



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a genuine pleasure to welcome so many Year 11 families to Thursday's Parents' Evening and to see your commitment to supporting your children at such an important stage of their school journey. At Rivers, we believe education is a true partnership. When home and school work together, every child has the best chance to succeed. Parents play a vital role in this partnership, not only by ensuring homework is completed and students arrive on time, but also by shaping attitudes, habits, and aspirations that last a lifetime.

Following your valuable feedback, we are delighted to announce an exciting enhancement to our Club Zero initiative. This half term, we will be celebrating students who have aimed high and achieved either 100% attendance or 100% positive merit points. To recognise their commitment, positivity, and effort, these students will enjoy a non-uniform day on the last day of term, a fun way to show that every day in school and every positive point truly counts!

Our Christmas Attendance Challenge is also in full swing, and the atmosphere around school is fantastic as year groups compete for the top spot. Bright, eye-catching posters are motivating students to boost attendance and help their year group secure the prize. The challenge has even sparked some friendly rivalry among our SSAs, who are encouraging their students to aim high. We hope this festive competition inspires everyone to keep attendance strong right through to the end of term.

Students have been reminded in assemblies this week that we will continue to challenge anyone seen with sweets or fizzy drinks, and these items will be confiscated. Your support in promoting healthy habits and a positive learning environment is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to wish the incredible cast and crew of our school production, Chicago, the very best of luck as they take to the stage next week. We have no doubt it will be a spectacular performance that showcases our students' talent and hard work. You are sure to make the academy proud.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our academy community.

Warm regards,

**Dijana Piralic
Principal (Interim)**

Dates for your Diary

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

School Show 'Chicago'

- tickets available from Main Reception

Friday 19th December 2025

Academy closes at 1.50pm
for Christmas Holiday

Monday 5th January 2026

All students return for Spring Term

Parents Evenings

Rivers Sixth Form - Thursday 15 January 2026

Year 10 - Thursday 22 January 2026

Year 9 - Thursday 5 February 2026

Year 8 - Thursday 19 March 2026

Year 11 - Thursday 26 March 2026

Year 7 - Thursday 7 May 2026

As we are approaching the end of term, we have been looking at the missed learning of our students so far this year. Whilst 90% would be a good score in a test, 90% attendance already equates to 15 hours of lost learning.

12th Dec - Current	Number of Missed days so far	Missed lessons/Hours of learning
95%	3	15
92%	4.5	22.5
90%	6	30
85%	9	45
80%	12	60
75%	15	75
70%	18	90
65%	21.5	107.5



Teaching Behaviours — Supporting Your Child's Success

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At ORA, we believe that positive engagement and consistent effort are key to helping every student thrive. Here's how we encourage excellence—and how you can support your child at home.

Why Positive Engagement Matters

- **Better Learning:** Active participation helps students understand concepts and retain knowledge.
- **Positive Environment:** A good attitude creates a classroom where everyone can succeed.
- **Life Skills:** Engagement builds communication, teamwork, and problem-solving—skills that last a lifetime.

What Students Are Encouraged to Do

- **Start Each Lesson Positively:** Arrive ready to learn and contribute.
- **Reflect and Improve:** Think about progress and set goals for improvement.
- **Focus on Effort and Persistence:** Excellence is about trying your best every day.

How to Be an Excellent Student

- **Be Prepared:** Bring the right equipment and an open mind.
- **Stay Focused:** Listen carefully and avoid distractions.
- **Ask Questions:** Curiosity leads to growth.
- **Support Others:** Encourage classmates and contribute to a positive atmosphere.
- **Take Responsibility:** Complete tasks on time and aim for your personal best.

Rewards for Positive Engagement

Recognition: Students will be celebrated in our Honours assemblies next week.

- **Merit Points:** Earn points for our CARE values - enter the In It to Win It prize draw in our End of term assembly.
- **CARE card drop box:** Positive engagement generates a CARE postcard. Students can drop these into 3 types of reward - with the draw happening next week!!
- **Club Zero:** Students will receive a non uniform day for having Zero days off and Zero negative points - why not wear a Christmas jumper on this day? Tickets will be sent out for this next week!!
- **Attendance prizes:** Treats for students with excellent attendance this half term!

How You Can Help at Home

- Encourage a positive attitude toward learning.
- Ask about what they learned each day.
- Praise effort and persistence, not just results.

Thank you for partnering with us to help your child succeed! Have a wonderful Christmas break when it arrives!!



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
7M2

Year 10
10Z1

Year 9
9M2

Year 8
8A2

Year 11
11Z2



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



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 **"Collaborative"**.

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

Say it: kuh·la·buh·ruh·tuhv

Spell it: Co-la-bor-a-tive

Collaborative
(verb)

Stem:- labor:- Work

Understand it
Involving two or more parties working together.

(Prefix) **col** - together, with; altogether
(Stem) **labor** - work
(Suffix) **ive** - tending to, by nature



Academy Shop in the Library

The new Academy Shop in the Library is open before school 8:30 to 9:00am and at breaktime 11:20 to 11:35am.

Library News

Students can now purchase stationery, art materials and school ties from here - note this is cash only purchases at present.



Rivers Academy Shop

The Academy Shop is now open in the Library!

8:30 to 9:00am
and
at breaktime 11:20 to 11:35am

Community - Ambition - Resilience - Respect - Excellence

Exams News

Summer Exam Entries

The exams team will shortly be making exams entries for this summer. Entries will be made for students using the legal name which was provided to us when they joined our school and as registered with the Department of Education Learning Records Service. This name will appear on Examination Certificates. Please check the pack you received at the Year 11 parents evening this week to ensure that we have your child's correct legal name for exam entry. If the name shown is not correct, please could you provide a copy of an official document such as birth certificate, passport or deed poll document so that we can make this change before exams entries are made.

If any changes need to be made please could you contact Exams@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk by 9th January 2026.

The Exams Team



Ormiston's Got Talent is back!

This is your chance to shine on stage and show off your skills, creativity and personality. Represent your academy alongside the most talented pupils from across Ormiston Academies Trust.

If you wish to enter, please email Mrs Turnnidge a video of your performance by Monday 5th January 2026. It should be no longer than 3 minutes.

There are two ways to enter:

Perform - sing, dance, act, play and instrument, joke, juggle - whatever your talent, show it off! This can be as a group or solo.

Host - Help present the show, introduce acts, and keep the audience buzzing! (See Mrs Turnnidge for an audition script) This can be as a solo or pair.

We look forward to seeing your entries!!

School Show

Tickets for our school show 'Chicago' next week are selling fast. There are a few tickets left, so get them quick!

The show is Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December. Tickets are available from main reception at £7.50 for adults and £5 for students. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Refreshments and programmes will be available for a donation. We look forward to seeing you there!



Sports News

Year 7 Netball

On Tuesday, our Year 7 girls travelled to Ursuline School in Brentwood for a challenging netball match. Despite a tough result, the team demonstrated fantastic commitment and resilience throughout the game. Their determination and teamwork were clear to see, and there were plenty of positives to take away as they continue to develop their skills. Well done to all involved! Players Player was Adeline M (7A2). An outstanding effort for Holly M (7A1).





Year 7 - Mr Adair

As we approach the final stretch of this busy and exciting term, it's hard to believe that there is now just one week to go before the Christmas break. The corridors are buzzing with anticipation, not only for the festive season, but also for the many achievements and events that have marked this first term together.

A particular highlight has been the dedication of our Year 7 students involved in Chicago. Behind the scenes, several of them have been working tirelessly on the technical aspects of the production, ensuring that every light cue, sound effect, and stage detail is perfected. Meanwhile, the cast has been giving their all in dress rehearsals, ready to shine when the curtain rises on Monday's opening night. Their commitment and energy have been inspiring, and we cannot wait to see the results of their hard work.

Next week also brings the eagerly awaited Attendance Awards. These will be presented to the year group that has shown the biggest improvement in attendance this term. It has been wonderful to see so many students striving to be present and engaged each day, and this recognition will be a fitting celebration of their efforts. Good attendance is the foundation of success, and we are proud of the progress being made across the school.

As always, we love hearing about your achievements outside of school too, so with that in mind we'd like to give a great big well done to Adeline (7A2) for obtaining her Senior Level Third Dan Black Belt last Sunday at an exhausting 2 day event. Congratulations Adeline!!



As the term draws to a close, we want to take a moment to extend our heartfelt thanks to parents and carers. Your support, encouragement, and partnership have been invaluable in helping Year 7 settle into secondary school life. From attending events to supporting homework routines, your role in this journey has been essential, and we are deeply grateful.

With one week left, we look forward to finishing the term on a high note—celebrating achievements, enjoying the festive spirit, and preparing for the fresh opportunities that the new year will bring.

Thank you once again for being part of this first chapter in Year 7's story.

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Year 8 - Mr Moon

Dear Year 8 Students and Families,

We've had an incredible week in Year 8, full of positivity and achievement!

This week's assembly focused on Growth Mindset—the idea that effort and perseverance lead to success. Remember, challenges aren't obstacles; they're opportunities to grow and improve.

In lessons, Year 8 have been shining:

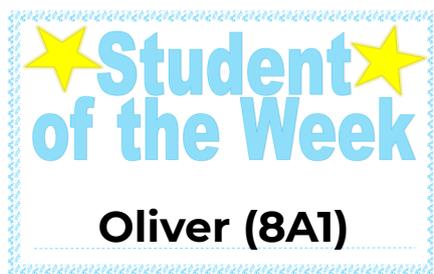
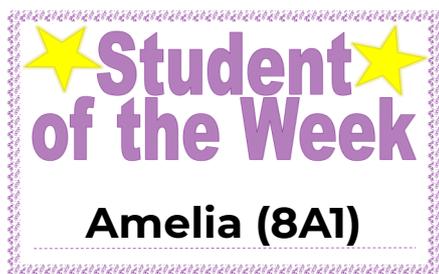
- Maths: Students have been learning how to calculate angles and lines, showing great focus and determination.
- English: We're diving into the fascinating world of Coram Boy, exploring its themes and characters in depth.

We're also well into the attendance race against other year groups! Our goal is to be the most improved year group—not just for the prize, but for the ultimate bragging rights against the other Heads of Year. Every day counts, so please make sure you attend school as much as possible. Let's show everyone that Year 8 is the best!

A huge congratulations to our top merit earners this week:

- Frankie (8M2) – 32 merits
- Rebecca (8D1) – 20 merits
- Lily-Rose – 16 merits

And another big well done to Mrs Byfords students of the week:



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

Finally, don't forget to come and watch the school show and support our amazing Year 8 students who are performing. They've worked so hard, and it's going to be a brilliant event—let's show them the same enthusiasm we bring to everything else!

Let's keep the momentum going and make next week even better.

Have a great weekend, Year 8!

Contact: smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 9 – Mr Chapman

Parliament Trip – Next Wednesday

We're excited that 23 of our Year 9 students will be heading into London for a special tour of the Houses of Parliament. This is a fantastic opportunity to see democracy in action!

Honours Assembly

Next week is our Honours Assembly, where we'll celebrate the hard work, effort, and achievements of the entire year group. Well done to everyone for your dedication this term.

Last Week of Term

It's the final week of term – Christmas is just around the corner! Let's finish strong and keep up the great energy.

Chicago Rehearsals & Performances

Rehearsals for Chicago are in full swing! The shows will run Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next week. Break a leg to all involved – we can't wait to see the performances!

Top Merits of the Week

Holly-May (9D1)

Ava (9A2)

Brianna (9D2)

Top Merits So Far This Year

Ava (9A2)

James (9D2)

Mia (9D2)

Attendance Push

We're continuing our big push for attendance, and the competition is heating up! Congratulations to 9A2, who are currently leading the way for Year 9.

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Year 10 - Mr Field

This week, Daisy delivered an inspiring assembly to raise awareness about Huntington's disease. Each day, she stood in front of more than 200 pupils and spoke with courage, confidence, and eloquence on a challenging and important topic. Standing before her peers can be overwhelming, yet Daisy approached the task with remarkable composure and determination. Her efforts not only informed but also inspired others—an outstanding example of leadership and resilience.

On Thursday, the school rugby team faced Anglo European in what proved to be an exciting and hard-fought contest. From the first whistle, the team showed determination and skill, working together with superb discipline and sportsmanship.

The forwards dominated early exchanges, securing possession and driving the ball forward with power. Our backs displayed superb pace, George C was excellent in breaking the line in creating several scoring opportunities. A standout moment came when Archie threw in the ball from the line out and started off an excellent set piece play. James caught the ball made huge amount of territory, closely followed by Tommy who finished off the move with a darting run to score over the try line.

Defensively, the team was outstanding, tackling with precision and never giving up ground easily. Special mention goes to Mason, for his relentless work rate and leadership on the pitch, and to the Jake, Riley Keiran for their tireless tackling and big hits on the opposition. Well done to the entire squad for their commitment and teamwork.

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Year 11 – Ms Taylor

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evening last night and I hope that you and the students found that useful. The big takeaway is that school attendance - and lesson attendance is critical to achieving the grades - and Mr Priddle shared how attendance affects grades and I share the analysis of the grade performance based on attendance below.

- No student with attendance below 70% achieves a standard pass.
- Average grades in the 30–69.9% bands range from Grade 1.2 to 2.3.
- Persistent absentees (below 90%) significantly underperform.
- Students in the 80–89.9% band average Grade 3.07, still below a Grade 4 pass.
- Strong attendance is the critical threshold.
- The largest group, 121 students attending 90–99.9%, achieve an average grade of 4.59.
- This is over four grades higher than the lowest attendance group.

Pleasingly, Year 11 have the most improved attendance in the school this week. We are beating Year 10 by 0.01%. The better the attendance, the better the outcomes.

Top merit achievers this week are:

Christie W (11M1), Oliver B (11A1), Lily B (11A2), Bobby F (11Z1), Harry L (11M2), Sienna B (11D1), Chloe G (11A1), Joe J (11M2), Becca M (11M2), Hollie P (11D1), Madison P (11M1), Daisy S (11M1), Maria W (11M1), Riley W (11D1) and Thomas Y (11Z1)

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It's been our busiest week of the year so far in the Sixth Form, and what a brilliant way to round off the term. We ended last week with our annual Christmas trip to London, rolled straight into A Level Dance exams, supported a number of fantastic fundraising events, and celebrated our students' achievements in a wonderful Honours Assembly today. The energy, commitment and spirit shown by our young people has been exceptional.



Student Shout Out

Year 12 – Amalie for helping with the elf, parents evening and the Chess Charity event

Year 13 – Riley for all his help with parents evening and endless work on the school musical Chicago



Sixth Form in the Community

Today we held our wonderful Honours Assembly, a celebration designed to recognise students who consistently demonstrate exceptional effort, achievement, leadership and contribution to Sixth Form life. It's a moment for us to pause, acknowledge their hard work, and highlight the qualities that make our community so strong. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our Rivers Sixth Form students.



Parents Evening

Our Sixth Form students were a fantastic support at last night's Year 11 Parents' Evening. From welcoming families at the door to guiding them around the building and assisting staff throughout the event, they showed real maturity, professionalism and pride in our school community. Their contribution helped the evening run smoothly and created a warm, positive atmosphere for our Year 11 families. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work and leadership.





RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Chess Charity

Our Year 12 Health and Social Care students hosted a brilliant bake sale this week in support of a chess charity close to their hearts. From homemade cakes and cookies to beautifully decorated festive treats, the students worked together to plan, bake and run the stall with real enthusiasm. Their teamwork, kindness and commitment to helping others shone through, and they raised an impressive amount for a fantastic cause. We are incredibly proud of their effort and community spirit.



Sixth Form Leadership Team

On Wednesday our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team presented to the Senior Leadership Team. They spoke with confidence and clarity about their roles and the positive impact they've had on the Academy throughout this term.

Student Leadership is championed at Ormiston Rivers Academy, and our Sixth Form students continue to be the role models leading the way.

Over the next week, we're excited to introduce each member of our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team to you all. Stay tuned!

What's Coming Up

There's plenty to look forward to this term!

- Year 12 Work Experience
- Charlie Dix leading sessions on Finance and Future Careers
- Elf on the Shelf
- Cake Fridays
- 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 NEXT WEEK!

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.



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

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.

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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 sixthform@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

 Absent reporting to Mrs Penberthy: 01621 787882

 Follow us on Instagram: @RiversSixthForm

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RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

Contact: mwilkins@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

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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:

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|---|---|
| 2 x black pens | Maths set (including a scientific calculator) |
| 1 x purple biro for assessment feedback | Student Planner (student organiser) |
| 2 x pencils | Reading book |
| 1 x 30cm ruler | Books / folders for the days lessons |
| Coloured pencils (not felt tips) | Water bottle |
| Eraser | Basic art equipment |
| Pencil sharpener | |

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.



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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'.



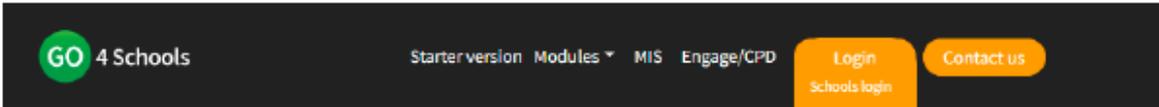
Parent / Carer Login

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



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



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.
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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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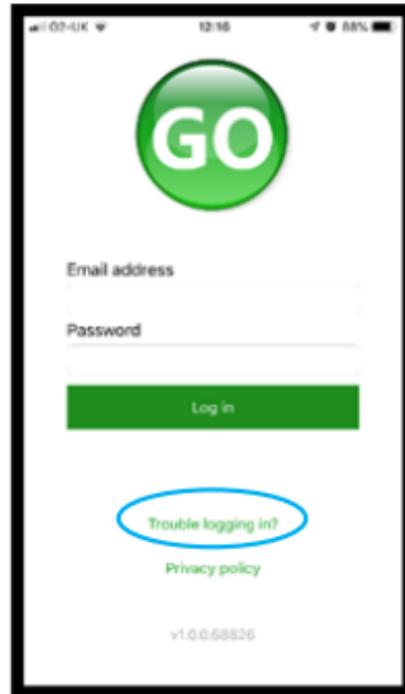
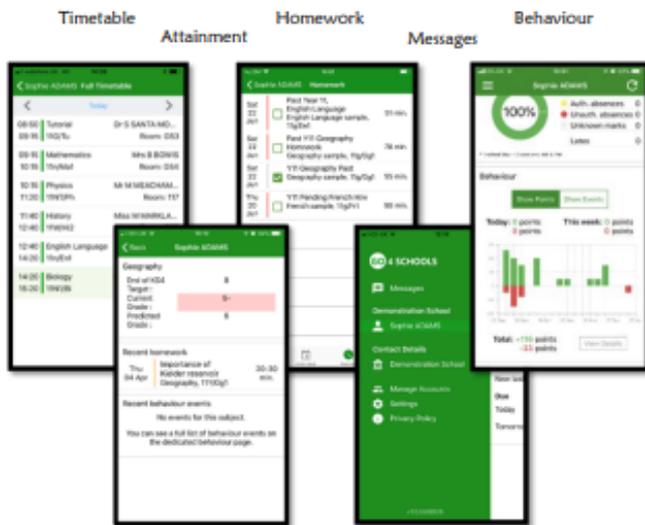
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This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



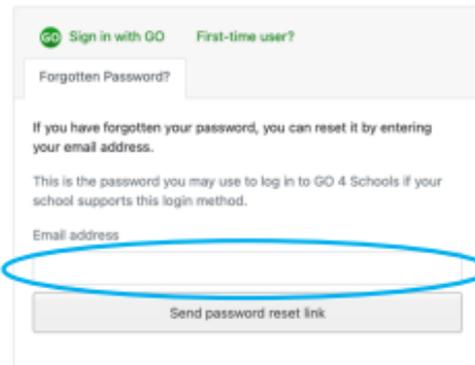
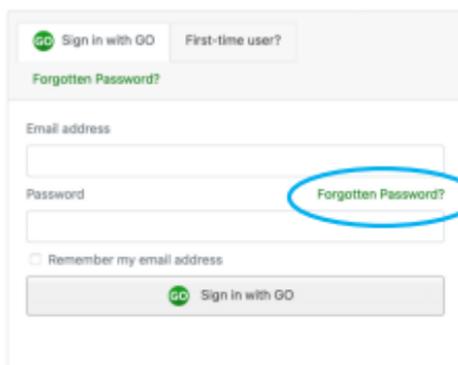
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FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD?

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

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



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.