

Message from the Principal

It's been a vibrant start to the half term at Ormiston Rivers Academy, with students actively engaging in enriching experiences that reflect our values of excellence and community.

We're proud to share that four of our Sixth Form Maths students represented Rivers at the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge at Westcliff High School for Boys. Competing against Sixth Forms across Essex, they demonstrated outstanding teamwork and problem-solving skills, an inspiring example of academic strength and unity.

Year 10 Child Development and Year 12 Health and Social Care students enjoyed a hands-on learning trip to Colchester Zoo. Through real-world observation and a mini mock case study, they deepened their understanding of child development in a dynamic setting, connecting classroom learning with practical experience.

As shared previously, we will be launching a **Business Mentoring Programme**, linking local professionals with students to raise aspirations and build employability skills. If you or someone you know can offer just one hour a week for 10 weeks, please contact Ms James at sjames@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk. This is a powerful way to support young people, strengthen community ties, and make a lasting impact.

To further support our students with SEND, we'll be holding weekly parent drop-in sessions, alternating between mornings and afternoons, to foster closer collaboration and ensure coordinated support tailored to each student's needs.

On Tuesday, 11th November, we will hold our outdoor **Remembrance Service**. This meaningful event brings our school community together to honour and reflect, and our students consistently show deep respect and appreciation on this day.

As we move forward, we want to emphasise the vital role that good attendance plays in student success. Every day in school matters academically, socially, and emotionally. Being present helps students stay connected, confident, and ready to thrive. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends regularly and punctually.

We look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday, refreshed and ready for another successful week.

Warm regards,

Dijana Piralic

Principal (Interim)



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 11th November 2025
Academy Remembrance Service

Friday 5th December 2025
Staff INSET Day – academy closed for students

Thursday 11th December 2025
Year 11 Parents Evening

Friday 19th December 2025
Academy closes at 1.50pm for Christmas Holiday

UKMT Senior Maths Challenge



Before half term, our Year 12 and 13 mathematicians (and one year 11!) took part in the Senior Mathematical Challenge. This is open to all students in Year 13 or below and is a 25 question, multiple choice test which is designed to make students think hard. It is challenging and stimulating even for experienced problem solvers and requires a very different way of thinking.

I am pleased to be able to share some fantastic results!

Nathan (Y13) and Sebastian (Y11) both achieved Gold, which means that they have been invited to take part in the follow-on challenge, the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo.

Achieving Silver, we had Ella (Y12), Harvey (Y13), Charlie (Y13), Stanley (Y13) and Theo (Y13).

Finally, taking home the bronze was Elliott (Y12), Dan (Y13), Aidan (Y13), Marli (Y13) and Eva (Y13).

A huge well done to all students who took part and good luck to Nathan and Seb with the Senior Kangaroo!



ORATERM-TIME

Science Club

Ignite your curiosity with science!

WHEN & WHERE

Week A — Wednesdays
Lunch Time • Room S04

Week B — Wednesdays
3:20 PM • Room S04

☆ **All years welcome**
Bring curiosity.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Hands-on experiments
- Demos & challenges
- STEM puzzles
- Student-led projects
- Competition prep

Questions? Ask the **Science Department**.
Science isn't just a subject — it's an adventure!



Lexonik Advance

Lexonik Advance is an exciting programme delivered to students across all year groups alongside other reading initiatives over the past 3 years. It teaches students to read for knowledge and decode subject specific words to help them achieve their goals across all subject areas.

Lexonik Advance is delivered in the Library to groups of 3 or 4 students for a period of 6 consecutive weeks. Some students in Years 7 and 8 are participating this term and we look forward to seeing how they progress.

This time, students have been asked to name their group, and we have had some great responses such as 'The Lightning Dolphins', 'Frootywooty' and 'The Awesomes'.

We wish all students success with Lexonik Advance.

Book of the Month

Here are the Books of the Month for November - all with a horror or suspense theme! The Book of Dead Days by Marcus Sedgwick: a spell-binding story of power, corruption and magic set in the days between Christmas and New Year's Eve.

The Haunting of Aveline Jones by Phil Hickes: Aveline discovers a spooky old book that belonged to a girl who vanished mysteriously.

Cuckoo Song by Frances Hardinge (Year 8+) - Triss is not herself, and in her quest to find the truth she must venture into the Underbelly of the city.

Book of the Month

Horror & Suspense

November

Five days of gothic alchemy and evil... the days between Christmas and New Year's Eve are dead days, where spirits roam and magic shifts restlessly just beneath the surface of our lives. A spell-binding story of power, corruption, magic.

Marcus Sedgwick
THE BOOK OF DEAD DAYS

Recommended for Years 7 & 8

What is Book of the Month?
Each month we recommend books for you to read and review; introduce new authors and genres.
We have several copies of each book, issued on a first-come, first-served basis - books are loaned for 2 weeks only to allow as many students as possible to read them.
We encourage you to share your opinions and thoughts about the books by completing reviews, challenges and activities - outstanding entries will be rewarded with certificates and badges!

Happy Reading!
For more information see Mrs Yerbury, Librarian

Triss is quite literally not herself. In a quest to find the truth she must venture into the terrifying Underbelly of the town to find the scary architect who has menacing plans for her family.

Cuckoo Song
FRANCES HARDINGE

Recommended for Years 9+

Like scary stories? Here are some more books you could read...

The Haunting of Aveline Jones by Phil Hickes:
Dreadwood by Jennifer Killick
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Coraline by Neil Gaiman
Cirque du Freak by Darren Shan
Goosebumps by R. L. Stine
The Enemy by Charlie Higson (Year 9+)
Twilight by Stephanie Meyer (Young Adult)
Dark Matter by Michelle Paver (Year 9+)

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Read one of these books, complete the activity sheet and write a book review - the best entries will receive merits and a Reader of the Month badge!



Learn more about Lexonik Advance

What benefits will you see?

Imagine being in a lesson and you come across some technical vocabulary you haven't seen before. It's a long word and tough to read. Lexonik Advance is the key to unlocking the language.

Imagine being in an exam and you come across a word you don't recognise. It's stopping you from answering the question. What are you going to do? Lexonik Advance is going to give you the tools you need to find the meaning independently.

What do sessions look like?

Your Lexonik Advance sessions will take place once a week, for six weeks. There will be four students in your group, working with a member of staff. It's all about human interaction, not being sat in front of a screen.

There's a real mix of activities in Lexonik Advance. Some will be spoken, some written. Some will involve working as a team, some individual.

What is Advance?

Lexonik Advance is an intervention designed to improve students' comprehension, reading and spelling. It will teach you some really important skills that will help you right across the curriculum. Lexonik Advance has been designed for older learners, and you'll see massive progress in just six 1-hour sessions.

Why have I been chosen?

Your teachers have chosen you because they believe you have real potential. Lexonik Advance is going to help you achieve this.

Lexonik Advance is different to what you might have seen or experienced before. That's one of the things that make it work. It's fast-paced, fun and competitive. You're going to love it!



A massive congratulations to Immie (10A1), who over the holidays qualified for British, European and World finals in 2026 with her dance school WD SWF at a United Dance Organisation competition in Kent and coming 1st in teams, 2nd in Duos and 4th in solos.

This is a huge competition with over 30 people competing in her category. The British finals will be held on 1st March 2026 in Brighton. We look forward to hearing the results!

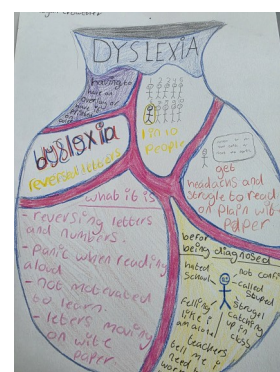
Year 8 Art

In Year 8 we have been looking at David Hockney Landscapes. Students were then instructed to either transcribe one of his pictures, or paint a landscape of their choice, in his artistic style. A big shoutout to Ava (8M1) and Tom (8D2) for their efforts.



Year 9

In year 9 we have been doing Maps of ourselves, looking at local maps, the map of Mundi and also at Grayson Perry and his Map of Days. This ended with the students creating their own Grayson Perry style vase depicting things that matter to them. A well deserved shoutout to Megan (9A2) and Lacey (9D1) for really pouring themselves into this task.





Career of the Week - Film Director

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #219 - Film Director](#)

Work Shadowing Days for students in Years 7 - 10

The next Work Shadowing Day for students in Years 7 to 10 is Friday 5th December, this is an INSET day. Well done to all those students who did a day at a workplace on 17th October. If students completed the work shadowing journal, this can be brought back to form tutors so certificates and prizes can be given out.

Work Experience Week

Year 10 Work Experience Week - Monday 20th July - Friday 24th July 2026

Year 12 Work Experience Week - Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July 2026

Students have now been given the information about how to find and where to log their placements. Further information can also be found here: [Ormiston Rivers Academy - Work Experience](#)



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 **"Inability"**.

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

Say it: in·uh·bi·luh·tee

Spell it: In-ab-il-ity

Inability

(noun)

(Prefix) **in** - in, into, on; not; very - can be 'en'
(Suffix) **ability** - the state of being able

Stem: able;- capable/able

Understand it

The state of being not able to do something

Hobby Hub

Hobby Hub is a new club which will be held in D05 every Friday lunchtime. All year groups are welcome, so please come along. There will be a selection of puzzles, colouring, knitting, crochet, origami and other activities to choose from. Suggestions are also welcome.



Year 7 - Mr Adair

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxing and restorative half-term break. It's been fantastic to see our Year 7 students return with such enthusiasm, ready to embrace the opportunities of a new term.

Last half term was filled with energy and creativity, particularly from the cast of Chicago, who dedicated countless hours to rehearsals in preparation for what I am sure will be one of the most impressive performances Ormiston Rivers Academy has ever seen. Their commitment, teamwork, and talent were truly inspiring, and the final production was a brilliant celebration of the performing arts.

In Science, students have been diving into the microscopic world, exploring cells through practical investigations using microscopes. Their curiosity and precision during these sessions have been outstanding, and it's clear they're developing strong scientific skills and confidence.

Meanwhile, in Music, Year 7 have been developing their vocal abilities through an engaging exploration of musical theatre. Their progress in technique, expression, and performance has been remarkable, and it's been a joy to watch their confidence grow week by week.

As we move into the second half of the autumn term, we look forward to building on this momentum with more exciting learning experiences ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping our students thrive both academically and creatively.

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Year 8 - Mr Moon

It has been wonderful to see Year 8 settling quickly into routines and approaching their classes with enthusiasm. Teachers have been very impressed with the positive attitude and respectful behaviour shown so far.

English: students have been reading the giver and learning about Dystopian futures.

Maths: students have been learning fractions and algebra.

PE: students have just finished cross country don't forgot to ask your child how many personal bests they achieved!

Assembly this week was a welcome back from the half term break and looking at kindness in the community.

Top merit earners for the week:

1st Daisy 8D2 with 36 positive points

2nd Lola 8D2 with 30 positive points

3rd Frankie 8M2 and Dylan 8A1 with 28 positive points each

Really well done to everyone for working so hard on the first week back.

I hope you all have an amazing weekend and look forward to see you all next week.

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Year 9 – Mr Chapman

Welcome back, Year 9! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable two-week October half term. As we settle back into the rhythm of school life, there are a few important updates and recognitions to share.

Remembrance Day – Tuesday 11th November

Next Tuesday, we will be observing Remembrance Day with a minute of silence at 11am to honour those who have served and sacrificed. During form time this week, you will also be taking part in Remembrance-themed activities to reflect on the significance of this day.

Merit Shout-Outs

Congratulations to our top merit earners this week – fantastic effort and commitment shown by:

- Beau (9M1)
- Teddy (9M1)
- Jake (9M1)

And a special mention to our top merit earners so far this year:

- Ava (9A2)
- James (9D2)
- Lou Lou (9D2)

Keep up the great work – your dedication is being noticed! Let's make this half term a positive and productive one.

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Year 10 - Mr Field

Welcome back after the two week break. I hope everyone took the time rest and recover and it was a pleasure to welcome the year group back on Monday.

Earlier this week I had the privilege of seeing a rehearsal for the upcoming school production of Chicago. It was great to see the Year 10's being involved in the singing and dancing. I look forward to watching the production in full later in the year.

During my learning walks this week I was a pleasure to see so many students focused and working hard in a number of subjects. It was great to see pupils developing their gothic stories in English. During PE lessons it was great to see the competitive instincts of Megan and Sofia playing Badminton and in the fitness room I saw Keegan, Tyler and George all pushing weights and developing their strength.

The highest positive points this week was Poppy, Jack, Pippa, Aiden, Edward, Daisy, Felicity, Lily, Henry, Archie, Erin, Lola, Haidyn, Jake. Well done to you all and keep up the good work.

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Year 11 – Ms Taylor

This week students have started assessments in lessons. This should inform their revision going forward and help teachers in filling in any gaps in learning or misconceptions. Next week exams happen in the more formal setting which replicates the actual GCSEs. Students will follow the same rules and procedures as they are required to in the formal exams in the summer and are designed to both identify gaps in learning and to reduce anxiety in the actual exams. Feedback will be given at the parents evening in December.

Most students have returned in a positive frame of mind. Reminders have been needed for a few for silly behaviour. I would expect that with 6 months to go before the GCSE exams that year 11 have more productive ways of using their time.

Top merit earners this week are:

Lily B - 11A2, Joshua F - 11Z2, Madison P - 11M1, Holly D - 11Z1, Tylor E - 11D1, Chloe G - 11A1, Ava H - 11D1, Kyla L - 11D1, Karsten M - 11A2, Daisy S - 11A1, Maria W - 11M1, Riley W - 11D1, Amelia T - 11Z1.

Contact: staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

College Open Events

Chelmsford College 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	South Essex College - SEC 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
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
Writtle College 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 Thursday 16th October 2025 - 5.00pm to 8.00pm Tuesday 10th February 2026 - 5.00pm to 8.00pm	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 Thursday 9th October 2025 – 6pm to 8pm Stansted Airport College www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk Saturday 11th October 2025 - 10am to 2pm Thursday 22nd January 2026– 5pm to 8pm
The Sixth Form College, Colchester 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 To be advised	Colchester Institute 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
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

Welcome Back, Sixth Form!

We hope you had a well-deserved break and are feeling refreshed, re-energised, and ready for an exciting half term ahead. This is a crucial and inspiring time of year for both Year 12 and Year 13, full of opportunities to grow, achieve, and take the next steps toward your goals. As we head into the final weeks of the Autumn term, let's keep the momentum going. Whether you're revising for assessments, applying for university, or throwing yourself into enrichment and leadership roles, remember... small consistent efforts lead to big results.

Year 13 – PPEs & Real Exams

Your PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations) are fast approaching, 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.

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.

Student Shout Out

Year 12 - Mason Ball for his outstanding revision towards exams

Year 13 - Eva Saunders for consistently working hard and being so productive

100% Attendance Stars!

A huge well done to our Rivers Sixth Form students who achieved 100% attendance last half term. Your commitment, consistency and positive attitude are what make you stand out, and we couldn't be prouder! To celebrate, our top attenders were rewarded with a GIANT chocolate chip cookie 🍪 well deserved!

Let's keep this up for the next half term. Every day in school is a step

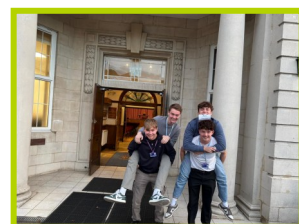


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Sixth Form in the Community

Senior Team Maths Challenge 2025

Our A Level Mathematicians, Stanley, Finley, Theo, and Nathan, represented Rivers Sixth Form at the regional final of the Senior Team Maths Challenge at Westcliff High School for Boys. It was a fantastic afternoon filled with three challenging rounds of mathematical activities, each requiring our students to draw on their knowledge, problem-solving skills, and teamwork. We're proud to share that we finished 6th out of 12 teams, an excellent achievement given the incredible level of talent in the room! We're already looking forward to next year, aiming to break into the top 5!



What's Coming Up

There's plenty to look forward to this term!

- Remembrance Service - Tuesday 11th November
- Children in Need Fancy Dress Day – Friday 14th November - Sixth Form will be fundraising for this brilliant cause. Dress up, donate £2, and make a difference!
- Year 12 Work Experience Launch
- Charlie Dix leading sessions on Finance and Future Careers
- Decorating the Sixth Form area in preparation for Christmas
- Christmas Trip to London universities and Winter Wonderland
- School Musical - Chicago!
- House competitions
- End-of-Term Celebration – a well-earned moment to relax and celebrate achievements before the Christmas break.

Rivers Sport Academy News



A massive well done to our Sport Academy boys, who played an away fixture this week and performed exceptionally well!

They showed brilliant teamwork, resilience and determination throughout the match, only narrowly missing out 1-0 to a strong opposing side.

We're incredibly proud of their outstanding performance and the way they represented Rivers Sixth both on and off the pitch. Keep up the fantastic effort, team, the hard work is paying off!

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.

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Motivation for the Half Term Ahead

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.” – Robert Collier
Every lesson, every piece of coursework, every revision session takes you one step closer to your goals. Keep going — you’ve got this! Let’s make this half term one to remember... focused, positive and full of purpose.

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

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☎ 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.



Absence Reporting

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

MyEd Messaging App

ConnectED absence line: 0845 355 8104

Attendance line: 01621 787855

Change of Personal Details

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

Lost Property

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



Essex County Council

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

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

Who may be fined?

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

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

First Offence

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

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

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

National Threshold

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

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

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

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

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

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

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

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

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

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

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



Parent / Carer Login

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

1 – www.Go4schools.com through any web browser.



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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.



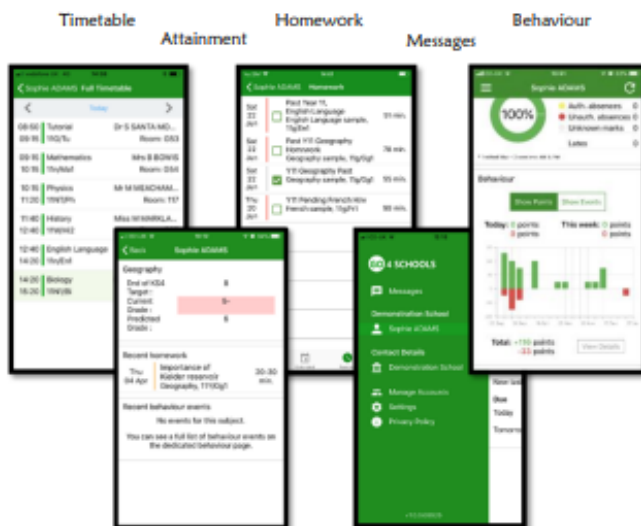
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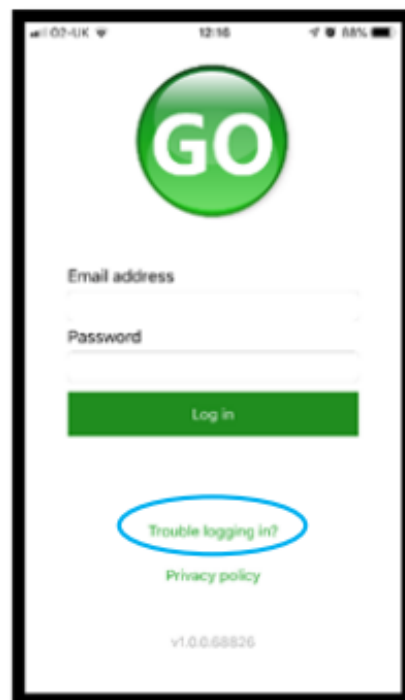
2 – Type in your school email address.

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.



**Burnham On Crouch Town Council
in conjunction with
The Royal British Legion
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**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.**

