



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 11 students completed their mock exams this week, and we are incredibly proud of the maturity, focus, and resilience they demonstrated throughout. They approached each exam with commitment and a positive attitude, and we commend them for their hard work. We will be holding a Year 11 Celebration Assembly on Monday 23rd March, where students will receive their mock results, and we look forward to sharing and celebrating their achievements.

Our Year 12 and 13 students have now begun their own mock exams and are working diligently as they strive to achieve their best in preparation for the summer exams in May. We wish them every success with these important assessments and look forward to celebrating their achievements.

Our Year 9 students are in the process of choosing their options and the Options Form is now open: <https://forms.office.com/e/AAmjXBHgLU>. To complete the form, students will need their UPN (Unique Pupil Number) which has been emailed to parents & carers. Options are not selected on a first come, first served, so there is no need to rush so students should take their time, talk it through at home, and choose the subjects that best match their interests and future plans. Options Forms must be completed by Friday 20 March and final options will be confirmed on 22 May.

Friday 20th March is Comic Relief. Comic Relief continues to fund vital projects both in the UK and globally, supporting children, families, and vulnerable communities and to help raise money and awareness, we have planned a range of fun activities that will take place across the school throughout the day including a non-uniform day, bake sale (students should bring cash if they would like to buy a treat). Staff vs Sixth Form Dodgeball Tournament and Zumba with Mr Williams. There will be a suggested donation of £1 for each activity which can be paid in cash by students on the day or if you would prefer to donate online, you can do so via our JustGiving page linked directly to [Comic Relief: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-ormiston-rivers-academy](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-ormiston-rivers-academy). We are really looking forward to coming together again as a school community to support, celebrate and fundraise for this fantastic charity.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. It is deeply appreciated and plays a vital role in helping our school community continue to thrive.

Warm regards,
Dijana Piralic
Principal (Interim)

Parents Evenings

Year 8 - Thursday 19 March 2026

Year 11 - Thursday 26 March 2026

Year 7 - Thursday 7 May 2026

Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th March 2026

Comic Relief

Friday 27th March 2026

Academy closes at 1.50pm for Easter Holiday

Monday 13th April 2026

Students return for Summer Term

Monday 13th April

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Teaching Behaviours

A Positive and Productive Half Term so far!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through this short half term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. This half term brings many opportunities for them to make progress, form positive habits, and engage fully in school life.

A reminder - Mobile Phone Policy

To help maintain a focused learning environment, please remember our expectations regarding mobile phones:

- Students must bring their phone pouches to school every day.
- These are checks by all form tutors first thing.
- All mobile phones must remain sealed in their pouches and are not to be used on site at any time during the school day.
- If a pouch has been lost or damaged, replacements can be purchased via ParentPay.
- Once bought, these can be collect via the main reception hatch.

Should you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the main reception, and we will ensure the message is passed on. If students need to contact home, they can do so through Student Reception or speak with a member of the Pastoral Team. Thank you for helping us uphold this policy.

End-of--Term Rewards

A reminder that there will be lots of prizes available for students who demonstrate commitment, effort, and excellent conduct this half term.

Students will have the chance to win:

- A laptop for strong attendance, punctuality, and behaviour
- 100% attendance prizes
- The In it to Win prize draw
- Honours assembly subject certificates
- Club Zero Non uniform day
- CARE Card Reward Draw prizes, including:
 - Catering card credit
 - A shopping voucher
 - An art equipment pack

We hope these rewards help motivate students to aim high, work hard, and make the most of each day

Red Nose Day

We will share more information in assembly next week about supporting with Red Nose day. Our social media team will be sending out updates and how we can support with this worthwhile cause.



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
7D2

Year 9
9Z1

Year 8
8Z1

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
- Attendance line: 01621 787855



Department Stars of the Month!

February

MFL

- Year 7** - Catalina M
- Year 8** - Nicole M & Bella-Marie B
- Year 9** - Eleanor B
- Year 10** - Oliver C
- Year 11** - Ryan F



Performing Arts

- Year 7** - Esther L
- Year 8** - Sophia D
- Year 9** - Paige S
- Year 10** - Haidyn V
- Year 11** - Sam S
- Sixth Form** -Olivia M

English

- Year 7** - Mila M
- Year 9** - Izabelle Q
- Year 10** - Jack S
- Year 11** - Ash H
- Sixth Form** -Eddie C

Maths

- Year 7** - Roma R
- Year 8** - Jess H
- Year 9** - Jack F
- Year 10** - Erin R
- Year 11** - Faith W
- Sixth Form** - George H

PE

- Year 7** - Catalina M
- Year 8** - Jamie D
- Year 9** - Oliver K
- Year 10** - Mason L
- Year 11** - Tom Y
- Sixth Form** - Vikram H

Computing

- Year 7** - Zac R
- Year 8** - Eleanor S
- Year 9** - Riley N
- Year 10** - Tommy S
- Year 11** - Hazel W
- Sixth Form** -Eva S

Science

- Year 7** - Morgan W
- Year 8** - Bella S
- Year 9** - Mia W
- Year 10** - George P
- Year 11** - Daisy S
- Sixth Form** -Jamie H

Health & Social Care

- Year 10** - Jamie M
- Year 11** - Maria W
- Sixth Form** - Hannae H

Child Development

- Year 10** - Elsie W



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 **"Aggression"**.

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

wotw@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Say it: uh·greh·shn

Spell it: Ag-gres-sion

Aggression

(noun)

Stem: gress: - walk

(Prefix) ag- to do, drive, draw out, move - can be 'ig'
(Stem) gress - walk
(Suffix) sion - act, process, result

Understand it

The act of showing anger or violent behaviour toward others.



Travel the World with a Great Book - It's time to get reading!

An extra challenge... Take the title or first line from at least 6 of these books and create a poem or story by combining them with words and phrases of your own!

Where am I? What am I doing? And...who am I?	My favourite thing to do in London is to fly the flag
I should begin at the beginning, I know that	Saint Jude was the patron saint of impossible causes
Barrow Island haunts me	This was not at all what the letter had said would happen
The horsebox was on its side when they came over the rise	Some people believe that when you dream, your whole life happens before you
Cold salty water stings my eye and soaks my T shirt	First day - whippers Second day - warnings Third day - invaders
I don't want to go but there isn't any choice	Wolf walkers are almost impossible to spot

Collect merits! Hand in your completed story or poem to Mrs Yerbury, Librarian. The best entries could receive a Library badge and the chance to win a book!

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITH A GREAT BOOK
It's time to get reading!

Your challenge: Read books set in different countries or continents.

- Start reading from our book list and claim a bookmark for the country or continent your book is set in - there are 6 to collect.
- Your target is to read 6 books. When you finish a book, write a postcard review and move on to the next adventure.
- If you read at least 4 books and complete the activities, you could get a Word Millionaire badge and the chance to win a book or voucher!

Australia How to Bee - Bren MacDibble The 13 Storey Treehouse - Andy Griffiths The Shark Caller - Zillah Bethell	Asia Tiger Wars - Steve Backshall Running Wild - Michael Morpurgo The Horse Road - Harrison Troon	South America World Burn Down - Steve Cole The Incredible Incas - Terry Deary
North America Kentucky Thriller - Lauren St John Paradise on Fire - Jewell Parker Rhodes (YA) The Good Things - Katharine Rundell	Europe River of Ink - Helen Dennis Floodland - Marcus Sedgwick Swansong - Gill Lewis	Africa The Door of No Return - Alexander Kwame Children of Blood and Stone - Tomi Adeyemi (YA) Secrets of a Sun King - Emma Carroll

Here is a selection of books from each continent - find more in the school Library

Why not start on the new Library challenge to read books set in different countries and continents.

Collect a reading log from the Library desk, choose your first book to read and collect a Ticket to Read bookmark: Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America. When you finish a book, write a short postcard review and move on to your next adventure. If you read 4 or 6 books and complete the postcards you could get a Word Millionaire badge and the chance to win a book or voucher!

Library Door Challenge

We are so pleased with the Library door decorated by Year 10s for World Book Day that it will stay in place until the Easter holidays!

Special thanks go to Penny, Pippa and Evelyn for their work and creativity in creating Mary Shelly's 'Frankenstein'.

Could you be the next group of students to decorate the Library door?

Maybe you have a favourite book, author or story that you could create as an image for the door?

More information from Mrs Yerbury, Librarian.





ORA students recently achieved fantastic success at the Dance Devotion Festival in Hornchurch, where they competed with Epic Dance.

The students performed across several styles including street dance, contemporary, lyrical, acro and contemporary jazz. Their hard work and dedication paid off with some outstanding results:

1st Place

- ★ Contemporary Quad
- ★ Street Team
- ★ Lyrical Team
- ★ Adele – Street Solo (also achieving the Highest Overall Score in the Street Dance Novice section)
- ★ Erin – Street Solo (Highest Overall Score in the Street Dance Medal section and the second highest score across the entire weekend)

2nd Place

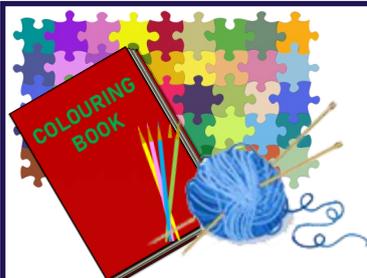
- ★ Contemporary Team
- ★ Norah – Lyrical Solo (Novice)
- ★ Norah & Belle – Contemporary Duo (Novice)
- ★ Erin & Adele – Street Duo

3rd Place

- ★ Acro Team

Students representing the school were Erin and Adele (10D2), Lexi (10M1), Emilie (9Z2), Isla (8M2), Lily M (8A2), Helena (8M2), Norah (7D1) and Belle (7Z1).

The dancers received excellent feedback from the judges on the day, which will help them continue to develop and refine their performances in the future. We are extremely proud of their achievements.

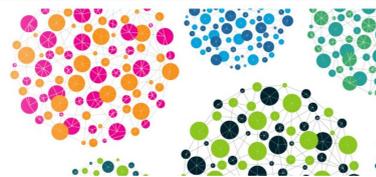


HOBBY CLUB

Don't forget that Hobby Club is open to all students in years 7, 8 and 9 on Fridays in D05. We have some things for you to do, but please feel free to make suggestions or bring in your own hobby to share with the group.

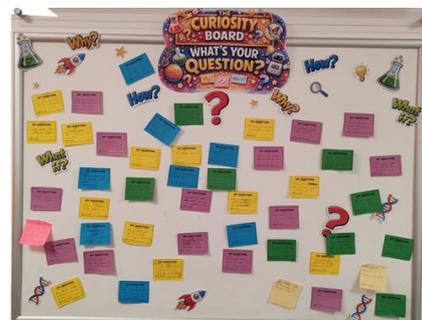


British Science Week: Curiosity – What’s Your Question?

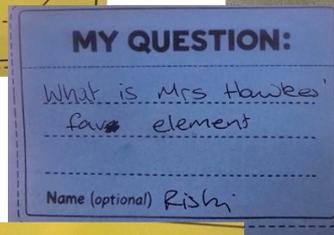
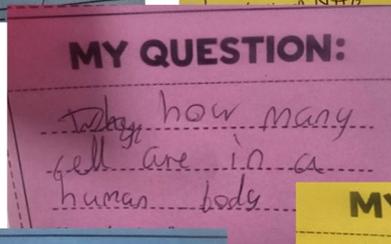
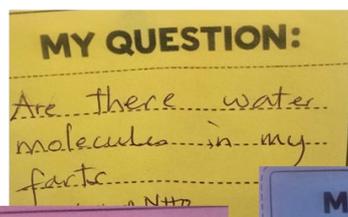
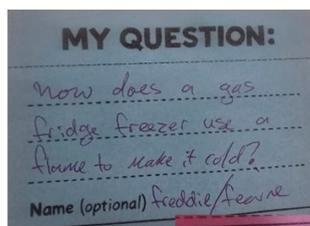


This week the Science Department celebrated British Science Week under the exciting theme “Curiosity: What’s Your Question?”

To mark the occasion, we launched our brand-new Curiosity Board, inviting both staff and students to share questions about anything they’ve ever wondered about. From the fascinating to the funny, the mysterious to the downright bizarre, no question was too weird or silly to ask, because curiosity is where science truly begins.



Our board quickly filled with imaginative questions from across the school. Some made us think, some made us laugh, and some made us wonder how anyone even thought of them in the first place! Take a look at a few of the questions we received below and decide for yourself... which one do you think was the weirdest?

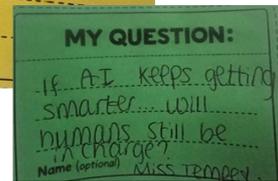
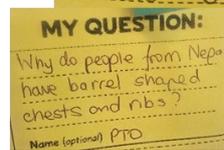
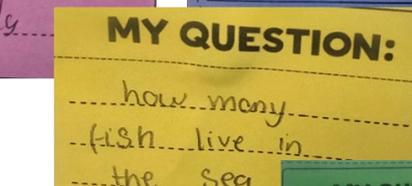
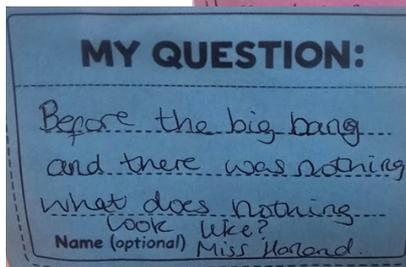


The Easter Egg Estimation Challenge

Another way we sparked curiosity this week was through our Easter Egg Estimation Challenge.

Students were presented with a container filled with Easter eggs of various sizes and were asked

to estimate how many eggs were inside. While some students took a quick guess, others decided to take a much more scientific approach.



At one point the room looked more like a research lab than a competition! Rulers appeared, measurements were taken, calculations were scribbled down, and formulas were formed as students tried to estimate the number of eggs as accurately as possible.

It turns out that a little curiosity (and a ruler) can go a long way!



On Tuesday 10th March, our Year 7 and 8 girls travelled to Chelmer Valley High School for a football fixture. The team played incredibly well, showing great determination and teamwork throughout the match.

Despite a strong performance, the girls were narrowly defeated 5-3. There were plenty of positives to take away from the game, and the team should be proud of their effort and progress.

Player of the Match: Daisy P (7Z2) – for her outstanding contribution and commitment on the pitch.

Well done to all the players involved!



On Wednesday evening, our Year 7 Netball team made the journey to William De Ferrer's to take part in the much-anticipated annual Netball Rally. The event brought together teams from across the area, providing our players with an excellent opportunity to showcase their skills and teamwork on the court. Spirits were high as everyone embraced the competitive yet friendly atmosphere, making it a memorable experience for all involved.

The girls drew their first match to Plume, ending in a 1-1 draw. The second and third game saw us lose to St Martins and William De Ferrer's, but the girls played great netball and showed great sportsmanship. The final game saw us defeat Plume's second team 4-2, with great goals coming from Catalina and Elizabeth.

Player of the evening was Isabella!!

Well done girls



Mock Trials

Please keep your fingers crossed for our amazing Mock Trial team who will be competing in the regional competition at the Crown Court in Basildon this Saturday, 14th March.



We will be competing against other schools with a mock trial and act out a formal court case.





Year 7 - Mr Adair

As we move past the halfway point of this half term, it has been wonderful to see Year 7 continuing to grow in confidence, maturity, and enthusiasm for school life. This week, we proudly celebrated International Women's Day across the school, taking time to recognise and thank all the incredible women in our community—our female parents and carers, our dedicated staff, and of course our brilliant students. Their achievements, resilience, and contributions enrich our school every single day, and it was a joy to celebrate their success together.

In the classroom, Year 7 have been fully immersed in some outstanding learning experiences. Science lessons have taken on a creative twist recently, with students exploring the natural elements through music—an imaginative and engaging approach that has sparked curiosity and plenty of lively discussion. It's been fantastic to see students making connections between scientific ideas and artistic expression.

Sporting success has also been a highlight of the week. Our Year 7 boys rugby team delivered an incredible performance at their midweek tournament, winning three out of four matches and drawing the fourth. Their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship were exemplary, and they represented the school with real pride.

We were also delighted to celebrate the achievements of our Jack Petchey Award finalists during Year 7 assembly. These students have demonstrated exceptional commitment, kindness, and leadership, and it was inspiring to acknowledge their contributions in front of their peers.

As always, we ask for your continued support in helping us keep our young people safe online. Please remain aware of what your child is accessing on social media and within group chats. By working together, we can ensure that our students navigate the digital world responsibly and safely.

Thank you to every parent and carer for your ongoing support this term. Your partnership makes a tremendous difference, and we look forward to the many exciting opportunities still to come for Year 7.

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Year 8 - Mr Moon

What a brilliant week it's been for Year 8! Our assembly on Monday focused on International Women's Day, celebrating inspiring women from across the world and reminding us of all of the importance of equality, ambition, and believing in our own potential. It set a really positive tone for the rest of the week.

We've also been fully immersed in National Science Week, with Mr Williams running a fantastic range of activities for students to get involved in. I hope everyone had a go at the Easter Egg Challenge as well as the always competitive Higher or Lower Quiz — it's been great to see so many of you engaging with science in a fun and energetic way.

A huge well done to our top merit earners this week:

- 1st – Bellamarie (8Z1) with an incredible 39 merits, the highest in the whole school.
- 2nd – Mia (8A2) with 30 merits.
- 3rd – Esme with 28 merits.

Amazing effort from all three — keep it up!

On Thursday, the Year 8 boys took part in a rugby tournament. While the results didn't quite go our way, the improvement in structure, teamwork, and resilience was clear to see. A special shout out to the boys who stepped up last minute to support the team, and a big thank you to Coach Kyran for guiding and encouraging the squad despite being injured himself.

I do also need to mention that uniform standards have started to slip, particularly around ties, skirts, jewellery, and PE kit. Please make sure you're arriving to school each day looking smart, prepared, and ready to learn — it really does make a difference to your mindset and how you represent Year 8.

Finally, a reminder that Parents' Evening is next Thursday. We're looking forward to meeting families and discussing the brilliant progress so many of you are making, as well as the goals we'll continue working towards for the rest of the year.

A strong week of effort, participation, and teamwork all round — well done, Year 8!

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Year 9 – Mr Chapman

I hope everyone has had a very positive start to spring. The weather has certainly kept us guessing, but it's great to see the lighter mornings and evenings beginning to return—always a welcome change at this time of year.

This week, we had a school photographer on site capturing new images for our updated materials. It was fantastic to see so many Year 9 students looking incredibly smart and representing the school so well. Thank you to everyone involved for showing such pride in your uniform and conduct.

Top 3 Merits of the Week

James (9D2)

Megan (9A2)

Seeley (9Z2)

Great effort from all three—keep it up!

Top 3 Merits of the Year So Far

Ava (9A2)

James (9D2)

Mia (9D2)

A brilliant achievement and a testament to your consistency and hard work.

As we move further into the term, let's continue to build on these positive steps and support one another.

I hope everyone has a restful and restorative weekend.

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Year 10 - Mr Field

This week, Mrs Proctor shared some fantastic updates from Health and Social Care. Year 10 pupils have been working on their latest assessment, focusing on healthy food choices for babies and toddlers. It was wonderful to hear the thoughtful reasons behind their decisions, including the importance of safe food preparation. Beau & Rosie gave an excellent explanation about why grapes need to be cut up to prevent choking—well done!

A reminder that Year 10 exams will take place after the Easter break. We encourage all pupils to begin revisiting their previous work and to start their revision early to ensure they feel confident and well prepared.

Congratulations to this week's highest positive points earners:

Aliyah, Lorna, Tegan, Bradon, Henson, Mason L, Lia, Pippa, Ben, Ryan, Owen, Liam and Aidan.

A fantastic effort from you all—keep up the great work!

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Year 11 – Ms Taylor

As the mocks draw to a close, students should be thinking about what they need to do to make the maximum impact in their exams. I would urge them to do the following things:

1. Ask their teachers for 3 things they can do to make the most difference - and then do them - asking for feedback each week.
2. Be prepared to work over the holidays - school holidays are designed for 4 year olds who cannot work at that intensity - there will be plenty of holiday time when the exams are over - they're just taking it at a different time.
3. Start keeping regular bedtimes/get up times - 9am exams are awful for those used to lie ins until midday.
4. Think about what breakfast you will have and plan for that - get your body used to eating if this is unusual for you - exams go better when you have fuelled your body.
5. Use past papers/mark schemes regularly - know what the examiners want from you.

Students are becoming increasingly aware that they are now in the last 6 school weeks - every minute counts.

Despite the mocks, there have been plenty of merits awarded this week, and a shout out goes to:

Phoebe N (11D1), Niamh O (11Z1), Florence s (11Z1), Mia A (11Z2), Isla A (11Z2), Leo A (11M2), Lily B (11A2), Edward B (11M1), Emily B (11A1), Holly B (11Z1), max C (11D1), George C (11M2), Amelie C (11A10, Harry Ga (11Z2), Harry Gi (11Z2), Alissa J (11D1), Elsa L (11M1), Meade M (11A2), Zoe N (11M2), Jaya N (11M2), Finn O (11M1), Hollie P (11D1), Molly-Mai P (11D1), Eva S (11Z2), Sam S (11D1), Kayden T (11D1), Joshua T (11Z1), Summer T (11D1), Stefan W (11Z1) and Neala W(11Z2).

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RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

Congratulations to our Year 13 students who have now started their PPEs and are adapting well to the new phased study leave. Keep that drive and focus going over the next few weeks as you continue your preparations. We also had an excellent result with the Sports Academy on Wednesday, a fantastic achievement for everyone involved. In addition, we are pleased to have launched the new leadership opportunities with our Year 12 students, and we look forward to seeing them develop these roles over the coming weeks.

Student Shout Out

Year 12 – Annie Archer

For designing the Comic Relief assemblies for next week. Her creativity and effort in preparing these assemblies will help make the event engaging and meaningful for everyone.

Year 13 – George Cooke

For his consistently positive attitude toward his studies. George is always working and revising with a smile on his face, setting a fantastic example of dedication and perseverance.

Sixth Form in the Community

Rivers Sport Academy Update

A fine home performance from our Sixth Form team was reflected in the scoreline as we came out comfortable 4–1 winners against Chase High. Goals from Vik, Jack and Jordon proved decisive, while Max produced some fine acrobatics to ensure our lead remained unassailable. The lads will look to carry this momentum into next week's away fixture in Shoebury!



What's Coming Up

- ◇ Comic Relief
- ◇ Staff vs Sixth Form Dodgeball
- ◇ Year 12 Work Experience - W/C 29th June 2026 - Upload to Unifrog
- ◇ Charlie Dix leading sessions on Finance and Future Careers
- ◇ House competitions
- ◇ Summer Ball 3rd July 2026

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Rivers Sixth Form operates a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy. The laptop trolley has been removed from the Sixth Form area, meaning students will need to bring their own devices into Sixth Form sooner than planned. If any students do not currently have access to a laptop or suitable device, please speak to a member of the Sixth Form team so that appropriate support can be arranged. Alternatively there are 10 laptops available in the LRC for Sixth Form students to rent for the day.



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Exam Behaviour & JCQ Regulations

As we approach the exam season, it's important to remember the expectations for behaviour during all exams. To ensure a smooth and fair exam experience, students must adhere to the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) regulations, which are in place to maintain integrity and fairness for all candidates.

Key points to remember:

- **Arrive on time:** Make sure you arrive at least 15 minutes before the exam starts. Late arrivals can lead to complications, and in some cases, may not be allowed to sit the exam.
- **Clear water bottle:** Only clear, unlabelled bottles are permitted in the exam room. No labels or logos are allowed on the bottle, and the bottle should be free from any writing or stickers.
- **Prohibited items:** Phones, smartwatches, or any electronic devices must be turned off and left in your bag, which should be placed at the back of the exam room. Only pens, pencils, and necessary equipment should be on your desk.

Respect and Focus: It is essential to maintain a calm, respectful environment for everyone in the exam hall. Please follow the instructions given by the invigilators, remain focused, and take the time to carefully read all instructions. Following these regulations is vital for a smooth exam experience and for your success in the upcoming assessments. Let's all do our part to ensure that everything runs smoothly!

Sixth Form Dress Code

As the weather begins to get warmer, we would like to remind all Sixth Form students to continue to adhere to the Sixth Form dress code. Thank you for maintaining the high standards expected within our Sixth Form community. If you are ever unsure about what is appropriate, don't hesitate to check with the Sixth Form team.

Please note: Following a first warning, students who do not meet the dress code expectations will be asked to return home to change before re-joining lessons. Thank you for your cooperation and continued high standards.

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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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.



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.



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CHICHESTER HOCKEY CLUB

HOCKEY

Ladies & Girls Open Day

at Chichester College Astro

22ND MARCH
11:30AM - 1PM

Recruiting new, old and developing players.
Come along, grab your stick and give it a go.
Open to all levels in a friendly environment.

RSVP - ladies.captain@chichester-hockey.co.uk



Community - Ambition - Resilience - Respect - Excellence



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'.



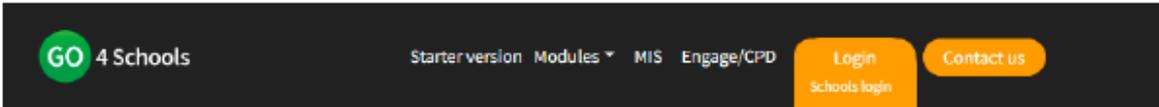
Parent / Carer Login

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



Ormiston RIVERS Academy

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.
	Reports	Timetable full academic timetable.
	Timetable	

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

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.



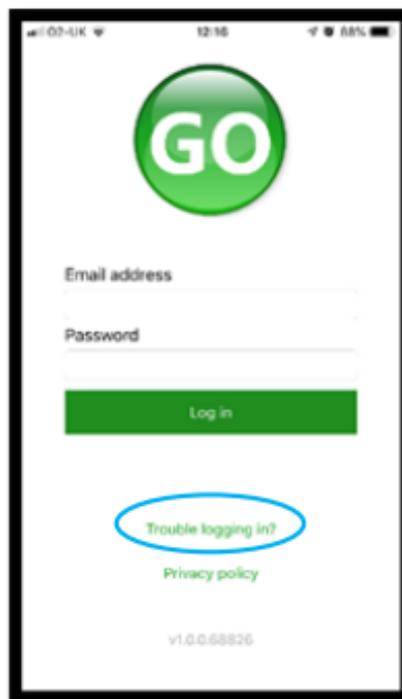
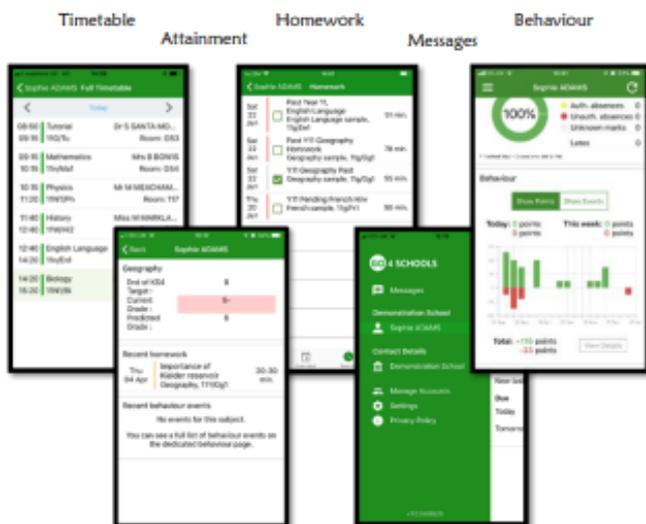
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2 – Type in your school email address.

3 – Type in your password.

This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



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.