

### Message from the Principal

It has been another busy week at Rivers. I am proud to say that our Year 11 & 13 students have been really focusing and working hard for the final push towards their exams displaying our CARE values of ambition and resilience. As always, please be assured that we are here to support them with anything they need over the next few weeks.

#### Parent Pledge from the Principal

Any issue of concern that you may have that you are unable to resolve with a member of the academy leadership team, I will be available to speak to you on the phone within 24 hours or to meet with you within 48 hours.

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Date



Signature

On Monday, some of our drama students participated in this year's National Theatre Connections Festival performing 'No Regrets' at the Queens Theatre in Hornchurch. Students got involved in technical rehearsals and setting the show in the professional venue. This opportunity provided students with invaluable first-hand experience of performing in a working theatre and working alongside industry professionals.

On Thursday, our PE department accompanied some of our students to take part in the Mid Essex Athletics trials at Chelmsford Sports & Athletics Centre.

At the end of this week a group of our Year 10 students set off for their practice Silver DofE expedition in the North Downs for three. I would like to wish them the best of luck and hope that the weather stays fair for their trip and to thank all our staff member who are giving up their time to accompany them enabling them to take part in this fantastic programme.

Following my announcement in the newsletter last week, please remember to note the Extraordinary Staff INSET day on Monday 16 June in your diaries as the academy will be closed to students that day.

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

**Thursday 22 May 2025 @ 5pm**

Online Parents Forum - Attendance

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

**Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025**

Summer Half Term Holiday (1 week)

**Monday 16 June 2025**

Staff INSET day – Academy closed to students





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On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May Ms Goodfellow and Ms Turnnidge took our National Theatre Connections company to the Queens Theatre, Hornchurch to perform their version of No Regrets by Gary McNair. The company have been working on this play since January and performed the piece in school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April. The school performance was attended by a professional theatre director from the National Theatre who gave feedback on their work. His report was extremely positive throughout, stating " The characterisation is solid through-out and there are excellent character relationships. It is clear that the actors have strong relationships and have a great rapport."

On Monday the group spent time on a technical rehearsal during the day working alongside industry professionals from Queens to ensure the piece was ready for performance. In the evening they performed to an audience of friends and family as well as representatives from the National Theatre. The performance from the entire cast and technical crew was exceptional.

At the end of the evening we were surprised to discover that Gary McNair, the playwright, had been in the audience. After the show he waited to speak to us and share how much he had enjoyed the production and was blown away by our version of the play. He told Ms Goodfellow that the play was beautifully performed, really bringing the text to life through fantastic storytelling and characterisation.





# Careers Spotlight



### MedicMentor – Free Live Virtual conferences – Dentists

For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference date: Saturday 17th May from 9:30am - 3:30pm - <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwK6/shrBuiR7SBACc19E>

All aspiring dentists in years 10-12 are invited to register. These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

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| ⇒ Tactically choosing universities         | ⇒ Medical & Dental Awards Programmes |
| ⇒ Personal statements                      | ⇒ Extracurricular activities         |
| ⇒ UCAT                                     | ⇒ Work experience                    |
| ⇒ Medical & Dental school interview skills | ⇒ Building a CV                      |
| ⇒ National Leadership Programmes           | ⇒ Applying for scholarships          |

Many students have found that attending these free conferences was a pivotal experience, where everything came together to help them succeed! Please note that parental attendance is required for safeguarding reasons and to ensure parents are also supported throughout the application process. Students and parents can register for free at this link: Dentistry: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwK6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

### SpringPod - AAT

I wanted to let you know that two brand-new opportunities with AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) have just landed on Springpod - and you're getting early access before they go live to everyone else.

These are designed to help students explore careers in accounting and finance through interactive, skill-building experiences - perfect for introducing them to real-world opportunities in business and bookkeeping. AAT Virtual Work Experience Give students a chance to step into the world of professional accounting and finance. They'll explore diverse career paths in accounting & bookkeeping, hear from industry experts through Springpod Sessions, complete interactive quizzes and activities and earn a certificate of completion - 6+ hours of self-paced content | Open to students aged 13+.

[AAT Virtual Work Experience | Springpod](#)

**Bookkeeping Sprint with AAT** This short course puts students in the shoes of an Accounts Assistant at a fictional company. They'll complete a real-world task - creating an invoice with all the key financial elements, learn from a mentor (AAT bookkeeper & tutor) via short videos, compare their work to a model answer and build key skills in accuracy and attention to detail.





### 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 **"Spiritual"**.

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



### *Tea with the Principal*

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May, the following Year 8 students, who had been nominated by their Head of Year and Tutors, were invited to have milkshakes with the Principal to celebrate their outstanding demonstration of the academy's CARE values..

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|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Harry C (8D1)   | Liam H (8M1)    | Evie H (8A1)     | Skye M-B (8D2)  |
| Finn B(8D1)     | Zach N (8M1)    | Scarlett H (8A1) | William A (8D2) |
| Destiny B (8Z1) | Ellie M (8Z2)   | Emily N (8M2)    |                 |
| Rose T (8Z1)    | Eleanor B (8Z2) | Scarlett H (8M2) |                 |



Jake W - Year 9

Bella D - Year 8



Elsie W - Year 9



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

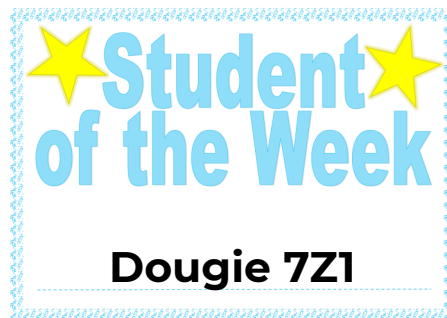
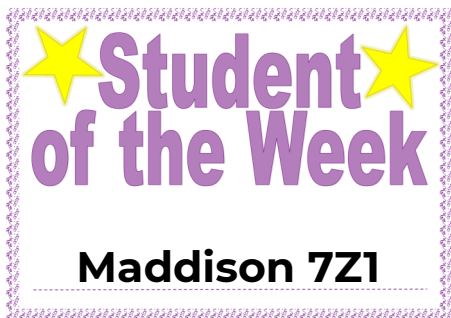
Thank you

### Year 7 - Mr Moon

A very good week with lots of positives to take from it. Our assembly was run by the Sixth Form Leadership Team about the future and their goals and their experiences when they were in school.

It was amazing to see so many of you at parents evening on Tuesday. A special thank you to all the parents and teachers for making the event run so smoothly.

### Miss Byford's Students of the week:



### Student Shoutouts:

Attendance for Year 7 this week is 93.76%. Keep up the good work. I am determined to make us the best year group in school for attendance.

The top 3 merit earners this week are Mia 7A2 with 130 merits, Grace 7A2 with 120 merits and Esme 7A2 with 110 merits. Great work again from the girls.

Kyran 7A2 took part in the kickboxing British international competition in Gloucester at the weekend and was fighting in rounds to secure his place. He secured a Gold, 2 Silvers and bronze. He will now be travelling to Austria at the end of the month to compete in the kickboxing Junior cup.



### Helpful Reminders

**Contacting school:** Please contact form tutors in the first instance. If you do not get a response from the tutor, please then contact me in the second instance. This ensures that your query can be dealt with quickly and efficiently. When e-mailing the school, could you also please copy in Miss Byford so we are kept in the loop.

**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 ask at student reception.

**CARE Cards:** Parents, please ask your children if they have received any CARE cards. This is an achievement and it would be wonderful for students to share this with their family.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

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



**Year 8 - Ms Scott**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share how wonderfully the Year 8 students have conducted themselves this week. Their positive attitude, focus in lessons, and particularly their politeness towards staff has not gone unnoticed. It's always a pleasure to see our students setting such a great example around the school.

As part of my learning walks this week, I had the pleasure of visiting a Year 8 science lesson where students were conducting a fascinating experiment to measure the amount of energy in different foods such as pasta, cheese, and bread. Using Bunsen burners, they heated water to track temperature changes and calculate energy content. Along with some rather unusual smells filling the room, it was brilliant to witness the curiosity, focus, and enthusiasm our students brought to the task. It was a real highlight of the week!

In this week's assembly, we had the privilege of welcoming some of our Sixth Form students, who presented the incredible pathways they have followed since joining our Sixth Form College. Their stories were truly inspiring – from working on popular podcasts with celebrities, to collaborating with global brands such as Sony and Apple. They demonstrated what can be achieved with determination, hard work, and a clear goal in mind. We hope your child came away feeling just as inspired as we did.

As the weather warms up, we would like to gently remind you to speak with your child about appropriate behaviour while playing on the field. While we know that most of the rough play is not intentionally harmful, we have seen a few injuries this week. Please help us reinforce the importance of empathy – encouraging students to think about how they would feel if they were in someone else's shoes.

We also ask for your continued support in monitoring your child's phone and internet use. At this age, many students become curious and may begin exploring content that is not age-appropriate. Please do check in regularly and have open conversations with your child about staying safe and respectful online.

Finally, a huge well done to our Heroes of the Week:

**Alice M** – for her continued positive attitude to learning

**Thomas F** – for always being polite, kind, and respectful to his teachers

**Leyla M** – for being nominated for being a good friend this week

**Ryan S** – for earning the most positive points in Year 8 this week

Well done to all – we are proud of each and every one of you!

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a lovely weekend.

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**Year 9 – Mr Marklew**

The focus for the assembly this week was Ambition. I invited the Sixth Form Leadership Team in to talk about their aspirations when they graduate in the summer. This is a great time of the year to consider our next steps. What careers, apprenticeships or further education do they wish to do when they leave Rivers? There are so many choices and it was good to have our Sixth Form students share their ideas. By thinking about their end goal (career/job) they can plan backwards to their GCSE Option choices. They then know what they need to achieve in their exams and can work towards this.

Our focus in lessons is to develop quality work - this continues - and is something that I am checking on in my lesson drop ins.

As a reminder for all parents/carers, please log in to your parent/carer account on Go For Schools. We do check to see who has logged on recently. Students' attendance, behaviour scores, timetable and progress data is all on there - these are ideal conversation starters when you discuss schooling at home.

I want to say well done to those Year 9's who attended the Respect Project activity day and training courses. They had their rewards evening this week after spending 2 hours per week, for the past 6 weeks, completing training with the Maldon Youth Boys and Girls club.

And finally, if you have any success stories that we can share within the year team or on the PE Honours board please get in touch.

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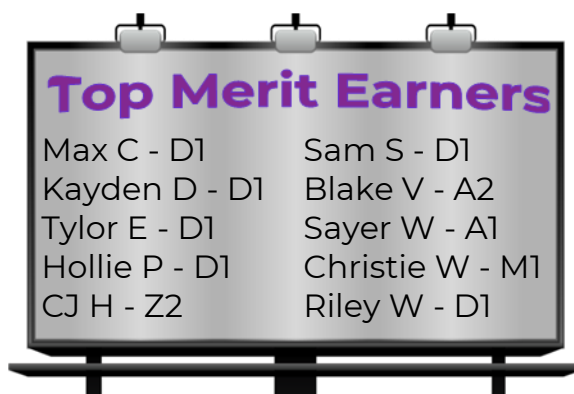
### Year 10 – Ms Taylor

As the GCSE's began this week, Year 10 have become increasingly aware that they are only a year away from their own exams. I advise all students to know their exam boards and to use exam board websites - accessing past papers and mark schemes - to support their revision ahead of their upcoming mock exams.

### Dates to remember:

**23<sup>rd</sup> May** - work experience placements must be uploaded on Unifrog

**23<sup>rd</sup> June -4 July** - Year 10 PPE



Special shout outs this week to Isobel S (Z2) who took part in the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Regional Final on 23 April at St Benedict's school in Colchester. Isobel delivered a speech on 'The Perfect Woman' which spoke of the issues girls have around social media on young girls and body shaming.

The family of Sienna H (A1) climbed Mount Snowden on Saturday 3 May to raise money for two charities that have supported them: SUDEP Action and The Brompton Fountain. They have raised over £8000 so far.

Max H (Z2) took part in VE Day celebrations with the Cadets yesterday in Burnham-on-Crouch.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone next week.

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### Year 11 - Mr Field

As the exams have finally commenced this week with Drama and Business Studies, I'd like to wish the whole year group good luck over the next few weeks in preparing and sitting their GCSE's.

The sitting of the exams this week was first class in terms entering the exam hall to abiding by the strict guidelines.

The end of last week students performed their practical Music exam with some gaining extremely high grades. Standout performances were Mikie, Amy and Will.

Bobbi, Leela and Amy performed on bank holiday Monday as a part of the extra-curricular Drama group run Ms Goodfellow at Queens Theatre. After speaking to Ms Goodfellow, the students performed superbly and really enjoyed the experience.

As mentioned previously, please ensure your children get enough sleep, drink enough water and a little exercise over the weekend as they prepare for the English exam on Monday Morning.

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# Exams News



## Afternoon Exam Arrangements

- ◇ At 12.20pm, students will be supervised in the canteen for a break. Cold food will be available in the canteen to purchase.
- ◇ At 12.50pm, students will go to the back of the stage for bag drop.
- ◇ Exam starts at 1pm.



| 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              |  |  |
| EASTER                  |  |  |
| 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                                     |
| 26/04/2025              | 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              | Trinity Music Performance Exams                        | Trinity Music Performance Exams                        |
| 02/05/2025              | L3 Sport - Fitness Training and Programming            | MFL Speaking exams                                     |
| 06/05/2025              | MFL Speaking exams                                     | Trinity Music Performance Exams                        |
| 07/05/2025              | A Level Art Practical                                  | A Level Art Practical                                  |
| 08/05/2025              | A Level Art Practical                                  | A Level Art Practical                                  |
| 09/05/2025              | GCSE Drama Component 3                                 | L3 Business - Developing a Marketing Campaign          |
| 12/05/2025              | A Level Art Practical                                  | GCSE Business Investigating a small Business           |
| 13/05/2025              | L3 Business - Developing a Marketing Campaign          | GCSE Business Investigating a small Business           |
| 14/05/2025              | L3 IT - Fundamentals of IT                             | AS Further Mathematics Paper 1                         |
| 15/05/2025              | GCSE English Literature Paper 1                        | GCSE Computer Science - Paper 1                        |
| 16/05/2025              | GCSE RS Paper 1  | GCSE Biology Paper 1                                   |
| 17/05/2025              | A Level Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) Paper 1      | GCSE Combined Science - Biology Paper 1                |
| 18/05/2025              | GCSE Geography Paper 1                                 | A Level English Literature Paper 1                     |
| 19/05/2025              | A Level Art Practical                                  | L3 Sport Anatomy and Physiology                        |
| 20/05/2025              | GCSE Mathematics Paper 1                               | L3 Media - Media Products and Audiences                |
| 21/05/2025              | GCSE English Literature Paper 2                        | L3 Business - Personal and Business Finance            |
| 22/05/2025              | GCSE Mathematics Paper 2                               | L3 Criminology Unit 2                                  |
| 23/05/2025              | GCSE English Literature Paper 2                        | L3 IT - Global Information                             |
| 24/05/2025              | GCSE Mathematics Paper 2                               | GCSE Business - Building a Business                    |
| 25/05/2025              | GCSE English Literature Paper 2                        | AS Further Mathematics Paper 2                         |
| 26/05/2025              | GCSE Mathematics Paper 2                               | L3 Media - Pre Production and Planning                 |

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

# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

We have had a busy week in Sixth Form with exams, VE Day, Oxbridge Scholar talks and our Sixth Form Leadership Team leading assemblies all week.

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May we hosted a UCAS Personal Statement writing session in the Sixth Form from 3:30 - 4:30pm. This was beneficial for all Yr12 students who are considering applying to university.



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Sixth Form students commemorated VE Day reflecting on the courage, sacrifice, and resilience of those who lived through WWII. From wearing red, white and blue and moments of remembrance, it was a meaningful way to honour the legacy of peace and unity. To add to this, Evie and Dan attended the "Remembering VE Day: 80 Years On" service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Burnham. We are very proud of how they represented the school.

This week our amazing Sixth Form Leadership Team have been inspiring the next generation by leading assemblies for the lower school - sharing their aspirations, future goals and what motivate them to aim high. From university dreams to career ambitions, they've shown what it means to lead by example. Here's to big goals, bold choices, and bright futures!



George has been growing his hair for the last 3 years and took part in a 'chop for charity' for The Little Princess Trust. He has raised £1,456.00 and many students in Sixth Form have been very generous adding to the collection pot making a total of £145.13 from Ormiston Rivers Academy. 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](https://www.justgiving.com/page/george-hutcheon-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)





# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

**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.

**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.

**ParentPay** - The Yearbook is now on ParentPay as well as 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 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 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. 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

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# Catering



### Menu

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

### Nut Allergies

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

### Parentpay

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

### Free School Meals

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

### Catering Cards

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

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





# Rivers Academy Shop

## Academy Shop

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

### Equipment:

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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## 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.



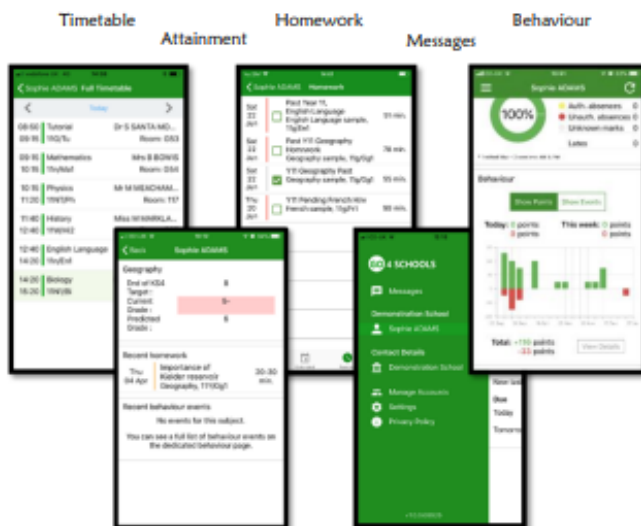
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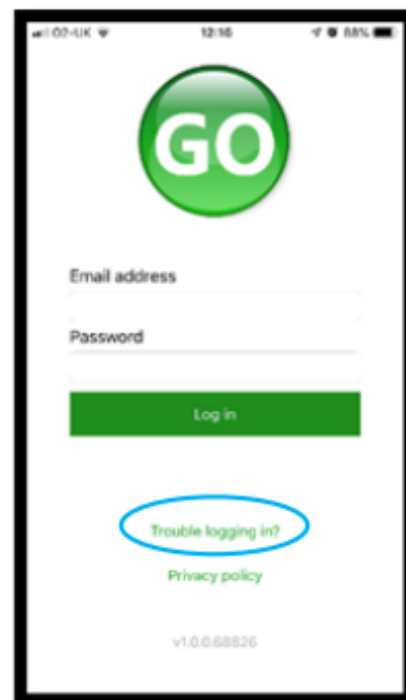
2 – Type in your school email address.

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.

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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80TH ANNIVERSARY**

**SATURDAY 10TH MAY  
12PM TILL 4PM**

**JOIN US WITH  
STREET ACTIVITIES IN  
COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL  
BUSINESSES**

**1940'S  
COSTUME  
COMPETITION  
FOR ALL AGES**

**MILITARY  
VEHICLES &  
1940s  
PHOTOBOOTH**

**FIND WINSTON  
CHURCHILL  
COMPETITION**

**CRABBING  
COMPETITION  
ON THE  
PONTOON**