme for May is Animal Adventures with stories written by favourite authors such as Lauren St. John, Gill Lewis and Jane Kerr.

There is now a new Library Book of the Month challenge to create your own short story or poem!

Your challenge is to take the title or first line from at least 6 Book of the Month reads and create a poem or short story by combining them with words and phrases of your own. Leaflets and full details including the first lines of 14 books, are available from the Library and English. The best entries will be awarded merits and a Library badge, and the chance to win a book!

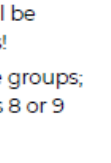
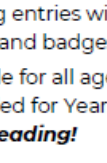
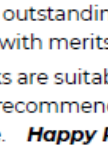
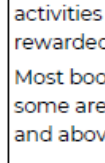
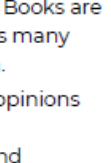
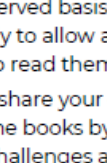
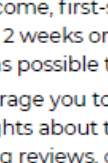
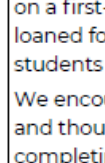
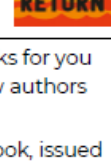
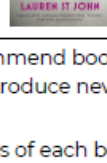
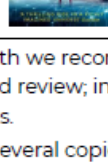
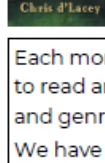
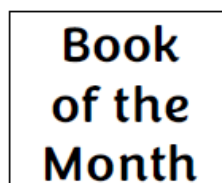
Good luck!

Your Challenge..... Take the title or first line from at least 6 of these Book of the Month reads and create a poem or story by combining them with words and phrases of your own:



	Time moves in spirals, we are flotsam on Time's sea		No one knew for certain when the trouble started at Colgan school
	It starts with a knock at my bedroom door		I wish I were invisible
	Barrow Island haunts me		D-55mins. Léonor, how does it feel to be leaving the Earth forever?
	This was not at all what the letter had said would happen		Some people believe that when you drown, your whole life flashes before you.
	Even the woods are burning		Listen... He was running down Harmony when he heard it
	He couldn't breathe. His lungs were pumping		It begins with a forest, and with Ally.
	Sometimes I feel like a river		Once upon a time there was a world

Collect merits! Hand in your completed story or poem to Mrs Yerbury, Librarian. The best entries will also receive a Library badge and the chance to win a book!



Each month we recommend books for you to read and review; introduce new authors and genres.

We have several copies of each book, issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Books are loaned for 2 weeks only to allow as many students as possible to read them.

We encourage you to share your opinions and thoughts about the books by completing reviews, challenges and activities - outstanding entries will be rewarded with merits and badges!

Most books are suitable for all age groups; some are recommended for Years 8 or 9 and above. **Happy Reading!**



Tea with the Principal

On , the following Year 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..

Kieran G (7D2)
Lola K (7D2)
Lenny S (7Z2)
Ashley P (7Z2)

Ava F (7A2)
Autumn R (7A2)
Amelia M(7A1)
Jacob L (7A1)

Rory N (7M2)
Elissa S (7M2)
Ida K (7M1)
Blake A (7M1)

Rowan W(7D1)
Tommy S (7D1)



Duke of Edinburgh Award

A very big well done to Kai L in Year 13 for finishing his Silver Award and to Verity H in Year 10 for finishing the Bronze Award. This is a big achievement you should be very proud.



Some of our wonderful students took part in the Southminster Music Festival competition last Saturday in the solo category for age 12-18. All students performed to a very high standard and we are extremely proud of the commitment and effort they showed. Congratulations to Bradley (10M1) who won 2nd place and Max (10D1) who was in 3rd place.

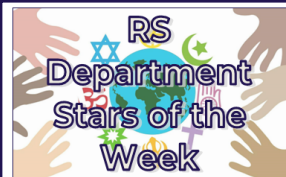
They wone monetary prizes, as well as receiving certificates and medals.

Well done to all that took part and we look forward to taking part next year.



Jamie A Year 9

Henry H Year 9



Owen L Year 8



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



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 rmay@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.



Young Writer's Competitions

I am happy to announce that three of our students have had their mini-sagas published in a book entitled ‘Fight or Flight’ Across the UK. Parents/relatives/carers/teachers are welcome to purchase copies of this book. These students are listed below. A huge congratulations to all of them. Please give them a high five or thumbs up when you do see them around.

Charlie S - 8A2

Max L - 7M2

Zhani G - 7M2

Please also congratulate the following students who have recently submitted mini-saga entries on the theme: ‘Grim Tales’ in another National Young Writer’s Competition. We are awaiting the results for these talented pieces.

Erin B - 7M1

Haidyn V - 9M1

Max L - 7M2

Zhani G - 7M2

Ongoing Competitions

Currently, we have a new Poetry Young Writer’s Competition- ‘Empowered’ which allows students to write a poem of any length about a topic of interest to them or anything that they are passionate about in life. The submission date is May 21, 2025. Please encourage students to enter this competition as they have the chance of winning a \$150 gift card. Information for this competition has gone out in tutor trays and students can see, Miss Durrant in E05 for entry forms and more information. Entries must be original and should be typed and emailed by the end date.

Completed entries can be emailed to me at sdurrant@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

I look forward to the lovely entries that I will receive.



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!!



AI Meets Banking Brilliance – Explore Your Future with Lloyds Banking Group - Tuesday, 6th May 2025, 5:00pm - 6:00pm



LLOYDS BANK

Are you curious about where a future in finance could take you – and how artificial intelligence is reshaping the industry?

Join us for an exclusive virtual event with Lloyds Banking Group – one of the UK's leading financial institutions with a proud history, bold digital ambitions, and a commitment to helping Britain prosper. Whether you're in school, college, or just starting to consider your career options, this is your chance to discover exciting opportunities at the intersection of finance and technology.

Event Details:

Event: Lloyds Banking Group Careers Live: Gen AI

Date: Tuesday, 6th May

Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Location: Online (tune in from anywhere!)

Who Can Attend? All students in school or college

About Lloyds Banking Group:

With over 60,000 colleagues and 30 million customers across the UK, Lloyds Banking Group is at the heart of the UK economy. From high street banking to cutting-edge digital innovation, they offer careers that matter, where you can make a real impact, right from the start.

So, if you're intrigued by the blend of technology and finance, or simply want to explore future-fit careers in a trusted, progressive company – this is the event to attend.

Register Now:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG-Gen-AI>

Young Professionals Summer Conference Work Experience Day in London and the O2! Tuesday 15th July 2025 1:30pm - 5pm.



Virtual university fair, 4 June

Inspire students to consider studying abroad through live Q&As with university representatives at our virtual university fair on Wednesday 4 June!

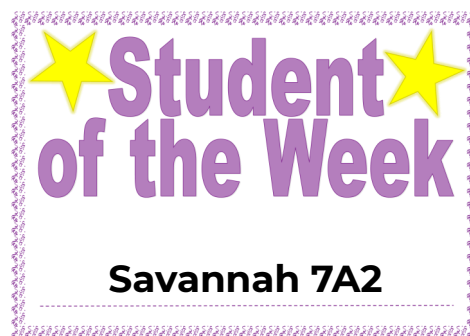
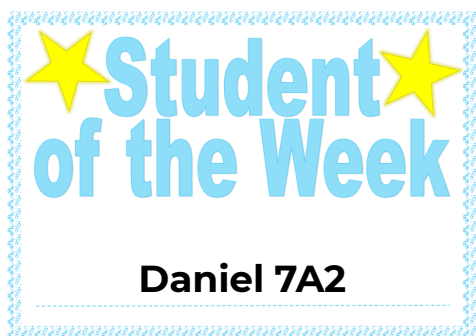
The fair is free to all students and ideal for Y10-12/S4-S6, making it easy for you to get students across year groups to connect with universities from all over the world.

Year 7 - Mr Moon

A very productive week with lots of positives to report.

Our assembly was run by Mr O'Toole, focussing on Shakespeare and his influence towards everyone and how his influence links with our CARE values.

We are introducing a new weekly award where each week Miss Byford will pick a male and female Year 7 student of the week. This weeks 'Miss Byford's Students of the week' are



We have parents evening next Tuesday 6th May and I am aware that some parents have had issues booking slots. If you were unable to book with a particular teacher, please send an email to them directly, asking for feedback as we only have a certain number of slots available and they are now booked.

Student Shoutouts

Attendance this week for Year 7 is standing at 93.67% and the tutor group with the best attendance is 7A1 with 96%. Well done and keep up the good work.

The top 3 merit earners this week are Hannah 7D1 in 1st place with 145 merits, in 2nd we have Grace 7A2 with 130 merits, and in joint 3rd place we have Rebekah 7Z2 and Sienna 7D2 with 130 merits each. Great work all of you.

Helpful Reminders

Contacting school: Please contact tutors in the first instance to ensure your query is dealt with quickly. 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. Please also copy Mrs Byford into your email also at dbyford@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk, so we are always kept in the loop.

Uniform: Please make sure you're wearing the correct uniform each day. Check the school's guidelines on the school website if you're unsure about the details. Blazers and ties must be worn at all times unless otherwise instructed.

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

I hope you all have a restful bank holiday weekend and look forward to seeing you all for parents evening on Tuesday.

Contact: smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 8 - Ms Scott

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share that Year 8 has enjoyed yet another successful week at school. Once again, our Year 8 students are leading the way, topping the school for both behaviour and academic progress – a fantastic achievement and a real credit to the year group! However, we are continuing to experience some challenges with attendance figures. We kindly ask all parents and carers to support us by encouraging students to attend school regularly wherever possible. Good attendance plays a vital role in academic success and emotional wellbeing.

We also encourage families to reflect on students' overall lifestyle:

Are they eating a balanced diet with enough nutrients?

Are they getting regular exercise?

These simple but important factors contribute greatly to overall wellness and can make a noticeable difference in helping students feel energised and ready to learn each day.

Heroes of the Week

A big congratulations to Ms. Corbett's Heroes of the Week:

Alexy G-B F – for a marked improvement in Science and a noticeable positive change in his behaviour.

Emmie A – for her determination and resilience during silent work and her maturity in dealing with conflict. Well done to both students!

Ice Bucket Challenge!

In a fun and heart-warming moment this week, Year 8 students nominated Ms. Corbett and myself to take part in the viral Ice Bucket Challenge – to raise money for mental health charities. We accepted the challenge and, during Friday's Period 5 line-up, had two huge buckets of ice-cold water dumped over our heads — much to the students' delight!

Well done to all students who contributed to this important cause. Your enthusiasm and generosity are a credit to you.

Top 10 Positive Behaviour Students This Week

A special shout-out to our top 10 positive behaviour stars this week — you continue to make us proud:

James B
Megan R

Olly S
Riley N

Sky M-B
Lexi-Jaye D

Brianna B
Cameron H

Katelynn C
Gracie W

We wish you a restful and enjoyable bank holiday weekend. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing all students refreshed and ready for the week ahead.

Warm regards,

Contact: hscott@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 9 – Mr Marklew

Well done to the Year 9s for their positive work this week. Their behaviour points have been increasing day on day, with negative points reducing. I continue to call out and celebrate those students who have the most merits at break and lunch time. Well done to those form groups who have the most merits - we celebrate these too.

As I attend lessons, my focus is on the quality of their classwork: neat, well-presented and detailed work. This standard will set them up well as they enter the GCSE year next year.

Contact: dmarklew@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 10 – Ms Taylor

Year 10 have been reminded this week of the need for good conduct and good attendance if we are to have a prom at the end of year 11. Attendance remains too low with too many students out of lessons and getting relocations and detentions at present, and we may have to look at different rewards for those who get it right. I would appreciate your support in helping your child get to their detentions so that we are in a position to celebrate with as many of them as possible. Supporting your child in getting into school will also be really important - and the students have been reminded of this. Students must play their part if the reward is to be meaningful.

Despite the heat, students have been largely positive this week. The top merit awards are:

Edward B - M1
Tylor E - D1
Maria H - M1
Connor S - Z2
Oliver B - A1
Max C - D1
Freya C - D1
George C - M2
Harry L - M2
Jude P - A1
Samuel S - A1
Daisy S - A1
Faith W - A1



A special shout out also to Michael A who has been making a concerted effort to improve his behaviour.

Wishing you a happy, restful and sunny weekend

Contact: staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 11 - Mr Field

As students continue to work hard and focus on the ever encroaching exam season, I have listed some motivational quotes for them to read and digest, in an effort to maintain their motivation during harder times.

"Perseverance is not a long race; it's many short races one after another." – Walter Elliot

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." – Robert Collier

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." – Tim Notke

"Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance." – Samuel Johnson

"Pressure is a privilege—it only comes to those who earn it." – Billie Jean King

An exam is not only a test of your knowledge but also a test of your calmness, stability, and courage." – Unknown

"Don't count the days, make the days count." – Muhammad Ali

During this week we had Music and French speaking exams. Well done to all those who performed.

Top positive points this week are: Ella, Jack, Poppy, Liam, Thomas, Frank, Harry, Jessica, Jack, James, Brandon, Ronnie, Jospeh, Ellie. Well done to you all.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend and keep up the revision.

Contact: sfield@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

We have had a busy week in Sixth Form with exams and charity events. Congratulations to Year 12 & 13 students who completed their EPQ course on Thursday. There were many very impressive presentations delivered.

On Wednesday 7th May we will be hosting a UCAS Personal Statement writing session in the Sixth Form from 3:30 - 4:30pm. If you are considering applying to university you must attend this session.

George has been growing his hair for the last 3 years and is now taking part in a 'chop for charity' for The Little Princess Trust. So far, he has raised £1,285.00 and many students in Sixth Form have been very generous adding to the collection pot. There is still time to donate so to read more and donate please go to - https://www.justgiving.com/page/george-hutcheon-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL.



Another recent success - Libby has been in Orlando Florida with her Cheer team Cosmic 5. This week they competed in the World Cheerleading Championships 2025. They were fantastic and made 7th place. We are all incredibly proud of her and look forward to welcoming her back to school.



Study Leave

Year 13 students will begin their study leave on Monday 2nd June. Students studying vocational subjects will be required to attend Sixth Form as normal until they are signed off by their teacher and Mrs Wilkins.

ParentPay

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



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

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 sent to the reflection room or expected to go home to change and then return to lessons.

Careers

If any Year13 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

Contact: mwilkins@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Catering



Menu

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

Nut Allergies

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

Parentpay

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

Free School Meals

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

Catering Cards

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

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



Catering



Tuesday 13th May international houmous day

International Hummus Day is celebrated on May 13th each year and is dedicated to the popular Middle Eastern spread made from cooked, mashed chickpeas or other beans, blended with tahini, olive oil, lemon juice, salt, and garlic. The day aims to celebrate the culinary delight of hummus and its cultural significance. We will be selling a variety of houmous dips with vegetable sticks and pitta bread.

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th world baking day

On Monday 19th we will be celebrating world baking day this event is every third Sunday in May, World Baking Day inspires people to bake for their loved ones, friends, and neighbours. These bakers are also encouraged to give their baked goods away as a token of gratitude and appreciation. Look out for the menu on the day



Monday 19th – Friday 24th May British sandwich week

British Sandwich Week, celebrated annually in May, is a week dedicated to one of the UK's most iconic and beloved foods—the sandwich. Whether it's a classic ham and cheese, a hearty bacon butty, or a fresh veggie option, the sandwich holds a special place in British food culture. Look out for the menu on this week

Wednesday 21st May international tea day

International Tea Day in the UK, celebrated on May 21st, is a time to appreciate the long history and cultural significance of tea, particularly in the UK's tradition of afternoon tea. It also serves as an opportunity to raise awareness about fair trade practices and sustainable production within the tea industry, highlighting the importance of supporting tea farmers. We will be celebrating by offering decaf tea or iced tea and cake meal deal, along doing an afternoon tea picnic box





Catering



Exam! **May**

Exam meal deal bags £3.30

Exam season is here, you're probably spending lots of time revising, writing, reading (and stressing). Certain kinds of food increase alertness, enhance memory retention, and can increase energy levels, and general wellbeing but grabbing A exam bag while you're working could boost your productivity, energy, and concentration.

What's included

Pot of blueberries

Blueberries are nutritional and antioxidant powerhouses that can contribute to improved verbal comprehension, memory, reasoning skill, concentration, decision-making, and even numerical ability.,

Healthy chocolate flapjack

The ability of dark chocolate to improve blood flow to the brain can be particularly beneficial when revising important topics for exams. Pair this with oats that will

keep you fuller for longer and Oats offer several benefits for exam food, including providing sustained energy, improving focus, and supporting overall brain health. They are rich in fibre and protein, which help regulate blood sugar levels, preventing energy crashes and keeping you feeling full for longer. Oats also contain iron, which can reduce fatigue and boost immunity, further supporting exam performance

Protein meal option

Protein-rich foods can help improve memory and cognitive function, making them beneficial during exams and study sessions

Tuna mayo wholegrain pasta pots
Chicken mayonnaise wholemeal roll
5 bean salad with mint dressing

Carton of water

Stay hydrated

Water accelerates the chemical reactions in our bodies and can quicken the rate at which our brains process information. Dehydration, on the other hand, can cause fatigue, forgetfulness, and sluggishness.





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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.

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

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

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



Red Nose Day 2025 - 21st March

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



Absence Reporting

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

MyEd Messaging App

ConnectED absence line: 0845 355 8104

Attendance line: 01621 787855

Change of Personal Details

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

Lost Property

We have several items in lost property, mainly coats, PE kits, blazers and drinking bottles. Any student can check in Student Reception for lost items. Please note that items not collected before the end of each half-term may be donated to charity or disposed of accordingly, therefore, please remind your children to check for anything they have misplaced before this time. Thank you.



Essex County Council

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

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

Who may be fined?

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

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

First Offence

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

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

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

National Threshold

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

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

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

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

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

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

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

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

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

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

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



Parent / Carer Login

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

1 – www.Go4schools.com through any web browser.



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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.



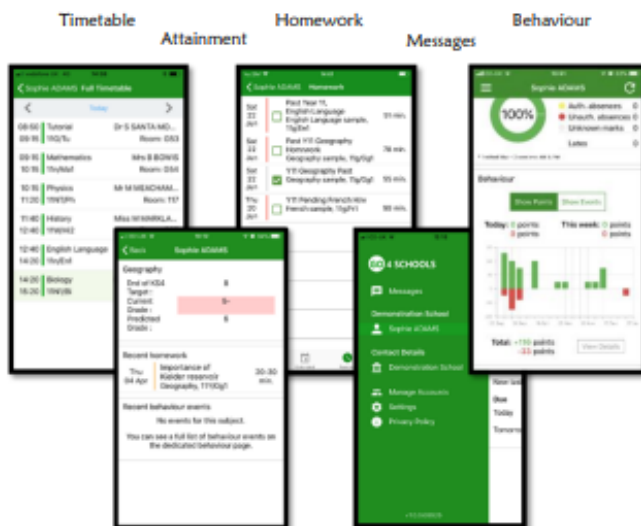
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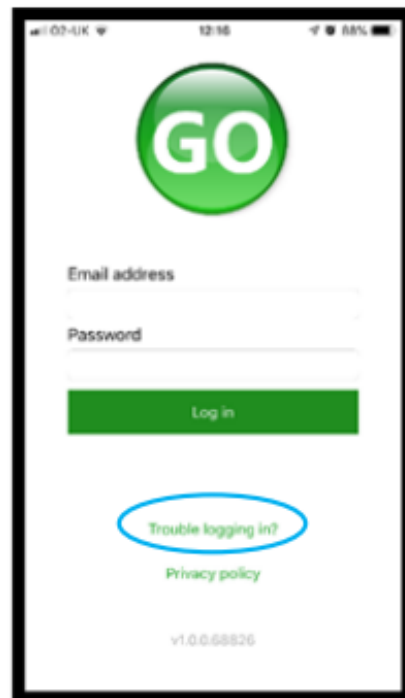
2 – Type in your school email address.

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.