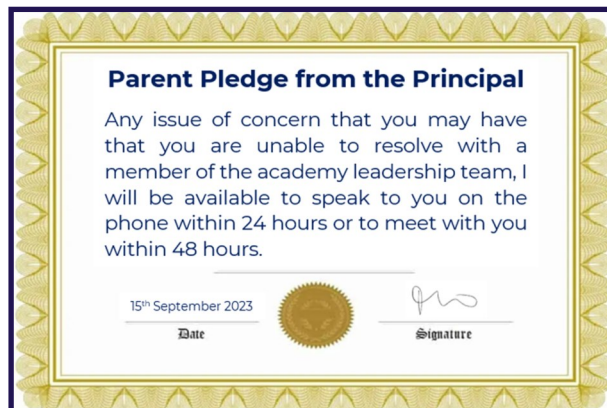


Message from the Principal

On Wednesday we said goodbye to our Year 11 students with our annual Leavers' Celebration. This was a really lovely opportunity for staff and students to come together and celebrate their time at Ormiston Rivers Academy. Students collected their leavers hoodies, enjoyed ice-lollies in the sunshine and took part in the traditional shirt signing. We wish them good luck with the rest of their exams and look forward to seeing them in August when they collect their GCSE results.



As part of the Burnham Art Trail taking place during the last week of June, our Creative Arts Department have organised a special concert on Tuesday 24th June at All Saints Church in Creeksea, Burnham. The concert will start at 7pm and will feature lots of performances by our talented musicians and singers. Tickets for the concert are available to buy from the academy main reception and are £5 each. It would be fantastic if the academy community could come along to support our students at what I know will be a fabulous evening.

Our PE department have had a busy week with a Year 7 Boys Cricket team home fixture against Beckett Keys School, a Year 9 Boys Cricket team away fixture at Boswells School, a Year 8 Boys Cricket team home fixture against William De Ferrers School and a Year 7 Boys Cricket team away fixture at Moulsham High. Some of our Year 7 & 8 also played in an away Rounders fixture at Plume Academy. We also hosted a Dengie Sports Training Day for our local primary schools. Many thanks to all our PE staff for going the extra mile to organise these sporting events for our students.

On Wednesday, a group of students from across all years were fortunate to be able to see the famous Opera 'Carmen' by Bizet at The Royal Opera House in London. This gave our students the opportunity to see an Opera show, potentially for the first time and an amazing opportunity to experience a stunning performance at a historical venue. I am proud to say that our students were a credit to Rivers on the trip and would like to thank the members of staff who accompanied them.

With the arrival of warmer weather, it has been agreed that until the end of term students will have the option to wear their blazers. It would be appreciated if you could please remind your child that ties still need to be worn and shirts should be tucked in. If your child carries their equipment for learning in their blazer pockets, please consider how they can bring this equipment to school so that they are ready to learn.

Finally, a reminder that we are holding our extraordinary Staff INSET day on Monday 16 June so the academy will be closed to students. I wish you all a lovely warm and sunny weekend and look forward to seeing our students on their return on Tuesday.

Jo Williams, Principal

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16 June 2025

Staff INSET day – academy closed to students

Tuesday 4th June 2025 @ 7pm

ORA Burnham Art Trail concert at Creeksea Church

(Tickets are £5 and available to purchase from ORA main reception)

Wednesday 16, Thursday 17, Friday 18 July 2025 @ 7pm

Gym & Dance Show

Monday 21 – Friday 25 July 2025

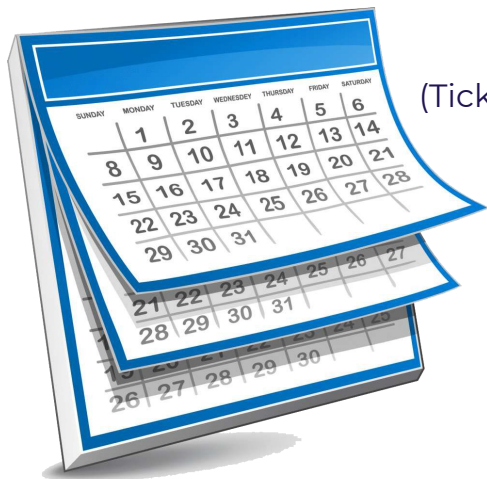
Year 10 Work Experience

Tuesday 22 July 2025

Year 7, 8 & 9 Trips/Activities Day

Wednesday 23 July 2025

Academy Sports Day



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 **“Converge”**.

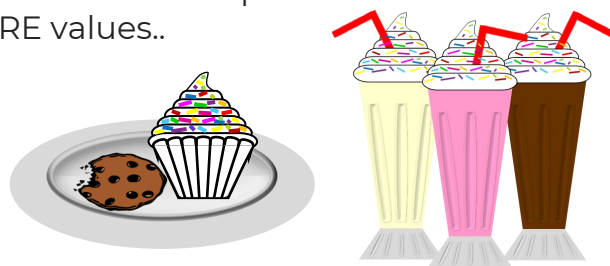
Why not have a go? Send the definition and the word in a sentence to rmay@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Milkshakes with the Principal

On Friday 13th June, the following Year 7 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..

Niamh P (7D2)
Ollie M (7D2)
Max W (7M1)
Noah S (7M1)

Riley B(7A1)
Poppy O (7A1)
Mia H (7A2)
Zac W (7A2)



Jamie A - Year 9

Liam H (8M1) and Owen L (9D1)





**Performing
Arts
News**



We are holding auditions for our next school musical, which will take place in December 2025.

If you would like to be in the show, there will be a sign-up sheet in Performing Arts.

If you are interested in a lead singing role, you will need to attend a singing audition on Thursday 3rd July at 3.20pm in PA02. In preparation for this, please learn a 1 to 2 minute piece of any song from the musical Chicago.

This includes year 11 students who are planning to stay for sixth form.



**Ormiston Rivers Academy
presents...**

**An evening of music
at All Saints Church
Creeksea**

Tuesday 24th June at 7pm
(Doors open at 6.30pm)

Ticket Price - £5
(On sale at Rivers main reception)





Year 7 and 8 Rounders

On Wednesday Afternoon we travelled to The Plume School, where we played 2 rounders friendlies.

The Year 7 Girls Team played some great rounders, were great sportswomen and had a fun time.

The Year 8 Mixed Team played a competitive game, had great sportsmanship and again, had a really great, fun time.

Both teams were unfortunate to lose two games, both were very close in scores, but with Athletics still being taught in lessons, the students are relying on skills learnt at club and previous knowledge.

The Year 7 score was:

Plume - 10
Ormiston - 8



The Year 8 score was:

Plume - 17
Ormiston - 14



Good Luck!!!!

Good luck to our students who are competing at the athletics County Championships this weekend as they represent Mid-Essex.

Max C - 3000m

Lorna L - 300m

Madison - Hammer

Cricket

Well done to all of our cricketers who have been involved in 4 fixtures this week. Special mention to the Year 7's who have played 2 games this week and the Year 8's who remain unbeaten in their league. Well done to Logan E in Year 9 for top scoring in their game.



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



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



Careers Spotlight

Apprenticeships in Essex

Click this link for current opportunities [Latest Essex Apprenticeships](#)

Sign up and follow the Padlet for the latest in Apprenticeships, Events, Insite days, careers fairs and more - [Apprenticeship Hub Padlet](#).

Work Experience Reminders

Year 12 - 7th -11th July

Year 10 - 21st -25th July

Reminder to upload your placement on Unifrog, if you are still struggling to find something.. Yr 12 see Ms Penberthy and Yr 10 see Mrs Compton in A04.



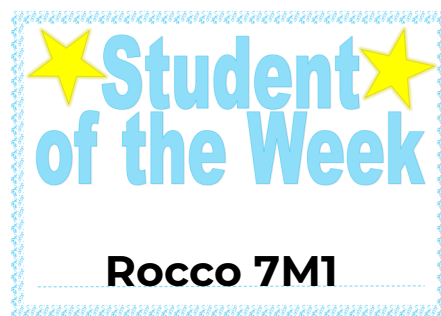
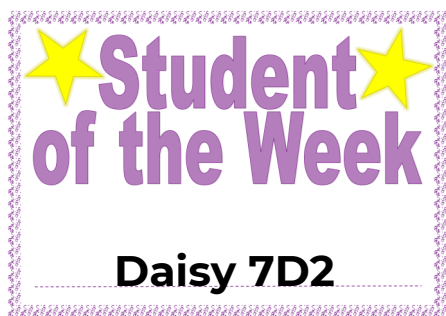
Careers Advice and Guidance

Our Careers Adviser Louise, is in school every Wednesday, students can drop in at break or lunch without an appointment. The Careers Office is by rear playground doors on the maths staircase.

Free online webinar - about 'Personal Branding' - Wednesday 23rd June at 6.30pm. Here's the link to book on - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-develop-your-personal-brand-so-employers-universities-love-you-tickets-1372146720779?aff=oddtcreator>.

Year 7 - Mr Moon

What an eventful week we have had with lots of things happening including two cricket fixtures and a rounders tournament.

Miss Byford's Students of the week**Student Shoutouts:**

Attendance for Year 7 is 94%. This is an improvement from last week. It is so important that we try to get to school so that we can achieve our goal of being the best year group. The tutor group with the best attendance this week is 7A1 with 96%. Well-done to Mr Chapman's group for remaining in first position.

Well-done to all the students who were chosen to have ice lollies with Ms Piralic! I'm sure she really enjoyed meeting you and hearing about your achievements.

Well-done to all the students who have been selected for district sports on Tuesday!! Good luck, I'm sure you will perform brilliantly!

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.

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.

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.

Uniform: Please make sure you're wearing the correct uniform each day. Check the Ormiston Rivers Academy website for the school guidelines if you're unsure about the details.

Contact: smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 8 - Ms Scott

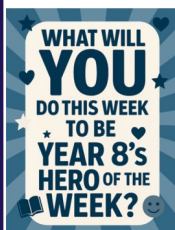
Dear Year 8 Families,

We just wanted to take a moment to say how incredibly proud we are of our amazing Year 8 students. Both Ms Corbett and I continue to be blown away by the maturity, kindness, and enthusiasm shown by this cohort. The positive feedback we've received from staff across all departments is a real credit to the hard work they've put in this year.

Stubbers Adventure Day – We're Ready!

We're thrilled to be counting down the days to our Year 8 trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre! Students will have the opportunity to try their hand at activities like paddle boarding, raft building, climbing, and team challenges – all set in a beautiful outdoor environment.

Full details about the trip will be shared shortly, including timings, kit lists, and consent forms. Please make sure everything is returned promptly to secure your child's place.

**Our Hero of the Week**

Lewis S - For trying very hard and making a massive improvement.

Lara M – for her energy and enthusiasm for her role in the King Lear production and her professional attitude.

Top 10 positive points this week:

Lexi J-D
Ava B

Lara M
Alice M

Izabelle Q
Sam A

Jessica F
Alexy GBD

Emmie A
Josh R

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support – we can't wait to share more good news and celebrate even more achievements in the weeks ahead.

Contact: hscott@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 9 – Mr Marklew

We have completed the second week of this half term and the focus as always with our Y9's is on acting like a GCSE student. Showing maturity with their focus, completing the work to a GCSE standard and being resilient when they find the work challenging.

We have talked about positive peer pressure and being positive role models. As Y11 have moved on we are now one of the oldest year groups, which means they need to respond positively and set that example - in all line ups, in the corridor, in lessons. Avoid interacting with students who have lost focus and/or encourage them to make the right decisions. In speaking to the Y11 leavers, they all reported how quick those two years have gone - prepare early was their message!

Thank you to those students who have volunteered to help with the Y6 introduction day - this is another day when we need to set a positive example.

There has been an excitement about the athletics team for the district competition, as well as the cricket team who played this week.

I am aware that the Options process has faced a delay and appreciate your patience with this. Any questions please send them to Mr Madajczyk.

Contact: dmarklew@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 10 – Ms Taylor

Next week sees Year 10 embark on their first set of mock exams. These are designed to be supportive so that students know what to expect next year. They should however use them as a genuine practice - the more they treat them like they will the real exams, the more feedback they can get, and the better the final results will be. I will be there each morning and Ms Makwana and I are here to support.

For the exams, it is important that the students are on time and that they have all the equipment they need - including several black pens. Organisation is key to success.

Students are still conducting themselves in a largely positive manner, despite the heat.

Top achievers this week are:

Lily B - 10A2	Ava H - 10D1	Sam S - 10D1	Summer T - 10D1
Millie D - 10A2	Neala W - 10Z2	Becca M - 10M2	Maria W - 10M1
Suzie P - 10D1	Niamh O - 10Z1	Hollie P - 10D1	Molly-Mai P - 10D1
Emily B - 10A1	Christie W - 10M1	Harry L - 10M2	
Tylor E - 10D1	Tom N - 10D1	Sebastian W - 10M1	
Freya C - 10D1	Layla S - 10M1	Matthew C - 10M2	

There are 4 times as many students achieving top merits this week so a massive congratulations to those students.

Just a reminder that Monday is an INSET day, and this would be an ideal study day for Year 10.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Contact: staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 11 - Mr Field

Five years of secondary school has now come to an end. Being your Head of Year has been one of the most rewarding - and at times challenging - experiences of my career. Watching you grow from Year 9 into the confident, capable young people you are now has been a privilege I'll never forget.

Over the years, I've witnessed friendships form, challenges overcome, and resilience built. I've seen you cheer each other on, comfort one another through tough times, and achieve things you never thought possible. Whether it was exam nerves, lost PE kits, or moments of pure brilliance—like your drama performances, sporting ability and academic success, you've impressed me more than I can say.

This year has not been easy. GCSEs, revision, pressure to make decisions about your future... it's a lot. But you did it. You made it. You should be incredibly proud of yourselves, because we certainly are proud of you.

School has been about more than exams, though. It's been about the laughs in the corridors, the friendships formed (and sometimes tested), the school trips, the productions, the sports fixtures, the inside jokes, the detentions that became stories - and the hundreds of small moments that made your school years what they were.

This chapter is about to come to an end, but a new one starts very shortly with you heading to college, sixth form or apprenticeships.

Never stop believing in yourselves. Work hard, be kind, and keep showing the world what you're made of.

I wish you all the very best.

Mr Field

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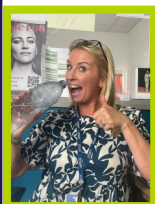
Contact: sfield@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

It's the second week back and we have already achieved so much in Rivers Sixth Form. It has been lovely seeing all of the Year 13 students back in for final exams and we wish them all the luck in the world for the final week coming.

For the whole of this month we will be celebrating PRIDE Month in the Sixth Form by raising awareness of LGBTQ+, history, the meaning of Pride and why allyship matters (actively supporting and advocating for the rights, dignity and wellbeing of LGBTQ+). We started the week with Sixth Form Leadership Team member, George running an assembly to all of Year 12. Today we celebrated by wearing bright colours and coming together as a Sixth Form community. Our aim is to educate and empower while celebrating creatively.



Healthy Eating Week

This week, we teamed up with our amazing canteen staff to share healthy eating tips, ideas, and advice. There have been daily suggestions, tasty balanced meal options and easy swaps to fuel your body and mind.



PPE's

Students have now received their timetables with locations and times for all exams. Exams begin on Monday 23rd June. Lessons will commence as normal that week and 100% attendance is expected of all. Please do speak to your class teachers or the Sixth Form Team if you need any support and use your Revision Guide booklets that were presented to you on Monday in assembly.

Sixth Form in the Community

On Monday we had Florence from Colas Rail, discussing about Apprenticeships and opportunities for our students post Sixth Form. Colas Rail is a global leader in railway infrastructure services, offering a wide range of expertise across the entire life cycle of a railway, from track installation and renewal to electrification and signalling.



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.



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Careers

If any Year 12 or 13 students would like a careers appointment or support for the final few months, please speak to Mrs Penberthy to arrange this.

Exams/Study

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

Tutor Sessions

A reminder that you need to attend all mandatory tutor sessions

Monday - Yr 12 Assembly

Wednesday - Yr 12 Skills

Friday - Yr 12 Careers

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 is week commencing 7th July - 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.

We have noticed a few students taking holidays during term time. Attendance is important to prevent you from falling behind. Research has proven that students with high attendance are more likely to achieve higher grades as well as build good habit for the future. Sixth Form is a community - when you're absent, you miss chances to connect, contribute, and grow with your peers.

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.



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.



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'.

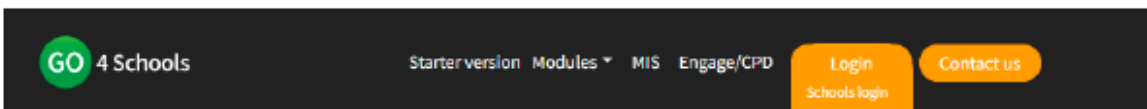
Parent / Carer Login

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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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

 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.



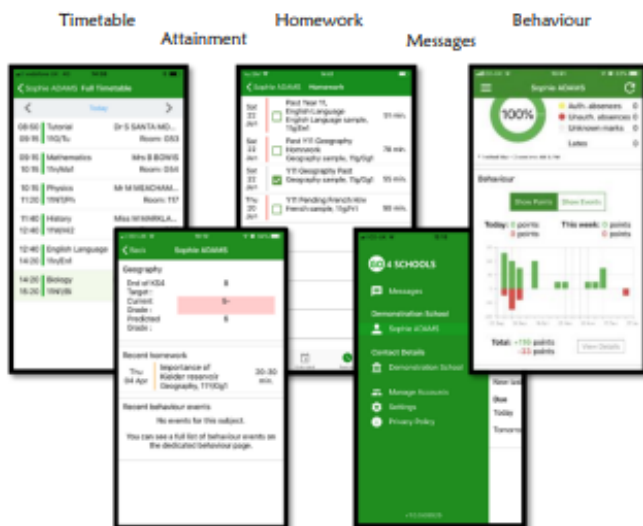
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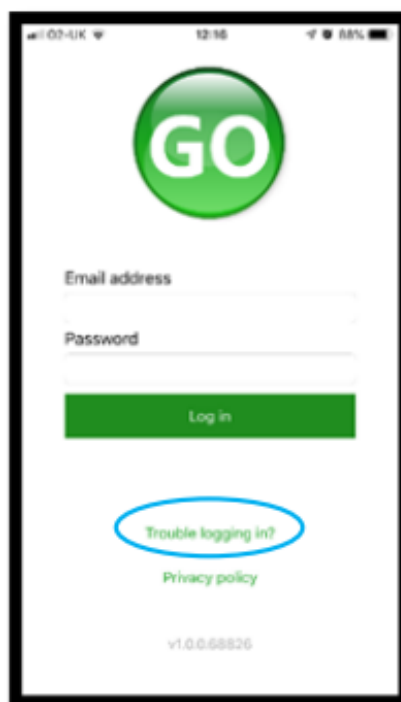
2 – Type in your school email address.

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

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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.