



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we had the joy of celebrating an incredible range of achievements across our school community. Our Club Zero students, who proudly earned 100% positive merit points this half-term, enjoyed a well deserved non-uniform day, while those who achieved 100% attendance were treated to an Easter surprise. We also revealed the winners of the CARRE Card Prize Draw, and during our end of term assemblies, Ms Goodfellow hosted our much loved 'In It to Win It' draw giving students with excellent attendance and high merit totals the exciting chance to win some fantastic prizes.

A highlight of the day was presenting Principal Piralic's Positively Perfect Prize, awarded in celebration of 100% attendance, this time a brand new laptop! To finish, our traditional 'End of the Show Show' brought staff and students together in the best possible way, creating a joyful atmosphere as we headed into the holiday break.

This Thursday, we held our Year 11 Parents' Evening, and it was fantastic to see such a strong turnout of parents and carers coming together to support our students at this critical point in their education. With GCSE exams fast approaching, it is essential that our Year 11s remain focused and make full use of every support available to them. Please continue to encourage your child to use their revision guide books and to access the academy's online Revision Hub, which provides a wide range of high quality resources to help them prepare effectively: <https://ormistonriversacademy.co.uk/curriculum/revision-hub>. Consistent revision over the coming weeks will make a significant difference to their confidence and outcomes.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the dedicated members of staff who are giving up their time during the Easter holidays to run revision sessions and offer additional guidance. Their commitment ensures that our Year 11s have every opportunity to succeed, and we strongly encourage students to attend these sessions wherever possible.

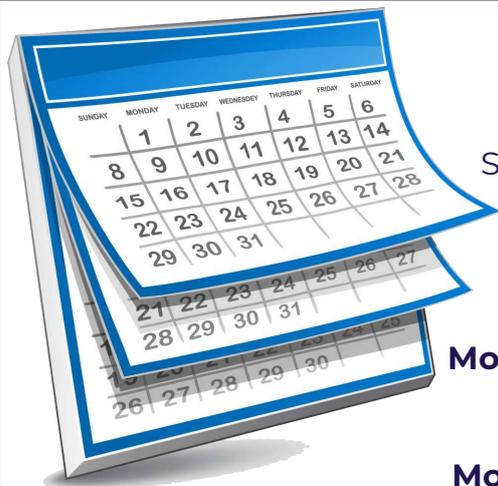
Our Year 10 students will be sitting their mock examinations shortly after returning from the Easter break, and this period is equally important for them as they begin to step into the demands of Year 11. I would like to wish them the very best of luck with their preparation. These mocks provide a valuable opportunity to practise under exam conditions, identify any gaps in knowledge, and build confidence ahead of next year. Please do encourage them to begin or continue their revision over the break so they can return feeling prepared, focused, and ready to give their very best.

Finally, I am delighted to share that last week's Comic Relief fundraising effort raised over £950 for this wonderful charity. A heartfelt thank you to our students, staff, parents and carers for their generosity and support in making this achievement possible.

I wish you all a restful Easter break and 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)



Dates for your Diary

Monday 13 April 2026

Students return for Summer Term

Friday 22 May 2026

Confirmation of Year 9 Options

Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May 2026

Half Term Holiday

Monday 29 June – Friday 3 July 2026

Year 12 Work Experience

Wednesday 1 July 2026

Staff INSET Day – academy closed to students

Tuesday 7 July 2026

Y11 Prom

Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15, Thursday 16 July 2026

Gym & Dance Show

Monday 20th July 2026

Academy Sports Day

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Year Group Trips

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Academy closes at 1.50pm for Summer Holiday



Parents Evenings

Year 7 – Thursday 7th May 2026



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Celebrating Success and Wishing You a Happy Easter Break



As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding term, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all our students and parents for your continued support, resilience, and commitment. This term has been filled with hard work in the classroom, impressive achievements across school life, and countless moments that highlight the strength of our school community. Students across the school have been revising and completing their exams and end of topic tests - we are starting to get to the business end of the year.

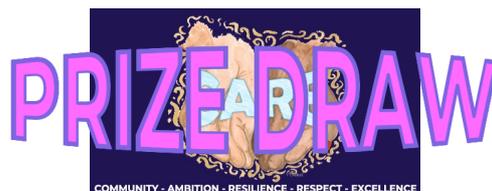
A particular celebration this term has been our end of term rewards. Over 500 students once again earned entry into Club Zero, recognising their consistent positive behaviour and contribution to school life. These students enjoyed a well deserved non uniform day—an excellent achievement that reflects sustained effort over many weeks.

We have enjoyed immensely the opening of our school Merit swap shop - and seeing the enjoyment students take in exchanging their merits for prizes.

Our Heads of Year have held their Honours assemblies - rewarding students for their efforts within the classroom and showing our CARE values.

We celebrated our CARE Card winners today too. A huge congratulations to:

- **Canteen credit - Leon H (Year 7)**
- **Shopping voucher - Freya B (Year 8)**
- **Art Pack - Amber W (Year 7)**



And of course, a special well done to the winner of our top prize—a brand new laptop:

Kai L (Year 13)

This is an outstanding achievement, and we are incredibly proud of all our prize winners. As we head into the Easter break, I encourage all students to take this time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. The holiday offers a chance to recuperate so that everyone can return refreshed and energised for the final term of the school year—a term full of opportunity and growth.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We wish you all a safe, restful, and happy Easter.



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
7Z2

Year 9
9D2

Year 8
8Z1

Year 10
10D2



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
- 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 **“Allocation”**.

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

wotw@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Say it: a·luh·kay·shn

Spell it: Al-lo-ca-tion

(Prefix) al - to, towards; for; addition, into
(Stem) loc - place
(Suffix) tion - act, process, result

Allocation

(noun)

Stem: loc:- place

Understand it

An amount or portion of a resource assigned to a particular recipient.

Information for parents to PSHE topics for next term:

- Year 7 will be focusing on health education. Safety near the train lines, in water and on the internet.
- Year 8 will be learning about relationships. Topics include consent and the use of condoms.
- Year 9 will be looking at relationships, which includes boundaries, contraception and pregnancy.
- Year 10 will be studying about health education. Cancer, strokes and meningitis.
- Year 11 will be focusing on citizenship education, in particular taxes, pensions and government spendings.

Any concerns please let the school and Mrs Dennis know.



Well done to the amazingly talented Honey (7Z1) who crafted this treble clef from a book! What a talented student ... we can't wait to see your future artwork.

We launched a Drama House Competition to perform a monologue last week. We were really pleased with the quality of the entries and the number of students that took part. Thank you to all the students that entered. The winners will be announced in the first week back after Easter!



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.



Careers Spotlight

Career of the Week - [Criminologist](#)



Year 10 and 12 Work Experience

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

Year 10 Monday 20th - Friday 24th July 2026

Please continue to look for possible placements with your child. Once the placement has been agreed with the employer the students will need to log this information on Unifrog. They all have a user account and guidelines for completing this can be found on the school website [Ormiston Rivers Academy - Work Experience](#)

Careers Adviser - Fliiss Compton

Fliiss is available for Careers Meetings on Wednesdays - if you would like your child to have a careers meeting, please email fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Many Thanks

Art News

This term year 8 have been looking at Sculpture and the human form looking at Artists like Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth and ended by creating some amazing abstract sculptures of their own. Shout outs to Jack, Ronnie and Skye who were outstanding with their ideas and application.



The year 9s this term have been looking at Portraiture. They duplicated portraits from artists like Picasso, Frida Khalo and Debbie Wiers and created some beautiful work.





Year 7 Football

Our Year 7 girls put on a fantastic display of teamwork and determination in their fixture against Anglo European School. From the first whistle, the team showed confidence on the ball, excellent communication, and real commitment in every challenge. Their resilience paid off as they battled their way to a well-earned 1-1 draw.

Both in defence and attack, the girls demonstrated great progress and developing skill, with several moments of brilliant passing play and strong tackling that kept the game competitive throughout. Their attitude and effort were a real credit to the school.

Special congratulations go to our Players of the Match: Maisie AJ (7Z2) and Willow OK (7Z1), who stood out for their hard work, composure, and impressive performances on the pitch.

Well done to all the girls involved — a superb effort and a match to be proud of!



Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Girls Football

On the afternoon of Tuesday 24th March, all 3 of our girl's football teams had a match against The Boswells School.

The year 7 girls played some great football, showed deep resilience and work hard for each other. The girls were sadly defeated by Boswells. Player of the match was Izzy D.

The year 8 girls saw the Boswells score in the first few minutes, however, with subs made, Alisha B came on and scored a goal within 30 seconds. We then had another 2 goals from Monet G. We ended up drawing the game 3-3. The girls showed great battling and Millie B saving some excellent shots. Player of the match was Alisha B.

The year 9&10 girls demonstrated great determination, with Abby S being a solid defender. The girls were unlucky to lose to Boswells but showed great resilience during the match. Player of the match was Abby S.



Year 7 Boys Football

Well done to the Year 7's on an enjoyable finish to the football season.

2 weeks ago they played against and well-drilled St Martins team that proved too strong for us as they ended up as 5-2 winners.

This week we made the travel to Brentwood County High School where we endured the strong winds in a spirited display.

The first half was tense but we defended well against the wind and slope of the pitch to go into the break at 0-0.

In the second half we started to get a few more chances after changing our formation but we did ride our luck as Brentwood struck the crossbar on more than one occasion.

In the final minute, after Oliver flashed the ball across the goal, Henry was there to finish from close range with the outside of his foot.

Our goalkeeper and defence need to take additional credit for their organisation and determination to keep a clean sheet - well played!!

The season ends with 3 wins and 3 losses. There is the possibility of one more game after the holidays.





FORENSIC SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Years 7 - 9



Dognapped!



Stolen Money!



Can You Solve the Mystery?



Fingerprints & DNA



Clues & Evidence



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Bones & 'Blood'



Crime Scene Investigation

Workshop Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Time: First Session Starts at 9:20 AM

Location: S04

Cost: £5

Register via ParentPay to Secure Your Place!



Rotary **YOUNG**
ARTIST **COMPETITION**



This years theme is ~

*Happiness
in
Nature*



Submit entries to:
Dr Rumary or Mrs Booker
By:
Wednesday 15th April

Using your own choice of media, create a piece of artwork that represents 'Happiness in Nature' to you.

The 'Happiness in Nature' theme can be interpreted as broadly as you wish and does not need to conform to a dictionary definition.



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PHOTOGRAPHER
COMPETITION



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Year 7 - Mr Adair

Thank you all for your continued support throughout this half term. It has been a busy and exciting few weeks for Year 7, and we are incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved.

We've enjoyed some fantastic football matches, with brilliant teamwork and sportsmanship on display. Our new Merit Swap Shop has also launched with great success, giving students a fun and rewarding way to celebrate their hard work.

Across all subjects, we've seen inspiring active learning, with students showing curiosity, creativity, and real enthusiasm for their lessons. It's been wonderful to see them growing in confidence and taking on new challenges.

As we head into the Easter break, please remind students to look after themselves, their friends, and their families so that everyone can enjoy a safe and happy holiday.

A huge well done to all of our award winners this Friday. We'd like to give a special congratulations to **Amber W**, who received the Principal's Award for her outstanding effort and contribution this term.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Contact: cadair@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 8 - Mr Moon

As we come to the end of the Easter term, I want to say a huge well done to Year 8 for what has been their best half term for behaviour since joining us in Year 7. The positive attitude around school has been clear to see every single day, and it's no surprise that we have now earned over 44,000 merits so far this year—making us the second highest merit earning year group in the entire school. This is an outstanding achievement and one every student should be proud of.

It has also been a brilliant term for extracurricular involvement. Year 8 have taken part in a wide range of sporting activities, representing the school with pride, teamwork and determination. A particular highlight has been the incredible performance of the Year 8 boys' football team, who finished the season undefeated—a fantastic accomplishment and testament to their hard work and commitment.

This week we also celebrated our Honours Assembly, recognising the students who have demonstrated exceptional effort, progress, resilience and contribution throughout the term. It was wonderful to see so many Year 8s being celebrated for their achievements, and a big well done to all of our award winners—you thoroughly deserved your recognition. Mrs Byford's students of the week are Beau T and Max W.

Last week's Parents' Evening was another positive moment, giving families the chance to discuss progress across all subjects and look ahead to strategies for continued growth. It was great to see so many constructive conversations taking place, and students should now feel confident and motivated as we move into the summer term.

Speaking of next term, there is lots to look forward to. We will be beginning our athletics, rounders and cricket units in PE, opening up even more opportunities for students to get involved in sport and develop new skills. With the warmer weather on the way, it's the perfect time for students to try something new or join a club they've not experienced before.

Finally, a big congratulations to our top merit earners so far this year: Frankie in 8M2 leads the way with an incredible 600 merits, which is also the second highest total in the whole school. In second place is Kyran in 8A2 with 440 merits, and in third place Dougie in 8Z1 with 420 merits. A fantastic effort from all three—and from every student contributing to our amazing overall total.

Well done on a brilliant term, Year 8. Enjoy a well deserved break, and I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for another successful chapter after Easter.

Contact: smoon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk





Year 9 – Mr Chapman

As we reach the end of this short but productive half term, I'd like to congratulate our top achievers for their hard work and dedication.

Top 3 Merits of the Week

Daisy (9M1)
Noah (9Z1)
Reece (9A1)

Top 3 Merits of the Year So Far

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

A huge well done to all the students who received recognition in our Honours Assembly on Wednesday. It's always fantastic to celebrate the commitment and positive attitude shown across the year group.



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Year 10 - Mr Field

Earlier this week it was great to host our termly honours assembly. It was an honour to reward so many pupils for continual hard work, achievement and focus. The pupils were awarded certificates in line with the school's values. It was great to see new pupils being nominated from the teaching staff and receiving an award for their efforts in lessons. It was marvellous to see George P receive his first award. The principals award went to George P for his continual work ethic and politeness around the school with his peers and staff.



Further certifications went to all those pupils who took part in the higher education project to Anglia Ruskin university. This scheme was to introduce university to our pupils if this is an option for them later in their education.

Well done to the following pupils who earned the highest positive points this week:

Ben H, Chloe C, Ryan G, Tommy S, Finley B, Henry H, Lorna L, Tom O & Aidan N.

When we return after Easter, Year 10 will be doing their first set of Mock Exams. These are the details for your reference:

Date	AM (Periods 1 & 2)	PM (Periods 3 & 4)
Monday 20th	Biology	English Language Paper 1 - 1H 45 mins
Tuesday 21st	Mathematics	Chemistry
Wednesday 22nd	Physics	

Have a great Easter and see you when you return in the summer term

Contact: sfield@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 11 – Ms Taylor

As the term ends, year 11 will be having their last end of term show. By the next holiday the exams will be in full swing, and so I remind them that this is not a holiday for them - they take all their holidays from the middle/end of June.

Students should have asked teachers for guidance on what they can do to improve the most and be attempting to put this into practice over the break.

Revision sessions will take place over the holidays, and I urge students to make the most of these sessions if they have been invited.

We have 4 weeks when we return after Easter before the big exams start.

There is a wealth of paperwork coming out in the near future. Final timetables will come out after Easter, and students should have checked their exam entries and highlighted any mistakes for the exams team. There are also consent forms for leavers hoodies to be returned.

Final invites for prom will be coming out after Easter, so for those still hoping to attend the incentive is there to get in, on time, and attending all lessons.

Shout outs for merits this week go to:

Sam T (11A1), Isla A (11Z2), Matthew C (11M2), Phoebe N (11D1), Leo A (11M2), Lily B (11A2), Tobi B (11A2), Emily B (11A1), Fearne C (11M2), Ryan F (11A2), Rishi H (11A2), Teddy K (11Z2), Neala W (11Z2).

Wishing you all an amazing holiday.

Contact: staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

We would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to our fantastic students for another wonderful term. This has been a particularly challenging time, with real exams underway and PPEs for Years 12 and 13. We have been incredibly impressed by your dedication, resilience, and commitment to doing your very best.

We look forward to welcoming you all back for the Summer term, where there will be many more exciting opportunities and experiences to share together. We also look ahead to celebrating our Year 13 students as they move on to the next stage of their journeys, whether that be university, apprenticeships, or employment.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you all back, refreshed and ready for the final term. Mrs Wilkins and Mrs Pennberthy

Student Shout Out

The following students received the Head of Sixth Form award for this term for their outstanding contribution to Sixth Form.

Year 12 – Jack G

Year 13 – George C

Sixth Form in the Community

On Thursday 26th, our Year 12 students visited the Emirates Stadium in London to attend the UK National University and Apprenticeship Careers Fair. This was a valuable opportunity for students to explore the wide range of pathways available to them after Sixth Form and gain insight into their future options.

We were extremely proud of how impeccably our students conducted themselves throughout the trip, they were a true credit to the school.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the excellent Year 12 students who supported our recent Year 11 Parents' Evening. It is always wonderful to see our students contributing so positively across the school community.





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Congratulations to all our wonderful students who achieved 100% attendance this term.



What's Coming Up

- 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.



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.



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!

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



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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'.



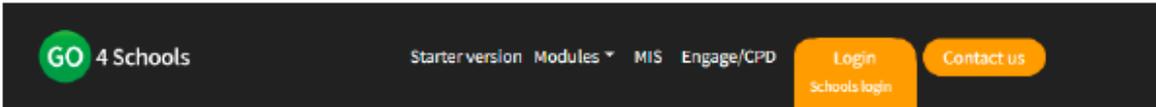
Parent / Carer Login

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



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.



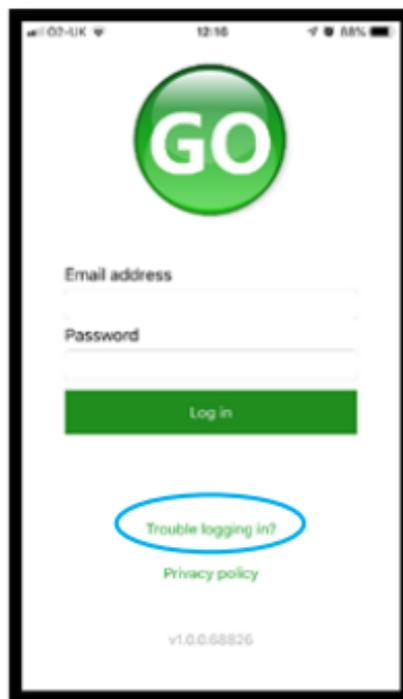
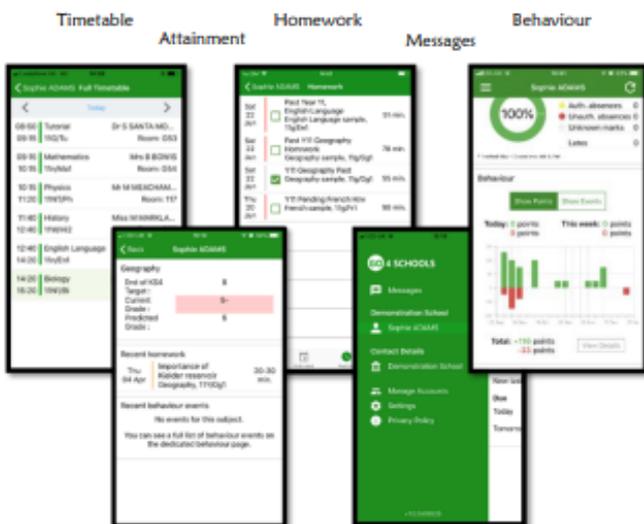
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2 – Type in your school email address.

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.