

#### Message from the Principal

It has been another busy week at Rivers.

It was National Thank A Teacher Day on Wednesday, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all of our teachers and support staff for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Their continued commitment to supporting our students here at Rivers makes a real difference to their futures. If your child would like to send a free thank you card to one of their teachers or a member of academy staff who has made a difference in their life they can do so here: <u>www.thankateacher.co.uk</u>

I would also like to thank our Exams Team for their hard work and the exceptional support they have given to our Year 11 & 13 students during the GCSE and A-Level exam season.

This week, our Year 10 students embarked on their first set of mock GCSE examinations, held under full exam conditions. It's been wonderful to hear how resilient and focused they have been as they tackle this important milestone in their learning journey.

On Monday, as a partial fulfilment of GCSE Geography, a group of our Year 10 students attended a field trip to Stratford where they completed research and gathered information, to analyse and present on how regeneration has impacted different areas of the town.

The annual District Sports competition took place this week at Chelmsford Sports & Athletics Centre where 80 of our students competed in various track and field events against other schools within the district. This is a fantastic sporting event, and I would like to thank our PE department for working so hard to ensure that as many of our students as possible were able to attend and compete.

To support our A Level students' study of English Literature and Drama, a group of them were invited to attend the Celebration of Drama event at Essex University in Colchester. Students watched a production of 'Mother Courage and Her Children' by Bertolt Brecht, had a campus tour of the university and attended a workshop at the university.

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

#### Jo Williams, Principal





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## **Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday 24th 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

ORA Gym & Dance Show



**Tuesday 22 July 2025** Year 7, 8 & 9 Trips/Activities Day

Wednesday 23 July 2025 Academy Sports Day

**Thursday 24 July 2025** End of Summer term (academy closes at 1.50pm)



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 **"conjoined".** 

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

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On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June, the following Year 8 students, who had been nominated by their Head of Year and Tutors, were invited to have ice Iollies with the Principal to celebrate their outstanding demonstration of the academy's CARE values.

Jolie A (8M1) Tyler M (8M1) Reuben S (8a2) Emily LB (8a2) Teddy K (8Z2) Bobby P (8Z2) Alice M (8Z1) Noah P (8Z1) Josh J (8D2) Lou Lou C (8D2) Lewis N (8A1) Lila N (8A1) Harley F (8M2) Harriet O (8M2)



#### **District Sports 2025**

What a day!! As ever, our annual event held at Chelmsford Athletic Centre didn't disappoint and a very competitive day was enjoyed by over 70 of our students from Years 7 - 10.

There were many highlights, in particular an outstanding win in the hurdles final by Phoebe F in Year 8 who's faultless technique and speed carried her to our first ever hurdles success and to Lorna L in Year 9 who ran an explosive 300m to win her final in comfortable circumstances after cruising through her heats. Madison P in Year 10 also won her discus event and then came 3rd in the final of her 200m.

#### Other stand out results were:

Monet G Yr 7 - 2nd in 800m Isaac A Yr 7 - 3rd in 800m Fraser T Yr 7 - 3rd in discus Lewis S Yr 8 - 4th in high jump Abby S Yr 8 - 3rd in 200m final Isabelle R Yr 8 - 4th in Javelin Alexy Yr 8 - 4th in 300m Ed D Yr 8 - 4th in 200m Max C Yr 10 - 2nd in 1500m Florence F Yr 10 - 3rd in shot put

Many congratulations to them and thanks to all of our competitors for trying their very best!

Blake W in Year 12 also needs a shoutout after assisting us with officiating the javelin competition during the morning session. He did a great job and his help was much appreciated.

Athletics club on a Monday and Thursday will still run for the next few weeks to help students prepare for our sports day in a few weeks time.







#### **Sports Leaders**

The last few weeks have proved a busy time for our Year 12 Sports Leaders. Last week, they hosted 6 local primary schools who were able to practice a range of athletic events which helps them to prepare for the upcoming Dengie Sports.

On Wednesday, 7 helpers also attended Burnham on Crouch Primary School to assist with their sports day.

With Dengie Sports still to help with, we'd just to say how grateful and impressed we have been with their efforts and commitment in recent weeks - Thank you!

#### **Athletics County Championships**

On Saturday the 14th of June, 3 of our students represented Mid Essex in the County Championships.

Many congratulations to:

Max C in Year 10 who destroyed the school record to finish 3rd in his 3000m. Madison P in Year 10 who finished 3rd in her Hammer event with yet another school record for her

Lorna L in Year 9 who finished 4th in her 300m event, just missing out on the podium

Their level of performance and commitment to their training should be applauded as they competed at such prestigious and high-level event.

Good luck for the rest of the season!













#### Year 7 Cricket

Well done to the year 7 cricket team who won their game against CVHS by one run! Special well done to Olly H, Max T and Dexter C for their defining contributions







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#### Theatre Trip

Year 12 English and Drama A Level students attended a theatre performance of Bertolt Brecht's seminal Mother Courage And Her Children at the Lakeside Theatre at the University of Essex. They followed this with a post-show panel and Q&A on Brecht and political theatre, the creative processes of deciding the show and contemporary responses to the play.

#### Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

Big CONGRATULATIONS to all Year 9 who have completed the Bronze expedition two weekends ago. You were all fantastic and had quite challenging conditions, with hot weather and heavy downpours. At least the tents are now dry!

I would like to say a very big thank you to all the staff that gave up their time to help, Hannah Brooks, Martin Coulson and Kevin Argent.

I would also like to thank the newest parent volunteers who gave up there time as well to support the school with the DofE. Big thank-you to Celia and David Terry.

All your support is appreciated by the students and myself, as these expeditions could not go ahead without you.

Please make sure that you all go on an finish the award, by completing the other elements.

Please may I have all school equipment returned, either to room L14 or main reception, please add your name so I know who has returned it!!!







Tristan H in Year 7



Owen L in Year 9



# Exams News

We have finally come to the end of the exam season for Year 11 and Year 13. Thank you and well done to all of our students for their positive attitude to their exams, we now look forward to results days which will be on

Thursday 14th August for A-Level and Level 3 qualifications and Thursday 21st August for GCSE and Level 2 qualifications. Further details about results days will follow soon.

Year 10 have begun their PPEs this week and have coped admirably with the heat and with the inevitable nerves that this process involves. This set of mocks is an opportunity to become familiar with the exam process and the processes and regulations around entry, exit and being in exam rooms. We encourage students to speak with their year group team, Exams or SEND about any concerns that they have had over the last few days and, hopefully, the nerves will subside as everything becomes a bit more routine. We have, again, been hugely impressed with the way in which students have approached their exams this week and look forward to welcoming Year 12 students into their PPEs at the end of next week.

Well done!

Knitting & Crochet Club

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.





#### Pasta Champions

We are taking part in a cookery class with Jamie Oliver (via video link) on Tuesday 1st July. It will be an official World Record Attempt for "the largest cookery lesson (multiple venues)".

We have opened it up to Year 9 initially (as it fits well with their studies on pasta) on a first come first served basis with up to 38 spaces available so if you are interested please come and see Mrs Hyde or Mrs Etherton in D04 or D03 to put your name down by next Thursday 26th June. You do not have to currently be doing food.

Find out more at <a href="https://www.Jamie Oliver.com/jamies-world-record-attempt-2025">https://www.Jamie Oliver.com/jamies-world-record-attempt-2025</a>

#### Year 10 Hospitality and Catering

Students have been working hard in their mock unit 2 assignments this term which is a great opportunity to practice the skills and written assignments they will need to complete next year for their controlled assessment (coursework). This involves planning dishes for particular age groups to meet their nutritional needs, making them and evaluating them.

They will soon be having a complete run through of the practical assessment in school so please do keep an eye on your emails and ask your children what they are planning to make as I will be sending home more information soon to ensure they are prepared. They are welcome (encouraged!) to have a practice of those recipes at home as well!

#### Extra-Curricular

In our Young Chef's club we have been exploring and trying out a range of dishes this term, to boost our skills and prepare students for the Rotary Young Chef competition should they wish to enter next term.

This week we made a lovely chilled lemon flan and shortbread biscuits. Students are working very independently and enjoying their practical work.

It is a very friendly, calm club with an emphasis on teamwork and we have had a few spaces become available so can welcome new members from y7-10.

Please email Mrs Hyde if you would like to join and you will be made very welcome!

Also if there are any Y11 students who intend to be here for sixth form in September and who would like to take part in the competition and club you are also welcome to join us in September as you can enter the competition up to age 18 and it is a great way to boost your cookery skills before fleeing the nest to University or working life.

Come and see Mrs Hyde in September or send me an email, you do not have to have studied Food at KS4.









#### Year 7 - Mr Moon

Welcome back Year 7 from your long weekend. Although it was shorter, we have had a really busy week. We had District Sports day on Tuesday and it was great to see so many Year 7's get selected and receiving some great results, not only as a school but as a year group. We also had a cricket fixture on Wednesday against Chelmer and it was a great opportunity for the boys to go to a real cricket club to play the match which was a great experience. We played really well and won the match by 1 run! The boys really tested my heart in the last over but we won and it is my first ever cricket win at Ormiston so I am really proud of the boys they did so well.

I would like to start to celebrate student successes not only within school but also things that happen outside of school. I would like to open this up to you as the parents to send in any accomplishments that happen weekly so that I can add them to the newsletter and read them out in line up/assembly to celebrate all the amazing this that the Year 7's are doing. Please send all the information about the accomplishment to Mr Moon and Mrs Byford.

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





#### Student Shoutouts:

The attendance for year 7 is 92.26% this week, this is the worst the attendance we have had to date I know it can be hard to motivate pupils to get into school, but it is vital that they are in lessons learning.

Top 3 merit earners this week are 1st Grace 7A2 with 130 merits outstanding work, in 2nd we have Danny 7Z2 and Autum 7A2 with 120 merits great work and in 3rd place we have Daniel 7A2 110 Merits. Great work from everyone this week so many merits! A special shout out to 7A2 for being the highest merit earners for the week. Well done Mrs Cope !!!!

#### A Message about next year:

I know there are lots of question in regard to next year (Year 8) but the main question I get asked is about timetabling. Next year students won't be taught in tutor groups anymore but will be set based on mixed ability grouping. This will be different for every lesson so the students will have lots of different students in their lessons throughout the day. There will be some tutor changes being made as we are going down from 8 tutor groups to 7. Tutor time will stay consistent with one member of staff being their tutor for the year, but lessons will vary based on the curriculum-based development.



#### **Helpful Reminders:**

**Water Bottles:** I have noticed that a lot of pupils don't have water bottles with the weather getting hotter its vital that they stay hydrated throughout the day this will help them focus throughout the day so please ensure they have a bottle for the day to refill. Contacting school: please contact tutors in the first instance. If your do not get a response from the tutor, please then contact me in the second instance so that I can then support you. This helps to divide the tasks and means your query can be dealt with quickly. If you need to contact anyone in the school could you also CC miss Byford in as well 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.

**Library Books:** Remember to return any overdue books and borrow something new to read during the week. The library is open during lunch for you to explore new books!

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

**Word of the Week:** Don't forget to submit your word of the week to Mrs Sams each week to receive extra merits

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

#### **Contacts:**

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I hope you all have a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all for another positive week.

Contact: <a href="mailto:smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk">smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk</a>



#### Year 8 - Ms Scott

With temperature soaring its fair to say that it's been a tough week for everyone. However, in true Year 8 form our students have powered through with resilience, humour, and determination. We want to give a special shout out to you all for battling the heat and still showing up - physically and mentally.

Miss Scott and I continue to be proud of the way so many of you continue to step up, try new things and push yourselves outside of your comfort zones.

Remember to look after yourselves as the temperatures stay hydrated with plenty of water, take a break when you need and stay safe.

Congratulations to this week's students of the week who attended a treat with the Headteacher to have ice-lollies. Much needed at the end of the day on a hot Friday!

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#### Ms Corbetts Heroes of the week:

Jack M 8Z1 : For being amazing in Science this week! Albie M 8M2 : For catching the ball 6 times in PE - Superstar!

Contact: <u>hscott@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk</u>



#### Year 9 – Mr Marklew

Week 3 of this 7 week term is now complete - the weeks are flying by.

Firstly, I would like to remind parents/carers about our attendance target for this year which stands at 96%. This is a national figure for all schools - we know that students cannot learn if they are not in school. In my assembly at the start of the term I shared facts related to possible earnings - school attendance. A stark reminder of the important in attending school as much as possible.

Secondly, I wish to say many congratulations to our Year 9 Athletics team on their efforts and achievements at the District Athletics competition!! Some fantastic first places! Fast times run, students stepping in to new events on the day and some great teamwork and support for each other. I am hoping that this will spur them on towards the Sports Day at the end of the year.

Finally, I have been fortunate to speak to nearly 30 Year 9s who have been nominated to help out with the Y6 transition day. They are keen to show our new year group a great day and act as positive role models - thank you in advance to these students.

Contact: <u>dmarklew@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk</u>



#### Year 10 – Ms Taylor

I would like to congratulate Year 10 students for their positive conduct in exams this week.

Invigilators have been very complimentary about their behaviour and I have been impressed with their conduct and the seriousness with which they are taking the whole experience.

Many students are very nervous and anxious - and I have reminded them that we practice so that they can do the best they can next year - when it matters. These exams are a learning experience - and should throw up lessons in how revision is working, if there are any misconceptions, what subjects need more consistent work etc. I am happy to work with any student after the exams to develop a plan for improvement.



A massive congratulations to those students who competed in District Sports on Tuesday:

Max C - D1, Riley G - D1, Bobby F - Z1, Summer T - D1, Alfie L - Z2, Isobelle CB - M1, Florence - Z1, Florence F - M2, Georgie C - D1, Kaelen A - D1, Jack C - A2, Maddison P - M 1, George C - M1

Also a huge congratulations to our top merit earners this week: Hollie P - D1, Halle D - A1, Daisy S - A1, Bobby B - D1, Becca M - M2, Thomas Y - Z1, Phoebe N -D1, Edward A - A2, Max C - D1, Blake V - A2, Faith W - Z2.

It is a heavy week of exams next week and I have no doubt that Year 10 will conduct themselves beautifully again.

Contact: <a href="mailto:staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk">staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk</a>



#### Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

It has been wonderful 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. Last week we celebrated by wearing bright colours and coming together as a Sixth Form community and today our tutors delivered great sessions with resources produced by of Equality and Diversity Team. Our aim is to educate and empower while celebrating creatively. PHOTOS

#### Year 13

Exams are officially over!!! Congratulations to everyone who sat exams this year and we can't wait to celebrate with you next week at the Summer Ball - 6:45pm arrival.

#### 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 last week in assembly.

#### Sixth Form in the Community

Today we celebrated World Music Day in the Academy. Next week we will hosting a 'make a Pride creation' for our Friday Feels.

#### Throwback Thursday

This week we introduced you to former student Charlotte, who is currently working as a paediatric staff nurse. While at Rivers Sixth Form she studied Sociology, Health and Social, Childcare and Performing Arts. To see more, following our Instagram account: @riverssixthform

#### **Dress Code**

We are working with you all to look at tightening up the uniform. A new dress code with minor changes will be launched after the PPE's to begin from September 2025. 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.





#### Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

#### 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 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: <u>mwilkins@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk</u>



#### Menu

We have pleasure of enclosing a link to next weeks <u>menu</u>. 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 <u>lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk</u> 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  $\pm 3.30$ . 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 <u>lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk</u> or Angela Mahoney, Finance & Business Director <u>amahoney@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk</u>.



# **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 <u>KS3 order form</u> and the <u>KS4 order form</u> 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.



# THE EWANALLEN CHARITY MATCH After the passing of our dear friend, Ewan, we will be hosting a charity rugby Farleigh match in honour of him. The match will be 15-a-side, featuring lads who grew up playing alongside Ewan, and many others. Saturday 16th August Kick off: 2pm Minimum £5 donation

Burnham-on-Crouch Rugby Club Dengie Hundred Sports Centre CM0 8HS



All proceeds from the day will go to Farleigh Hospice, who did an amazing job of caring for him. Entrance will be £5 on the door so please bring cash.





#### 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'.



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Reports	Reports Annual written communication	including strengths and next steps.
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