

### Message from the Principal

It has been another busy week at Rivers with exam season now in full swing. Our Year 11 & 13 students continue to be focused and working hard for their exams and it has been fantastic to see such a high turnout at the morning warm up sessions that are being held in the academy canteen. 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



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On Wednesday, our Year 13 A-Level Drama students attended the Fortune Theatre in London to watch 'Operation Mincemeat: A New Musical'.

On Thursday, some of our students had the opportunity to take part in a brilliant 'Ocean Life VR Experience'. The interactive event allowed students to explore the wonders of the ocean using cutting-edge Virtual Reality technology, bringing the marine environment to life and to learn about the importance of ocean conservation and the impact of environmental changes on marine life. Thank you to Mr Williams for arranging this exciting educational experience for our students.

We will be holding our second Online Parents Forum on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 5pm about the importance of attendance to school and the impact that low attendance can have on student outcomes. You can subscribe to the ORA YouTube channel here: [Ormiston Rivers Academy - YouTube](#). I look forward to lots of our parents & carers joining us to discuss this important topic.

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

### 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



### 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 **"Autopilot"**.

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

Tommy D (9D2)	Sylwia P (9D1)	Sophie T (9M1)	Elsie W (9A1)
Henry J (9D2)	Jack B (9D1)	Huey H (9M1)	Molly B (9A1)
Radley H (9A2)	Riley C (9Z1)	Lola T (9Z2)	
Penny S (9A2)	Ronnie D (9Z1)	Henry H (9Z2)	



Well done to all that took part in the Silver Practice DofE last week. Students were really good and completed the training well.

Looking forward to the Qualifying expedition in July.



Last Thursday we travelled with 3 students to the Mid-Essex Athletics Trials. All 3 students did amazing and performed to really high standards!

We are proud to say that the 3 students all broke school records while at this event!

Max broke the 1500m school record for Year 10 Boys with a time of 4m 20s  
Madi broke the Javelin school record for Year 10 Girls with a distance of 27.34m  
Lorna broke the 300m school record for Year 9 Girls with a time of 45.30s

We would like to continue to invite all students to Athletics Club on Monday and Thursday after school.





Ava N - Year 11

Jensen S-B - Year 7



Beth H-T - Year 11

Chloe C - Year 9

## Exams News



The Exams team would like to congratulate all students for their mature and positive attitude towards their exams so far this summer. We have all been

impressed by students' polite and respectful attitude towards exams staff and our invigilators and to each other. Well done to all of them. Please encourage students to ensure that they remain hydrated, particularly on warm days and to bring water into the exams with them in a clear, colourless, unmarked bottle.

Good Luck for next week everyone.

Thank you also to our younger students for their respect of the 'Silence' signs when passing any of our exam rooms, this is very much appreciated.

### Community Walks

Many of you may be aware that we have been completing Community Walks in the morning before school. This has been a great opportunity to meet the students as they make their way to school. We also make ourselves familiar with the local community to support them. For example, we go into our local shops daily and check in with the local train station.

One positive impact that we have noticed is that students are more punctual!



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



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



### Saracens Rugby Success

Owen G, a former student at Ormiston Rivers Academy and youth player at Burnham-on-Crouch Rugby Football Club, has graduated from the Saracens Under 18 rugby Academy, into the Men's Senior Academy for the 2025/26 season.



During his time at Ormiston, Owen was an essential part of the team, and his technique and power impressed his teachers and opposition coaches alike. The team had many years of District success and Owen also represented the school in County competitions in Years 10 and 11.



Owen was then handed a well-deserved spot at Felsted School where he won the Continental Tyres National School Rugby Tournament Vase Competition after a win against Ivybridge College at Twickenham in 2024.



A huge congratulations from everyone at ORA on this great achievement! We look forward to seeing you play during the season!



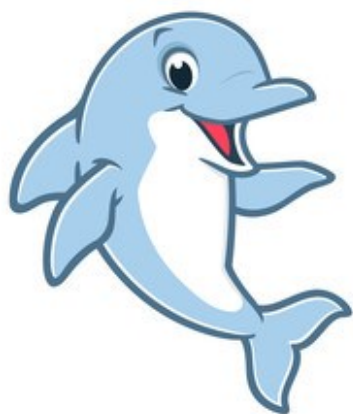


**A Deep Dive Without Getting Wet! - Mr Williams**

On Thursday, students from Years 7 to 10 took an unforgettable journey beneath the waves, without even leaving dry land! Thanks to cutting-edge Virtual Reality (VR) technology, they dived into the ocean's depths and explored a range of fascinating marine ecosystems up close.

From swimming through vibrant coral reefs to coming face-to-face with jellyfish, dolphins, and even a whale shark, the experience was as exciting as it was educational. Students were immersed in the wonders of the underwater world, all within the safety of the classroom. The interactive sessions were packed with fun facts and eye-opening insights. As students floated through colourful coral reefs, they learned about the many species that call these ecosystems home and the growing problem of coral bleaching, which is causing many reefs to lose their brilliant colours.

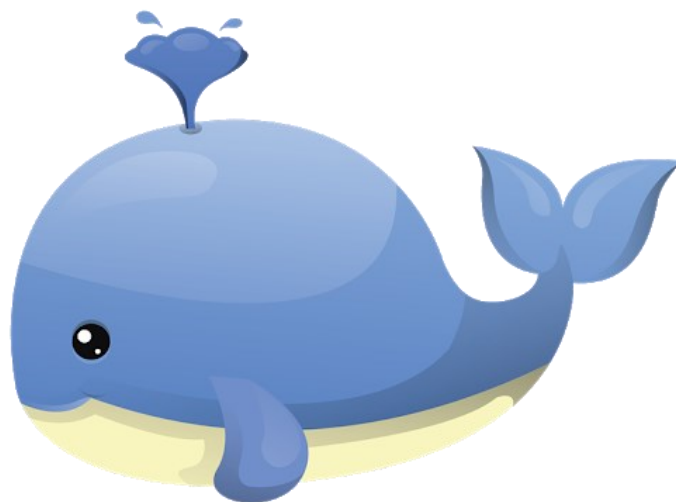
The adventure then got a little more squishy as students met some jellyfish, those strange, stingy creatures of the sea. Did you know jellyfish use the same opening to eat and... well, poop? Cue the chorus of "Ewwww!" from students across the room!



Next up were the ever-charming dolphins. Students were surprised to discover that dolphins have evidence of five toes in their flippers, proof that their ancient ancestors once walked on land! During the dive, students watched dolphins hunt in teams and communicate with one another. Oh, did you know dolphins can hold their breath for a remarkable time, typically between 8 and 10 minutes. Longest recorded time was 20 minutes.

The final stop on this underwater safari was the majestic whale shark, the gentle giant of the ocean. Despite their size, these slow-moving swimmers only munch on tiny foods like plankton and shrimp and can travel thousands of miles in search of meals.

After resurfacing, students visited a Virtual Ocean Museum, where they explored even more ocean facts and curiosities.







All in all, it was a splash-tastic experience—fun, fascinating, and full of new knowledge.

Don't just take my word for it see what are students saying about Ocean VR Experience?  
Students Feedback

"The session was interesting and surprising accessible to people with glasses. Very fun" -F, Year 10



"Enjoyable! Explains in detail" – KC, Year 8

"Learnt some great info that wouldn't have learned anywhere else, and the headsets are nice and comfy. Would definitely do it again with different things to learn about. Very fun and interesting 8/10" -Year 9 student

"It was good but I am sad cause no turtle. I LIKE TURTLES"-LR, Year 7



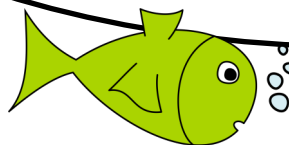
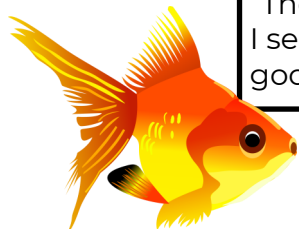
"Educational, more free towards the end. Enjoyable for first time VR experience"-DC, Year 9

"It was decent"- Year 7 Student



"Overall, really cool. You can learn and it makes it fun. I like that at the end you could also walk around (I like the interactive bits)"- SP, Year 9

"The experience was good audio and I see everything well. Overall it was a good experience." JM, Year 8



**Who knew learning about the ocean could be this immersive?**





**Support with Apprenticeships** - suitable for students in Yr 10,11,12 and 13 and parents / carers.

Students and parents are invited to our webinar Wednesday 28th May for a 5pm start - We will be here to demonstrate how and where to find an apprenticeship and answer your questions on Apprenticeship's.

We look forward to seeing you.

Telephone: 03330322591 Tricia and Kaz [Apprenticeship.hub@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Apprenticeship.hub@essex.gov.uk)

Wednesday, 28th May 2025

17:00 - 17:45 GMT (we will be available until 18.00)

Online

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Microsoft Teams Need help?

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 342 572 615 915 2

Passcode: kj64to7c

Essex Opportunities Find an apprenticeship - [GOV.UK Search apprenticeships](https://gov.uk/search-apprenticeships) | UCAS

Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience 2025

Year 12 is 7th-11th July / Year 10 is 21st - 25th July

All placements need to be logged on Unifrog by Friday 23rd May. Unifrog is attached to student school email addresses.

The link below is a step-by-step guide on how to log a work experience placement on Unifrog.

How to... use the Placements tool : Unifrog Placement Guides

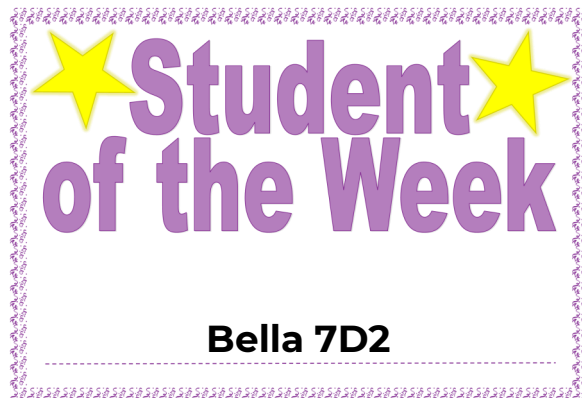
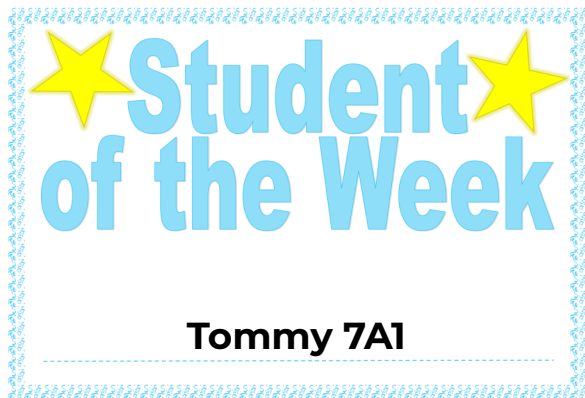
Any questions please email Mrs Compton on [fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)



### Year 7 - Mr Moon

What an amazing week we have had this week lots of things happening from the VR experience to the massive turn out in cricket and athletics, then on Thursday with our assembly on Mental health through community and social media use.

### Miss Byford's Students of the week



### Student Shoutouts:

This weeks attendance for Year 7 is 93.98% and the tutor group with the best attendance this week is 7A1 with 96%.

The top merit earners this week are Mia 7M1 with 150 merits, Savannah 7A2, Harrison 7M2, Bella 7M1, Mason 7M1, Alex 7D1 and Zac 7A2 with 140 merits and then Harrison 7M2, Lexi 7A2, Lacey 7M2, Zane 7A1, Niamh 7D1, Harley 7A2, and Jack 7A2 with 130 merits Great work from everyone this week; so many merits!

### Helpful Reminders

**Contacting school:** Please contact form tutors in the first instance. If your 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.  
Contacts:

Many thanks

Mr Moon & Miss Byford

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



### Year 8 - Ms Scott

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a lovely week in Year 8, helped along by some warm, sunny weather! Let's hope the good weather lasts into the weekend.

One of the highlights this week was the Ocean VR Headset Experience, expertly organised by Mr. Williams. Students were immersed in a calming underwater environment, which many found both exciting and relaxing. It was a wonderful opportunity to support their wellbeing, and we hope all those who took part found it enjoyable.

We're also thrilled to share that Year 8 has been selected to take part in the First Give Initiative. This exciting project launched on Thursday gives students the chance to compete to win £1,000 for a charity of their choice. We're really looking forward to seeing the thoughtful and creative ideas our students come up with. If you would like to support us in any way, or suggest a worthy cause, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Ms. Dennis – [adennis@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:adennis@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).

On a more serious note, we must ask for your support in speaking with your child about safe and respectful play during break and lunchtime. We've had a number of concerning incidents where students have been swiping the legs of others during play, leading to some serious injuries. This behaviour must stop immediately, or we will need to consider restricting access to the field to ensure everyone's safety.

A gentle reminder as well to monitor your child's phone use, particularly the content they are viewing on platforms like TikTok and Instagram. Unfortunately, there is harmful content circulating that may encourage self-harm or other concerning behaviours. Your vigilance is greatly appreciated as we work together to keep our students safe.

We'd also like to say a huge well done to Bobby P., who represented Mid Essex District last weekend in the National Finals Champions Cup. Although the team lost 5-3, it was a fantastic game to watch and a brilliant achievement to play at such a high level – well done, Bobby!



Congratulations to our Heroes of the Week: Kassa S. and Jude L. – both of whom have been working incredibly hard in lessons and showing excellence, especially in English.

And finally, a big well done to our Top 10 Positive Points Earners of the Week – your consistent effort and positive attitude are appreciated and celebrated:

Charlie B	Eleanor B.	Olly S.	Finian R.	Jake M.
Zach S.	Sophia S.	Eoin C.	Ivy N.	Katelynn C

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

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

### Year 9 – Mr Marklew

The focus with Year 9 continues to be the push towards GCSE standard work. The Senior leadership team have been completing book checks and ensuring that students work is to a high standard. I will continue this next week when I complete my lesson drop ins to check that students are meeting the expectations.

### Extra Curricular activities:

A huge part of enjoying school is getting involved in clubs and events outside the classroom. If we reflect on our school lives I am sure that we can remember the trips and events that we took part in! I remember my Y7 trip to Wales fondly.

This week we have seen the Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh groups preparing for their camping trip (see photo below), the boys cricket team out practising for their upcoming game and our athletes training hard for the district Athletics competition - teams to be announced soon! And finally we held a Virtual Reality event via the science department. The feedback from students was positive and they had a great time - thank you Mr Williams for organising this experience!



### Help is at hand:

I want to thank the Y9 form tutors again this week. They see the year group daily and are always on hand to support them. If you have any questions or queries, please speak to them and they will try their best to help.

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

### Civic Town Awards Nomination

On Saturday Jake W (9D2) was awarded a Burnham-On-Crouch Civic Town Young Person Award for his actions in February saving the life of a member of the local community. The Young Person award is presented to celebrate a local young person's inspiration for other young people in the community. We are all extremely proud of Jake for his quick thinking, bravery and willingness to help others and his demonstration of our CARE values and we would like take this opportunity to congratulate him on winning this award.



### Year 10 – Ms Taylor

This week year 10 have had an assembly on mental health and how to better manage stress and anxiety - and the impact of social media on their mental health.

A polite reminder that ALL WORK EXPERIENCE FORMS are due next Friday - 23rd May. These are to be completed on Unifrog.

Top merit achievers this week are:



Top Merit Earners		
Tylor E - D1	Freya C - D1	Matthew C - M2
Edward B - M1	Tom N - D1	Kayden D - D1
Callum G - A1	Hollie P - D1	Suzie P - D1
Connor S - Z2	Daisy S - A1	Samuel S - A1
Max C - D1	Sam S - D1	Summer T - D1
Jaiden G - M1	Henry A - Z2	Faith W - Z2

Many of our year 10 students took part in the Ocean Experience VR workshop on Thursday 15th May and I hope that they enjoyed it.

A special shout out to Damien W who completed Nuclear Races Mud run last week.

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

### Year 11 - Mr Field

The exams have well and truly started! Science, English and Maths have now all taken place as well as important option subjects. I would like to repeat some of the advice I have given previously. It is important to reassure our students and keep them calm. A little stress is not a bad thing, but it is important not to let things become all consuming. Something I have spoken about in assemblies is that they can only do their best and that if they do that, then everyone will be proud of their achievements.

Leading into the exams, it is also important to eat healthily, get enough sleep and stay hydrated.

This week, I am not intending to highlight any individual student performances, except to say that I have seen all of Year 11 focussed on their studies and trying to prepare well. All staff are behind them, working hard and trying to help with this final few weeks.

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





# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

We have had a busy week in Sixth Form with exams, the mayor attending our assembly, celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week, the Ice Bucket Challenge and interviews for the new Sixth Form Leadership Team.

Next week is our final week with Year 13 students. We are very proud of how much they have achieved and contributed to the Sixth Form community and look forward to celebrating with them on their last day, Friday 23rd May 2025. Monday 19th May will be the last tutor session for Year 13.

### Celebrating Student Achievement in Our Community!

Each year, the Mayor of Burnham-on-Crouch recognises individuals who go above and beyond to support and inspire the local community through the Civic Town Awards. This week, we were honoured to welcome Cllr Douglas Bown, Mayor of Burnham-on-Crouch, to Rivers Sixth Form to personally present certificates to two of our exceptional students. We are incredibly proud to announce that Daisy (Year 12) and Harriet (Year 13) were nominated for their inspiring contributions and achievements—a well-deserved recognition of their dedication, positivity, and impact both in school and beyond.

Well done, Daisy and Harriet!



### Mental Health Awareness Week

This week we celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week in the Sixth Form by wearing green to show the mental health matters. Green is the internationally recognised colour for mental health awareness as it shows solidarity. By wearing this colour, it sparks conversation and builds a sense of community.

This week is a reminder that **mental health matters** just as much as physical health. Whether you're a student, teacher, or parent—**you are not alone**. Take time to check in with yourself and others. Talk, listen, rest, move, breathe—whatever helps you feel supported and strong. Let's keep building a school community where it's safe to speak up, ask for help, and support one another.

**This year's theme: Community**

**Wear it Green  
for Mental Health** 



# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## Sixth Form Student Leadership Team Interviews 2025

This week we were blown away by the incredible candidates who interviewed for our new leadership team. Each student spoke with passion, maturity, and a genuine commitment to making a positive impact on our school community. Their ideas were inspiring, their leadership potential clear - they all made the decision extremely tough. A huge thank you to everyone who applied, you should be so proud of yourselves. We're excited for the next chapter and can't wait for the new team to begin their roles.

Here is the new team and their responsibilities:

Teaching & Learning	Social Media	Wellbeing	E&D KGO	Community & Enrichment	Environment Study Area AMA
Lead: Theo J	Lead: Hannae	Lead: Evie D	Lead: George H	Lead: Dan P	Lead: Stanley A
Deputy: Jamie H		Deputy: Daisy C	Deputy: Tegan S	Deputy: Finley A	Deputy: Marli W
YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 7

## Penberthy Took the Plunge!

Today, Mrs Penberthy braved the cold and took part in the USC Ice Bucket Challenge — all in the name of fun, courage, and community spirit! The energy was high, the splashes were big, and the cause was even bigger. A massive well done for stepping up (and getting soaked!) — what a fantastic way to unite for a great challenge.



## 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.

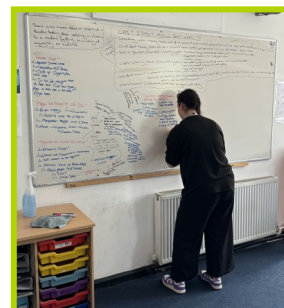
## Careers

If any Year13 students would like a careers appointment or support for the final few months, please speak to Mrs Penberthy to arrange this.

# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## **Exams/Study**

Mrs Penberthy will continue to host an optional revision session in the Sixth Form area titled "Pemboodle's Revision". She provided snacks and light background music to create a warm and inviting environment. This session will run every Wednesday 3:20 - 4:20pm.



## **Tutor Sessions**

A reminder that you need to attend all mandatory tutor sessions

Monday - Yr 12 Assembly, Yr 13 Careers

Wednesday - Yr 12 Skills

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](mailto: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](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.



# Ormiston RIVERS Academy

GO 4 Schools

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Login

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Schools login

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Parents login

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MAT login

## Welcome to GO 4 Schools

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

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

 Overview

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

 Attendance

**Behaviour** positive and negative points.

 Behaviour

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

 Homework

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

 Inbox

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

 Progress

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

 Reports

**Timetable** full academic timetable.

 Timetable

GO Sign in with GO

First-time user?

Forgotten Password?

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

Email address

Send password reset link

## Forgotten Password

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

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



## G4S App Login

1 – Download the app.



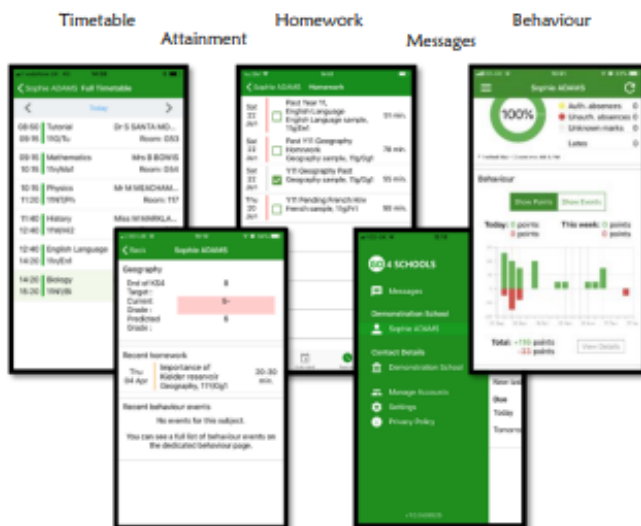
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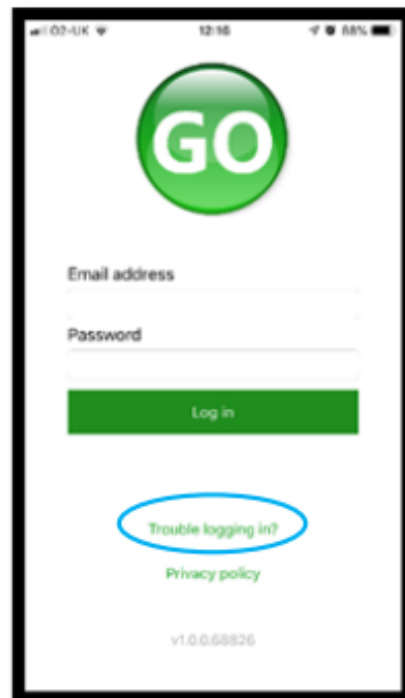
2 – Type in your school email address.

3 – Type in your password.

This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



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### FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD?

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

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

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.