

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the colder weather sets in, please ensure your child comes to school dressed warmly with a suitable winter coat. Whenever the weather is dry, we encourage students to spend their break and lunchtime outdoors to enjoy fresh air and exercise between lessons. Similarly, for PE lessons, which may still take place outside during winter, please make sure your child has appropriate clothing to keep them comfortable and warm.

We are delighted to share that attendance has shown a slight improvement recently and would like to thank you for your continued support in making this happen. Every day in school truly matters, and your efforts in ensuring your child attends regularly make a huge difference to their learning and success. Let's keep this positive momentum going together!

We have noticed that some students are not fully following the Academy Uniform Policy (available to view here [ORA-Uniform-Policy-2025-26.pdf](#)). We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives in full uniform: skirts worn correctly (not rolled), wearing a blazer and tie, and only a plain school jumper under their blazer. Please note that hoodies or non-uniform jumpers are not permitted on school grounds. A gentle reminder that students in all year groups should have their hair in a natural colour. Thank you for helping us maintain high standards and a sense of pride within our academy community.

As we approach the Christmas season, with sweets and treats filling supermarket shelves, can I remind you that we do have students who have severe allergies to nuts that can be life threatening. Even touching a surface that has a trace of nuts on causes severe reactions and requires immediate treatment. I therefore ask that you do not include any items that: contain nuts, may contain nuts or may contain traces of nuts in your child's packed lunch or snacks and if they are bringing in Christmas gifts for friends or staff please only bring in items on the safe list which can be found below. Please share this presentation with your child and explain just how dangerous this can be to other students [Nut Allergy Presentation](#). Please can I also remind you that students should not bring energy drinks or other fizzy drinks to school.

On a celebratory note, our Performing Arts department is working incredibly hard on this year's school production of Chicago. The cast and crew are rehearsing tirelessly to bring you an unforgettable show. Performances will take place during the final week of term on **Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, and Wednesday 17th December**. We would love for you to join us in celebrating their talent and dedication; tickets are available from Main Reception starting today, so don't miss out.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our academy community. Together, we are making a real difference for our students.

Warm regards,

Dijana Piralic
Principal (Interim)



Dates for your Diary

Friday 5th December 2025

Staff INSET Day – academy closed for students

Thursday 11th December 2025

Year 11 Parents Evening

Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th December 2025

School Show 'Chicago'

Friday 19th December 2025

Academy closes for Christmas Holiday

SCHOOL

NUT FREE SAFE TREATS

Maltesars	Maryland minis	McVities Digestives	Galaxy original
Munchies	Cadbury Twirl	Smarties	Kitkat original
Dairy milk buttons	Cadbury Flake	NOMO milk chocolate bar	Rolo's
Oreos original	Aero peppermint	Jammie Dodgers	Kinnerton chocolate
Nestle	Galaxy Ripple	Aero milk chocolate	Cadbury Fudge
Yorkie			Hob Nobs milk chocolate
McVities Mini Cheddars	Curly Wurly		

***the ingredients still need to be checked regularly as ingredients change constantly.

SCHOOL



Attendance Matters

100%

Each week we are giving a shout out to the tutor groups with the highest attendance for Years 7 to 11. This is something that needs to be celebrated, as attendance really does matter!

If you see your child's year group mentioned, give them a big high five for their contribution towards this fantastic achievement.

Year 7
7Z1

Year 9
9A2

Year 8
8D1

Year 10
10M1

Year 11
11A1



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

Teaching Behaviours

Last week I wrote to you to discuss Teaching Behaviours: how we train our students in class to be Ready to learn and attentive in class. As well as classroom behaviours we teach them safe corridor routines.

Why Corridor Behaviour Matters

At our school, we set high expectations for behaviour everywhere—including corridors—because it keeps everyone safe, ensures learning isn't disrupted, and helps create a respectful environment. Corridors are busy spaces, so clear routines prevent accidents and promote kindness.

Corridor Expectations – How Parents Can Help

To keep everyone safe and respectful in school, we have simple corridor routines for students:

1. Stay Left & Use Yellow Lines

Students walk in single file on the left side so others can pass safely.

2. Walk with Purpose

Move calmly and quickly to your destination—no pushing or jostling.

3. Show Kindness & Manners

Be polite when entering doorways and mindful of others.

4. Line Up Safely

Outside classrooms, students line up in single file on the left.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards

Mr Marklew


Correct Corridor Usage

- ◆ **Keep to the left**
- ◆ **Walk calmly and quietly**

Community - Ambition - Resilience - Respect - Excellence

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 **"Disposal"**.

Why not have a go? Send the definition and the word in a sentence to

wotw@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Say it: duh·spow·zl

Spell it: Dis-po-sal

Disposal
(noun)

Stem: pos:- place / put

Understand it
The act or process of getting rid of something.

(Prefix) **dis** - away, separation, not, reverse
(Stem) **pos** - place, put
(Suffix) **al** - to do with

Performing Arts News



The Performing Arts team have been working hard over the Autumn Term to produce this year's musical 'Chicago.'

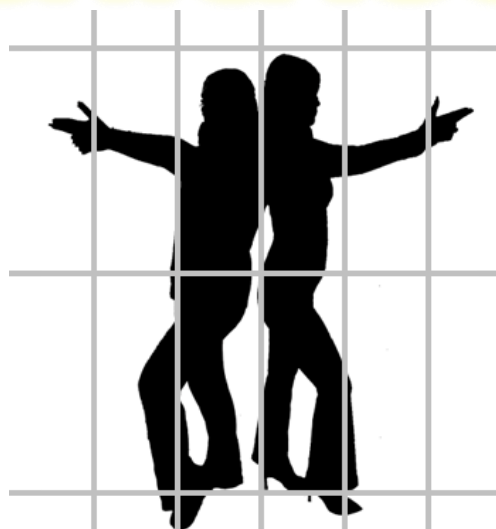
Set in the 1920's, Chicago tells the story of Roxie and Velma, women

scorned and their quest to escape justice. Including songs such as 'Cell Block Tango' and 'All That Jazz', this high energy, gritty musical is a must see! The cast are so proud of what they have produced and cannot wait to share it with their audience.

The performances will be on Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December from 7pm. Tickets will go on sale on Friday 21st November available from main reception priced at £7.50 for adults and £5 for children. Cash only please.

It will be a first come, first serve basis - get them quick before they sell out!

CHICAGO



Swimming

In January, we have the opportunity to swim in a relay competition at South Woodham Ferrers. To enter, I would require a minimum of 4 club swimmers per year group to enable a safe and able relay team to compete.

If your child swims for a club, can you please complete the form on the link below.

[Swimming Information – Fill in form](#)

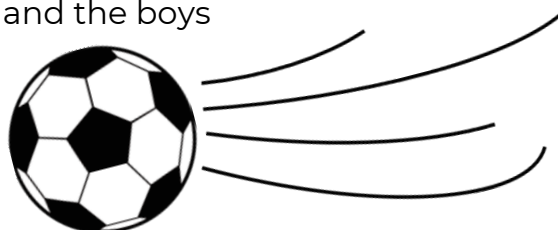


Year 7 Football

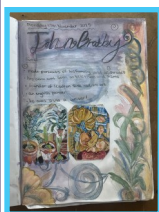
The Year 7's have enjoyed a busy week of football with games against Plume and Gt. Baddow.

Mondays game finished with a 4-0 win against Plume with a cracking goal from Oscar C, while Tuesday's away game saw a 2-0 win against Gt. Baddow; Monte and Teddie with the goals.

Two clean sheets has also been a pleasing achievement and the boys have played the game with high level of sportsmanship at all times.



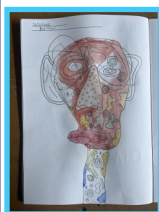
Art News



Amelia, Y7- John Bratby research page



Dexter, Y8 - Textiles breakfast inspired by Kate Talbot



Noah, Y9 - Portrait inspired by Deb Weiers



Careers Spotlight

Job of the Week

Ethical Hacker: An ethical hacker is a cybersecurity professional authorized to use hacking techniques to find and fix security vulnerabilities in a system before malicious attackers can exploit them. They perform activities like penetration testing to identify weaknesses in an organization's network or applications and then provide reports with recommendations for improvement. For more information, please check out the video on this link [JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #222 - ETHICAL HACKER](#).



PSHE

This term we will learn:

- Year 7: Discrimination & Equality
- Year 8: Crime & influences
- Year 9: Drugs & it's dilemmas
- Year 10: Health management & rights
- Year 11: Resilience & relationship realities

Next term we will learn:

- Year 7: Carry on with Discrimination & Equality
- Year 8: Carry on with Crime & influences
- Year 9: Carry on with Drugs & it's dilemmas
- Year 10: Risks & Relationships
- Year 11: Voting & it's involvement



Year 7 - Mr Adair

This week has been a shining example of community, hard work, and determination from our Year 7's. Across lessons, performances, and sports, our students have shown what can be achieved when energy and teamwork come together.

In Drama, pantomime season is in full swing, with students stepping into the magical world of Peter Pan. From the mischievous Lost Boys to the ever-dramatic Captain Hook, performances have been full of humour, creativity, and confidence, bringing the spirit of pantomime to life.

In History, Year 7 have been exploring medieval battles and the castles that defined the era. From towering fortresses to motte-and-bailey designs, students have discovered how these structures were used for defence and power, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm in their studies.

On the sports field, the Year 7 boys celebrated an outstanding victory, combining sharp attacking play with disciplined defending to secure a well-earned clean sheet. Their teamwork and determination were clear throughout, making the win a proud moment for the whole year group.

Adding to the excitement, tickets for the Ormiston Rivers Academy production of Chicago are on sale now. This spectacular musical promises to be a highlight of the year, so keep your eyes out for announcements.

Altogether, it has been a week that reflects the very best of Year 7: creativity, resilience, and community spirit.

This weeks top merit earners in year 7 are:

Ethan C in 7M2, Harrison O in 7M2, Angus M in 7M1, Rosa T in 7A2.

Congratulations to you four and keep up the great work!

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Year 8 - Mr Moon

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are now well into the second half term, and Year 8 have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm and commitment to learning. This week's assembly focused on the importance of anti-bullying and being kind within our community. Students reflected on how small acts of kindness can make a big difference and discussed practical ways to support one another both in and out of school.

In lessons, there has been plenty of creativity and curiosity on display. In Art, students have been experimenting with water paints, learning how to blend colours and create beautiful effects in their work. Over in Science, Year 8 have been exploring respiration in plants and animals, gaining a deeper understanding of how living organisms produce energy and sustain life.

During form time, our culture activity focused on calm closes to lessons—helping students understand how finishing lessons in a calm and structured way supports learning and wellbeing.

We are also delighted to celebrate this week's successes.

Congratulations to Mrs Byford's Students of the Week:

Gracie (8Z1)

Tommy (8D1)

Both have shown outstanding effort and a positive attitude—well done!

A special mention goes to our Top Merit Earners this week:

1st Place: Dougie (8Z1) with 26 merits

2nd Place: Freddie (8Z1), Max (8D2), and Frankie (8M2) with 22 merits each

3rd Place: Jacob (8D2) with 20 merits

Fantastic work from all of you—keep it up!

As the weather turns colder, please ensure that blazers are worn underneath coats to keep warm and maintain our smart uniform standards. For PE lessons, students should bring extra layers to stay comfortable during outdoor activities. Additionally, football boots are required for rugby, as the ground is becoming softer and more slippery.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another productive and inspiring week ahead!

Contact: smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 9 – Mr Chapman

Top 3 Merit Earners This Week:

Ava (9A2)
Jessica (9M1)
Emily (9A2)

Top 3 Merit Earners So Far This Year:

Ava (9A2)
James (9D2)
Mia (9D2)

Fantastic effort from all of you—keep up the great work!

School Production – Chicago

Tickets go on sale next week! We're proud to have some of our Year 9 students involved in the production, and they've been working incredibly hard during rehearsals. Please show your support by coming along—it promises to be a brilliant show!

Cold Weather Reminder

As temperatures have dropped significantly, please ensure students bring a warm coat to school. This will make line-up and outdoor activities much more comfortable.

Contact: rchapman@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 10 - Mr Field

It was great to see so many students working hard during my walk around this week.

In Hospitality and Catering lessons students were making Profiteroles. George, George & Elsie were working well and it was obvious that they took great satisfaction in producing excellent choux pastry whilst also learning new culinary skills.

Harry and Jake worked hard to perform their training programme in the fitness suite during PE. Keep up the effort gents.

Then in Engineering students were making Tap Wrenches. Keegan, Oliver, Evelyn and Jenson all took pride in their craftsmanship to produce a useable, quality tool.

Positive Points

Top positive points this week were earned by:

Tyler-Jake, Scarlett, Oliver, Sam, Tegan, Jamie, Mason, Keegan, Evelyn, Danica, Alex & Sophie.

Well done to everyone mentioned and keep up the good work.

'Work hard - play harder'

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Year 11 – Ms Taylor

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the overwhelming majority of Year 11 for their conduct in their recent PPE exams. Invigilators were impressed with their conduct, and they should be very proud of themselves. The results are starting to come out and will provide a snapshot of where they are with 6 months to go until the GCSEs start. Students should be revising constantly now in preparation for both their last set of PPE exams next year, and for the actual exams which will commence in May.

The prom has been booked for Tuesday 7th July and will be held at a beautiful converted barn at Channels in Chelmsford. Students have been advised that their invite is contingent on 3 factors:

1. Their attendance to school
2. Their attendance to lessons
3. Their conduct around the school

Initial letters will be coming out soon.

Merits

Top merit achievers this week are:

Halle D (11D1), Oliver B (11A1), Teddy K (11Z2), Blake V (11A2), Edward B (11M1), Sienna B (11D1), Kaitlin C (11M1), Max C (11D1), Kayden D (11D1), Becca M (11M2), Tia O (11D1), Layla S (11M1) and Maria W (11M1).

Well done everyone and enjoy your weekend.

Contact: staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

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USP College 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	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
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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	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 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

A Festive Start in the Sixth Form

Some may say it's a little early, but it is officially Christmas in the Sixth Form! This week, our students came together to transform the area with decorations, lights and plenty of festive cheer. Their enthusiasm has lifted everyone's mood and brought a real sense of community just in time for the final push towards PPEs next week. It's been wonderful to see students supporting one another, taking a moment to enjoy the season, and creating a positive atmosphere as we head into a busy period. In the spirit of togetherness, students have been invited to bring in a Christmas decoration to add to our Sixth Form space. Anything from handmade ornaments to treasured decorations from home, each item will add a personal touch to our festive display.

Year 13 – PPEs & Real Exams

Your PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations) are next week, a valuable chance to test your knowledge and exam technique ahead of the summer. Treat them as the real thing; they'll help identify your strengths and show where to focus revision. For some subjects, these next few weeks bring actual exam components, so preparation, organisation and focus are key. Your teachers are here to support you every step of the way so make the most of that guidance!

Top Tip: Create a realistic revision timetable now and start small. Consistent effort always beats last-minute panic.

Student Shout Out

Year 12 - Vikram (SF6) - endless hours spent completing work to the highest standards
Year 13 - Daisy C (SF3) - outstanding worth ethic and commitment to her studies

Sixth Form in the Community

Men's Mental Health Day: Opening Up the Conversation

To mark Men's Mental Health Day, the Sixth Form focused on creating a safe and supportive space for students to share how they're feeling. As part of this, we introduced a Worry Box in the Sixth Form area, giving students the chance to express concerns anonymously and without pressure.

The response has been thoughtful and positive, reminding us how important it is to look out for one another, especially during busy and sometimes overwhelming times of the year. We will continue to encourage open conversations, signpost support, and make sure every student knows they are never facing things alone.



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Hurricane Melissa

Our Sixth Form students have shown remarkable generosity and compassion by bringing in items to support a staff member and their family in Jamaica following the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa. We have been truly overwhelmed by the kindness, empathy and willingness to help shown by our students. Their response reflects the strong sense of community within the Sixth Form and their understanding of the importance of supporting others in times of need. Thank you to every student who contributed, your actions have made a meaningful difference and all items have now been shipped to Jamaica.

What's Coming Up

There's plenty to look forward to this term!

- Year 12 Work Experience Launch
- Sixth Form PPE's
- Charlie Dix leading sessions on Finance and Future Careers
- Elf on the Shelf
- Cake Fridays
- Christmas Trip to London universities and Winter Wonderland - tickets out now
- School Musical - Chicago! - tickets out now
- House competitions
- End-of-Term Celebration – a well-earned moment to relax and celebrate achievements before the Christmas break.

UCAS – Deadlines Approaching!

For those applying to university, this half term is crucial.

- Personal statements should now be nearing completion.
- Final drafts and predicted grades will soon be submitted.
- Our Sixth Form **UCAS deadline** is before the Christmas break.

Remember: whether you're applying to university, an apprenticeship or planning your next steps into employment, there's always support available from the Sixth Form Team and Careers Advisors.

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.

Motivation for the Half Term Ahead

"The expert in anything was once a beginner. Keep going, keep growing."

This is a great reminder that progress takes time and persistence, especially during a busy and challenging term.



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

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 rejoining lessons. Thank you for your cooperation and continued high standards.

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.

The Rivers Sixth Form Team

✉ mwilkins@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

✉ sixthform@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

☎ Absent reporting to Mrs Penberthy: 01621 787882

📷 Follow us on Instagram: @RiversSixthForm

🌐 Visit: www.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.



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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Login

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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.



[Click here](#)

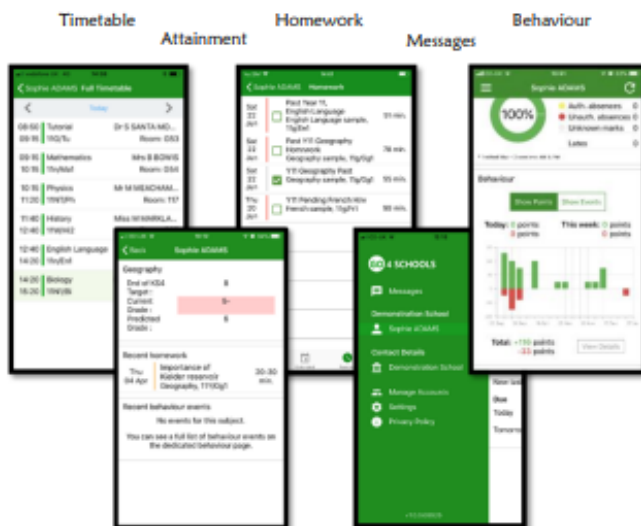


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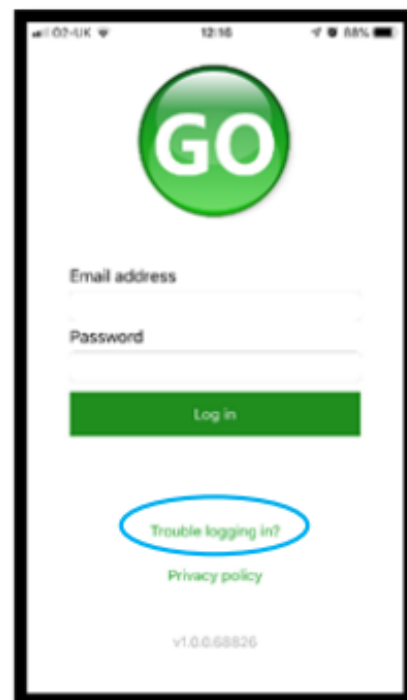
2 – Type in your school email address.

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.

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Password

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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.