

### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and successful first half term at Ormiston Rivers Academy, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible efforts of our students and staff. The energy, commitment and positivity across the academy have been truly inspiring.

We have been proud to recognise those students who consistently demonstrate our CARRE values, those who quietly go about doing the right thing every day. This half term, over 400 students were welcomed into Club Zero, a special recognition for those who received only positive behaviour points. Their reward: a non-uniform day to celebrate their excellent attitude to learning, clear uniform cards, and strong commitment to our values. Many more were just shy of joining the club, and we're confident the next round will see even more students celebrated.

This term has also seen the continued development of a shared language around behaviour, strengthened systems within departments, and a growing impact of our curriculum, particularly at Key Stage 3. These are important steps forward in our mission to raise standards and create opportunities for every learner.

Looking ahead, we're excited to launch a new initiative: the Business Mentoring Programme. This will connect professionals from our community with students to help raise aspirations, build employability skills, and broaden horizons. If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering just one hour a week for 10 weeks, please contact Ms James at [sjames@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:sjames@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk). Partnering with us offers you and your organisation the chance to make a meaningful impact on young lives, strengthen community ties, engage staff through volunteering, and enhance your brand visibility.

As we head into the half term break, I want to thank you for your continued support. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved rest. For our Year 11 students, a reminder that mock exams are just around the corner so we encourage them to use the break wisely to prepare.

We look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 3rd November, refreshed and ready for another successful half term.

Warm regards,

**Dijana Piralic**  
**Principal (Interim)**



### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 20th October – Friday 31st October 2025 (2 weeks)**

Autumn half term holiday

**Monday 3rd November 2025**

All students return after half term

**Tuesday 11th November 2025**

Academy Remembrance Service



# CELEBRATING SUCCESS



## 100% ATTENDANCE

We had a whopping 318 students achieve 100% attendance this half term and as a reward for their commitment to their education, Miss Parry, Mrs Byford, Miss Scott and Miss Corbett handed out giant cookies. Well done everyone and keep up the good work!!



Many of our students were invited to attend school in non-uniform yesterday in recognition of having zero negative points this half term. It was fantastic to see the excitement from those students and it was equally amazing to see the inspiration other students felt when they decided to commit to not receiving negative points next half term so that they can also get involved!!

It really is wonderful to see our students showing ambition to do well and showing just how excellent they can be.

## PRIZE DRAW



### **Congratulations to the Winners of the CARE Card Prize Draws!!**

A huge thank you and well done to all of those students who have posted their CARE cards into the drop boxes - every single one was awarded by teachers to students who have shown excellence linked to our CARE values.

Students chose to put their cards into the prize draw for either a shopping voucher, money onto their catering card or an art/equipment pack and we are pleased to announce the winners for half term !!!

- ★ £25 Shopping voucher - Shay E 7M1
- ★ £25 Payment on their Catering card - Ethan V 8A2
- ★ £25 Art and equipment pack - Charlie W 11Z1



The competition starts again next half term, where we will also add prizes for excellent attendance, punctuality and behaviour in our End of the term Show!!



We love hearing how fantastic our students are outside of school and their accomplishments.

Well done to Immie (10A1) for taking part in a Street dance Competition at The Cliff's Pavillion with her dance school, as part of the Diversity Studios.



Immie managed to place:



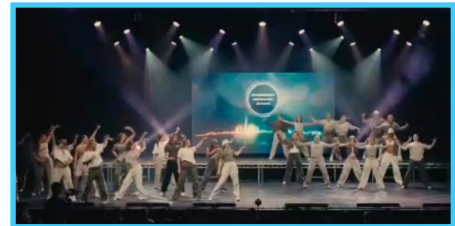
1st in her under 16 duo.



2nd in under 14 solos (3 heats and out of 28)



1st in team under 17, and with overall highest points out of all the team's categories.



This was a 101 Essex qualifier event in Canvey and Immie has now qualified for the UK finals in all categories. This is amazing news and we can't wait to see how she does!

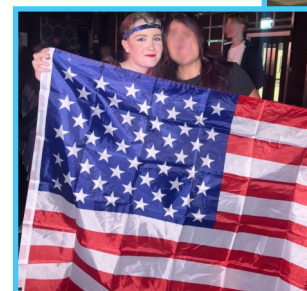


Well done to Max (11D1), Bradley (11M1), and Sam (11D1), who took part in a Battle of The Bands competition in The Fickle Pickle Club in Southend.

They went up against 3 bands and managed to place 2nd. Their band 'Psycographik' played their own compositions, and the crowd loved it. Please keep an eye out for future performances.

Danica (10M1) performed with her dance troupe at the O2 Arena and they won the National Entertainment Awards! Well done Danica! The prize is a trip to perform on Broadway in New York, in two years time.

We are all very proud of her achievements and the fantastic contribution she gives to the Performing Arts Department and can't wait to see her perform.





### Primary School Dodgeball Event

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, our Sport Leaders helped to host a fantastic primary school dodgeball event in the ORA Sports Hall. Three teams took part, including two from Mayland Primary School and one from Christ Church Primary School.



It was a superb event that gave our Sport Leaders the opportunity to further develop their knowledge of the rules of dodgeball, as well as their leadership and organisational skills. The leaders did an excellent job running their second school event and represented the school brilliantly throughout the day.



### 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 **"Inclusion"**.

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

**Say it:** uhn·kloo·zhn

**Spell it:** In-clu-sion

**Inclusion**

(noun)

(Prefix) **in** - in, into, on; not; very - can be 'en'  
(Stem) **clud** - close, shut - can be 'clus' or 'clos'  
(Suffix) **tion** - act, process, result of

**Stem:** clud: - close / shut

**Understand it**

The act of being included or involved in a group or team; can improve self-esteem.



**Biology Week 2025:**

**A Celebration of Science, Smarts, and DNA!**

Biology Week, celebrated by the Royal Society of Biology from October 11th to 19th. To mark the occasion, we hosted two major activities that got students spelling, experimenting, and exploring: our Biology Spelling Bee Competition and the thrilling DNA extraction from kiwi fruit experiment.

### **Biology Spelling Bee Showdown!**

Students from Years 7, 9, and 10 stepped up for the Biology Spelling Bee, testing their memory, speed, and spelling under pressure! Each finalist had just two minutes to spell as many biology-related words as possible from a list of 100 and the results were impressive!

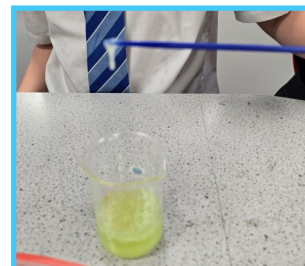
Year 7:

- 🥇 Shay – 17 words
- 🥈 Jessica – 16 words
- 🥉 Erin – 15 words



Year 9:

- 🥇 Katelynn – 16 words
- 🥈 William – 10 words
- 🥉 Sam – 9 words



Year 10:

- 🥇 George – 21 words
- 🥈 Peter – 15 words
- 🥉 Darcy & Keegan – 14 words

The competition was fast-paced, fun, and full of energy as students showed off their biology knowledge and spelling superpowers. Well done to all who took part, you really spelled success!

### **DNA Extraction Fun!**



On Wednesday lunchtime, the Science Club hosted a hands-on experiment that brought science to life, extracting DNA from kiwi fruit! Students mashed, mixed, and watched as the mysterious strands of DNA appeared right before their eyes. It was a messy, exciting, and unforgettable experiment that reminded everyone that science is best when you can get involved and see it for yourself!

Biology Week 2025 at Rivers was full of curiosity, creativity, and discovery. A big thank you to all the students and teachers who joined in and made the week so memorable.

Until next half term, keep on being curious, keep on experimenting, and keep on exploring the amazing world of science!



**Year 7 - Mr Adair**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the close of a fantastic first half term in secondary school, it's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown by! It has truly been a joy getting to know each and every student in Year 7. Their energy, curiosity, and enthusiasm have made this term incredibly special.

We are so proud of how well our Year 7 students have risen to the challenge of starting secondary school. From navigating new routines to embracing new subjects, they've shown resilience, maturity, and a real eagerness to learn. The incredible work we've seen across all lessons is a testament to their dedication and the support they receive at home.

A particular highlight this week was seeing over 160 Year 7 students attend school in non-school uniform on Thursday—a well-deserved reward for having zero negatives logged all half term. What a brilliant achievement!

**I would like to highlight a few students who deserve special recognition. These are the Top merit earners for the half term in Year 7:**

Morgan W 7D2 - 180 merits (The most in the School)

Tom B 7Z2 - 180 merits (The most in the School)

Emily M 7Z2 - 170 merits

Shay E 7M1 - 166 merits

Zac D 7Z2 - 162 merits

As we head into the break, we'd like to gently remind you to help monitor your child's online activity, especially in WhatsApp group chats. These spaces can be great for staying connected, but they also require guidance to ensure respectful and safe communication.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all of you for your continued support. Your involvement has helped make this half term a truly memorable one, and we look forward to building on this strong foundation in the weeks to come.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable break.

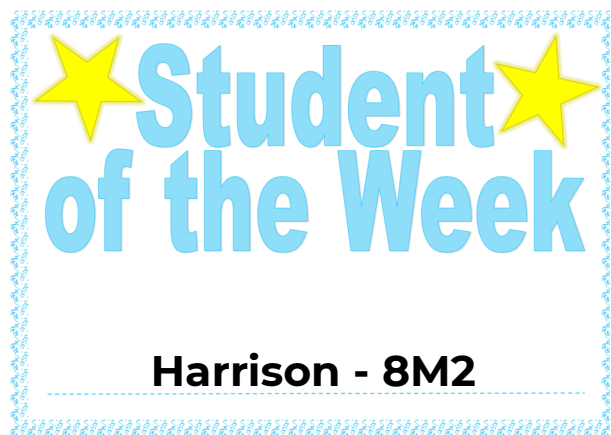
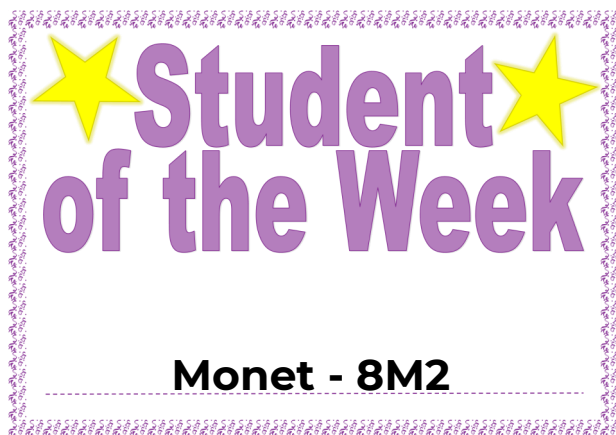
Contact: [cadair@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:cadair@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)

### Year 8 - Mr Moon

We made it through the first half term!!

So many positives to take from a successful half term. We have received over 12,200 positive points so far the second highest amount in the school. We have had over 70 pupils receive 0 negative points. We have had loads of sports fixtures and it is amazing to see the amount of students attending after school clubs and also the number of students in Year 8 who have represented the school.

### Mrs Byford's Students of the Week



For having a great attitude in school and receiving the second highest merits this week!

A special shoutout to Ethan 8A2 who won the CARE card prize draw this half term and received £25 credit on their catering card.

### Attendance

Well-done to 8M2 who had the highest attendance this half term. Great work and keep it up!

### Top Merits this Half Term

1st Jessica 8M2 with 139 merits  
2nd Dougie 8Z1 with 138 merits  
3rd Lacey 8M2 & Nicole 8Z1 with 134 merits

### Top Merits this Week

Well-done to Frankie 8M2 who won the highest merits for the last two weeks receiving 26 merits this week alone.

A reminder to all students that cross country continues after half term, so please remember to bring layers as the weeks start to get a bit colder. It is important to stay warm in PE.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks.  
Contact: [smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)



**Year 9 – Mr Chapman**

As we reach the end of the first half term, I want to thank everyone for their continued effort and positive attitude. I hope you all enjoy a restful break and return refreshed in November.

**Top Merit Earners This Week**

Jude – 9D1  
Megan – 9D2  
Evie – 9Z2  
Reece – 9D1  
James – 9M2

**Top Merit Earners This Year (So Far)**

Ava – 9A2  
Isabelle – 9A2  
Alex – 9D1  
Mia – 9D2  
James – 9D2

Congratulations to all of you for your outstanding achievements.

**Club-Zero Non-Uniform Day**

On the final day of term, we celebrated our first Club-Zero Non-Uniform Day, recognising students who have maintained zero behaviour points this half term. Year 9 had 61 students who qualified — a fantastic reflection of the high standards being upheld across the year group.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable break. See you in November.

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### **Year 10 - Mr Field**

As our first half term in Year 10 comes to an end and it was great to see so many students being rewarded with a non uniform day. All those in non uniform have received zero negative points over the last 6 weeks. A massive well done to you all!



### **Top positive points earners this week were:**

Jess, Alexia, Evelyn, Henson, Edward, Jenson, Penny, George R, Harry M, George P, Harry S, Henry T. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work.

A further reward today went to all the students who have not missed one day of school since we started in September. Long may this continue as we move ever closer to the exams in May 2027.

Well done to all the students in Mr Harland's form who have the best attendance as a form group within our year. All students were rewarded with some sweet goodness!!

Have a great two week half term and see you in November.

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



**Year 11 – Ms Taylor**

This week has seen good engagement in intervention sessions as we near the next set of mock exams.

Many students are becoming more serious in their application to their studies, although greater participation in lessons could still be seen by some. The last 2 forms also visited the Sixth Form for an assembly, and this has informed some post 16 choices. All students should be thinking of what they want to do, and I would always advise applying for as many institutions and courses as interest them - it is always good to have choices on Results Day.

I was very proud to see how many Year 11 students had zero negative points and were able to wear non-uniform on Thursday. Congratulations to all of them.

After half term, there will be passes available for the Year 11 study area. Students should not be in that corridor unless they have a pass for the study area.

In class assessments start after half term, followed by formal exams the following week, which will include Maths, English Language, all the sciences - both combined and triple, History and Geography.

Further information will be given to students in their assembly on the first day back.

Revision should be happening over the half term break.

**Top merit earners this week are:**

Holly D - Z1, Lily B - A2, George C - M2, Chloe G - A1, Ava H - D1, Bobby H - M2, Hollie P - D1, Maria W - M1, Amelia T - Z1, Millie D - A2, Kyla L - D1, Macey M - M1 and Becca M - M2.

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

### **Chelmsford College**

[www.chelmsford.ac.uk](http://www.chelmsford.ac.uk)

Wednesday 1st October 2025– 6pm to 8.30pm  
Wednesday 12h November 2025– 6pm to 8.30pm  
Wednesday 4th February 2026 - 6pm to 8.30pm  
Wednesday 20th May 2026– 6pm to 8.30pm

### **USP College**

[www.uspcollege.ac.uk](http://www.uspcollege.ac.uk)

#### **Seevic Campus - Benfleet**

Thursday 2nd October 2025– 5.20pm to 8pm  
Wednesday 19th November 2025 - tbc  
Thursday 22nd January 2026 – tbc  
Tuesday 7th July 2026 – tbc (yr 10/11)

#### **Palmer's Campus - Grays**

Thursday 16th October 2025 - 5.20pm to 7.00pm  
Wednesday 5th November 2025 - tbc  
Thursday 29th January 2026 – tbc

#### **XTEND Digital Campus – Canvey**

Thursday 25th September 2025 – 5.20pm to 7pm  
Wednesday 25th February 2026 - tbc

### **Writtle College**

[www.aru.ac.uk/writtle-college](http://www.aru.ac.uk/writtle-college)

Saturday 11th October 2025 – 10am to 3pm  
Saturday 29th November 2025 – 10am to 3pm  
Saturday 14th March 2026 – 10am to 3pm  
Wednesday 10th June 2026 – 3.30pm to 7.30pm

### **Harlow College**

[www.harlow-college.ac.uk](http://www.harlow-college.ac.uk)

Thursday 16th October 2025 - 5.00pm to 8.00pm  
Tuesday 10th February 2026 -5.00pm to 8.00pm

### **The Sixth Form College, Colchester**

[www.colchsfc.ac.uk](http://www.colchsfc.ac.uk)

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 - 6.15pm to 9pm  
Thursday 23rd October 2025 – 6.15pm to 9pm

Applications will open online from 24th October 2025 and will close on 31st January 2026

### **William de Ferrers School**

[www.wdf.school](http://www.wdf.school)

To be advised

**For Grammar Schools –  
please visit their websites for details of their  
Sixth Form open events.**

The Grammar Schools in our area are as follows

King Edward VI - Grammar School  
Chelmsford County High School for Girls  
[Colchester County High School — for Girls](#)  
[Colchester Royal – Grammar School](#)  
[Southend High School – for Girls](#)  
[Southend High School – for Boys](#)  
[Westcliff High School – for Girls](#)  
[Westcliff High School – for Boys](#)

### **South Essex College - SEC**

[www.southessex.ac.uk](http://www.southessex.ac.uk)

#### **SEC - Southend City College**

Thursday 25th September 2025 – 5pm to 8pm  
Wednesday 14th January 2026 – 5pm to 8pm  
Thursday 12th March 2026 – 5pm to 7pm

#### **SEC- Stephenson Road, Southend**

Tuesday 11th November 2025 – 5pm to 7pm  
Tuesday 3rd February 2026 – 5pm to 7pm  
Thursday 16th April 2026 – 5pm to 6pm

#### **SEC - Centre for Digital Technologies, Basildon**

Tuesday 21st October 2025 - 5pm to 7pm  
Tuesday 10th February 2026 – 5pm to 7pm  
Tuesday 28th April 2026 – 5pm to 6pm

#### **SEC - Luckyn Lane, Basildon**

Thursday 9th October 2025 – 5pm to 7pm  
Thursday 29th January 2026 – 5pm to 7pm  
Tuesday 31st March 2026 – 5pm to 6pm

#### **SEC - Thurrock Campus**

Wednesday 1st October 2025– 5pm to 8pm  
Wednesday 7th January 2026 – 5pm to 8pm  
Wednesday 25th March 2026 – 5pm to 7pm

#### **Plume Academy**

[www.plume.essex.sch.uk](http://www.plume.essex.sch.uk)

Thursday 9th October 2025 – 6pm to 8pm

#### **Stansted Airport College**

[www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk](http://www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk)

Saturday 11th October 2025 - 10am to 2pm  
Thursday 22nd January 2026– 5pm to 8pm

### **Colchester Institute**

[www.colchester.ac.uk](http://www.colchester.ac.uk)

#### **Colchester Campus**

Tuesday 14th October 2025 – 5pm to 8pm  
Saturday 18th October 2025 – 10am to 1pm  
Thursday 23rd October 2025 – 5pm to 8pm  
Thursday 22nd January 2026 – 5pm to 8pm

#### **Braintree Campus**

Monday 13th October 2025 – 5pm to 7pm  
Saturday 8th November 2025 – 10am to 12.30pm  
Tuesday 20th January 2026 – 5pm to 7pm  
Thursday 14th May 2026 – 5pm to 6.30pm

#### **Apprenticeship Information Events at Colchester Institute**

Thursday 12th February 2026 - 5pm to 7pm  
Thursday 18th June 2026 - 5pm to 7pm

#### **Braintree Sixth Form**

[www.braintreesixthform.com](http://www.braintreesixthform.com)

Wednesday 5th November 2025 –  
5.30pm to 7.30pm

Applications will open online from  
6th November 2025 and will close on  
31st January 2026

# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## **Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins**

What an incredibly busy and exciting final week of term in the Sixth Form! We began the week with an inspiring assembly led by Mr Chapman to mark Black History Month, reminding us of the importance of reflection, celebration, and continued learning. We were also pleased to welcome a guest speaker who delivered an informative session on Degree Apprenticeships, giving students valuable insights into this growing and competitive pathway.

This week marked the final round of Year 11 Assemblies led by the Sixth Form Team and students — a great opportunity to showcase life in the Sixth Form and inspire our next cohort.

### **Our students have also been active beyond the classroom:**

- ◆ A Sixth Form Netball Team has officially launched – well done to all involved in getting this up and running!
- ◆ Our Sport Academy boys played another fixture on Wednesday, showing excellent teamwork and commitment.
- ◆ Meanwhile, our Sports Leadership students supported a local primary school Dodgeball Tournament, gaining hands-on leadership experience and representing the school brilliantly.

A huge thank you to all students and staff for their energy, effort, and enthusiasm this half term. We look forward to building on this momentum after the break.

### **The Great Rivers Bake Off Results**

A huge congratulations to Evie for being crowned this month's Great Rivers Bake Off champion. Her incredible Golden Oreo Lemon Truffle wowed the judges with its creativity, flavour, and presentation. A true showstopper.



### **Student Shoutout**

Year 12 - Fraser G for his commitment to his studies and time spent working  
Year 13 - April O for returning with such a positive attitude - she has been missed

### **Sixth Form in the Community**

Primary School Dodgeball Event - On Wednesday 16th October, our Sport Leaders helped to host a fantastic primary school dodgeball event in the ORA Sports Hall. Three teams took part, including two from Mayland Primary School and one from Christ Church Primary School. It was a superb event that gave our Sport Leaders the opportunity to further develop their knowledge of the rules of dodgeball, as well as their leadership and organisational skills. The leaders did an excellent job running their second school event and represented the school brilliantly throughout the day.



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## **Applications**

Sixth Form applications are now open. Students have been emailed the link, parents and carers have received the link via text and it is also available on the ORA website. Deadline for applications is 9th January 2026.

## **Sports Academy News**

Our Sport Academy boys played a home game this week. Despite a strong start and some great moments of play, the win just slipped away from us this time. That said, the team showed real determination and resilience — and they're already looking ahead. Bring on the next game – we'll be back fighting!

## **Sixth Form Dress Code**

We would like to take a moment to recognise our students who have gone above and beyond in following the new Sixth Form dress code – we are very proud of how smart and professional they all look. Thank you for setting such a positive example. Please continue to follow the dress code carefully, and if you are ever unsure about what is appropriate, don't hesitate to check with the Sixth Form team. **Please note:** Following a first warning, students who do not meet the dress code expectations will be asked to return home to change before re-joining lessons. Thank you for your cooperation and continued high standards.

## **Careers**

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

## **Bursary**

If anyone needs any financial support for the Bursary, please contact Mrs Penberthy ASAP.

## **Exams/Study**

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

## **Tutor Sessions**

A reminder that you need to attend all mandatory tutor sessions

-  Monday - Yr 12 Assembly, Year 13 Careers
-  Wednesday - Yr 12 Skills
-  Friday - Yr 12 Careers, Year 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. The focus is on future careers, and Academic Tutoring can help students identify and achieve career goals and improve professional relationships.



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## **Sixth Form Reminders – Attendance, Lanyards & Wellbeing**

Lanyards must be worn at all times while on site. We also recognise that this year can be particularly stressful as exams approach. If you are feeling under pressure or have any concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs Penberthy or Mrs Wilkins — we are here to support you. Additionally, we've seen an increase in students taking holidays during term time. Please be reminded that consistent attendance is vital to your academic progress. Research shows that students with high attendance are more likely to achieve stronger outcomes, as well as develop habits that prepare them for future success. Sixth Form is a community — when you're absent, you miss valuable opportunities to connect, contribute, and grow alongside your peers. Thank you for your continued commitment.

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)

**Community - Ambition - Resilience - Respect - Excellence**



# Catering



### Menu

We have pleasure of enclosing a link to next weeks menu: [Week-2.pdf](#)

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.



### **Absence Reporting**

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

MyEd Messaging App

ConnectED absence line: 0845 355 8104

Attendance line: 01621 787855

### **Change of Personal Details**

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

### **Lost Property**

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



**Essex County Council**

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

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

### **Who may be fined?**

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

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

### **First Offence**

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

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

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

### **National Threshold**

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

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

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

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

### **Second Offence**

**(within 3 years)**

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

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

### **Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)**

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

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

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



## Parent / Carer Login

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

1 – [www.Go4schools.com](http://www.Go4schools.com) through any web browser.



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## Welcome to GO 4 Schools

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

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

Overview

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

Attendance

Behaviour positive and negative points.

Behaviour

Homework see what homework has been set.

Homework

Inbox messages from the school will be displayed here.

Inbox

Progress grades for assessments taken over the academic year.

Progress

Reports Annual written communication including strengths and next steps.

Reports

Timetable full academic timetable.

Timetable

GO Sign in with GO First-time user? Forgotten Password?

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

Email address

Send password reset link

## Forgotten Password

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

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



### G4S App Login

1 – Download the app.



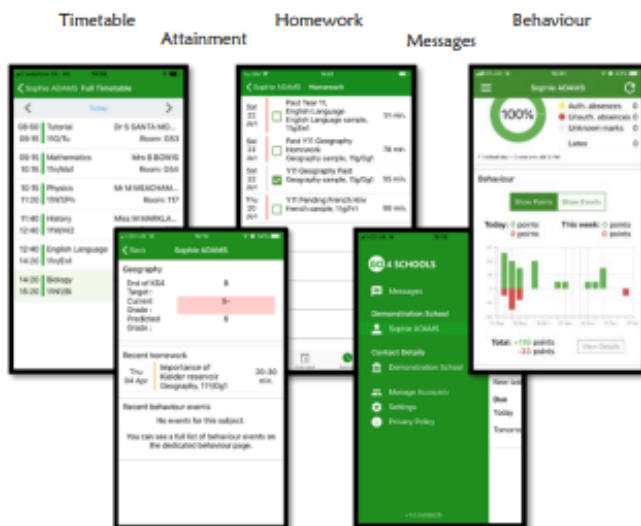
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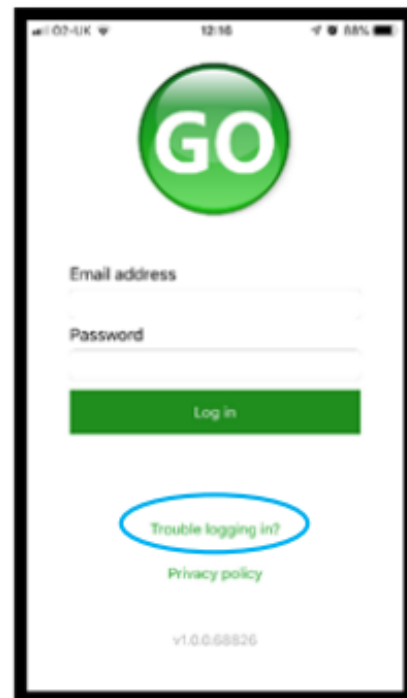
2 – Type in your school email address.

3 – Type in your password.

This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



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### FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD?

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

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

GO Sign in with GO First-time user?

Forgotten Password?

Email address

Password

[Forgotten Password?](#)

☐ Remember my email address

GO Sign in with GO

GO Sign in with GO First-time user?

Forgotten Password?

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

This is the password you may use to log in to GO 4 Schools if your school supports this login method.

Email address

Send password reset link

Type in your school email address and click 'Send password reset link.'

Open Outlook from Office 365 (your school email) and you will have received an email from Go4schools that include instructions on how to reset your password.



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**Burnham On Crouch Town Council  
in conjunction with  
The Royal British Legion  
invites you to attend.**

## **BURNHAM ON CROUCH REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER  
10:30AM  
BURNHAM WAR MEMORIAL**

**Commemorating the sacrifices of members of the  
armed forces and of civilians in times of war.**



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