



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome our students back this week after the Easter break and I hope they have returned for the busy summer term relaxed, refreshed and ready to learn.

As we approach the examination season, supporting our Year 11 and Year 13 students remains a key priority. We recognise this can be a demanding time and are committed to ensuring all students feel confident and well prepared. A range of morning and afternoon intervention sessions are in place across subjects, and students are strongly encouraged to attend. Subject teachers and Heads of Year are also available to provide additional support. If your child is feeling anxious or would benefit from further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We also encourage students to maintain good routines during this period, including sufficient sleep, a balanced diet and regular breaks from revision. These are essential for maintaining focus, wellbeing and resilience.

We value our strong partnership with parents and carers and are committed to open, constructive communication. We recognise that, on rare occasions, concerns or frustrations may arise; however, it is essential that these are raised respectfully and through appropriate channels so they can be addressed effectively.

Our staff work tirelessly to support students' wellbeing and success and should always be treated with courtesy, professionalism and consideration. While instances are uncommon, communication that involves aggressive language or inappropriate conduct towards staff, whether in person, by email or over the phone, will not be tolerated.

By continuing to work together in a respectful and constructive manner, we can maintain positive relationships and achieve the best possible outcomes for all students.

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

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

Cym & Dance Show

Monday 20th July 2026

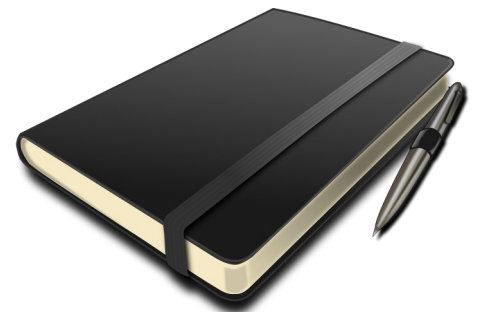
Academy Sports Day

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



Teaching Behaviours

Welcome Back to the Summer Term

We hope you and your family enjoyed a restful Easter break. It has been fantastic to see students return with such positivity and energy. The first week back has been excellent, and we are proud of how quickly students have settled back into their routines. We know that getting back into the swing of things can take time, but our young people have shown real focus and maturity.

Routines and Expectations

A smooth start to the term relies on consistent routines, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing these at home. A few key reminders:

- **Phones in pouches:** All mobile phones must remain in their pouches throughout the school day. This helps maintain focus and reduces distractions. These can be purchased via our ParentPay app.
- **Correct equipment:** Please ensure your child arrives fully equipped each day. Essential items include:
 - Black and Purple Pens
 - Pencil and ruler
 - Calculator
 - Water bottle

Having the right equipment makes a big difference to learning and helps students feel prepared and confident. All form tutors check these daily.

PE Kit Reminder

A number of students have forgotten their PE kit this week, so we kindly ask parents and carers to double-check timetables with their child. Next week is Week A. The correct PE kit is:

- Black polo top
- Black shorts or leggings
- Trainers (different from school shoes)
- Under armour top/bottoms if the weather is cold

Being properly equipped ensures students can take part safely and comfortably in all activities.

Rewards

Our Club Zero, CARE card draws and raffle ticket draws for attendance and behaviour have reset for the new term. We wish our students all the best in entering these draws and being able to celebrate together at the end of the half term!

Thank you for your continued support. With your partnership, we're looking forward to a productive and enjoyable term ahead.



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
7D1

Year 9
9M1

Year 8
8A2

Year 10
10D1



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



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 "**Composition**".

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

Say it: kom-puh-zi-shn **Spell it:** Com-po-si-tion

Composition
(noun)

Stem: pos:- place / put

Understand it
The creation of a piece of music.

(Prefix) **com** - together, with; altogether
(Stem) **pos** - place, put
(Suffix) **tion** - act, process, result

Sparx Reader

Today we have launched Sparx Reader with our Year 7 pupils. The students have all been set 30 minutes of reading homework through Sparx Reader which will be due next Friday. Sparx reader is an online system designed to develop confidence and independent reading.

The library laptops are available during lunchtimes for students to use if they wish.

Thank you for your support with this new system.



Young Writer's Competitions

I am happy to announce that 18 of our brilliant students have entered the National Young Writers Competition and have had their poems published in an anthology entitled 'I Have A Dream: Colours Of My Mind'. These students are listed below. A huge congratulation to all of them. Please give them a high five or thumbs up when you do see them around. We are extremely proud of their efforts and are truly amazed at the wonderful and inspirational poems they have written.

Emily S- 7D2
 Alayna J- 7Z2
 Harry H- 7D2
 Oliver Livingstone-7D2
 Roma R- 7D2
 Maci B-7M2
 Mila M- 7Z1
 Rosie L-7Z1
 Zachary D- 7Z2

Rebecca S- 7D2
 Mia T- 8A2
 Ava F-8A2
 Niamh P- 8D2
 Poppy D- 8D2
 Sienna S-8D2
 Jess H-8M2
 Izabelle Q- 9A1
 Lou-Lou C- 9Z2



Please listen out for upcoming writing competitions and tutors and parents/carers, please encourage our students to enter these competitions to improve their writing skills and build their confidence. For more information on writing competitions, please see Miss Durrant in E05.



Exams News



Well done to the sixth form students who completed their lengthy controlled assessments this week.

We now move into a busy period for exams. This coming week Year 12 Sports students will be sitting a mock exam and our Year 10 students have mock exams in core subjects running Monday to Wednesday. These are an opportunity to get a feel for the exam process and to build confidence. This also gives us valuable information, not just with subject progress, but also how they are able to perform in the exams environment and any support that might be needed next year.

Families can support students with exams by making sure that they are in time for school in the morning and have all the equipment needed for the exam:

- Black pens, pencil, maths equipment - either loose or in a clear, unmarked pencil case.
- Calculator where required for the paper
- Water - in a clear, colourless, plastic, unmarked bottle with labels removed

Once we are able to take our focus off of the Year 10 mocks, we will be able to provide individual timetables for the summer season. In the meantime, exam schedules can be found on our website, link below. Some students may identify that they have clashes, these happen every year and we will speak with these students separately to discuss how we will support them through busy exam days.

Please keep in mind that, in the event of any National event during the exam season, it may be necessary to move an exam date. **All examination students must remain available to sit exams up to and including the final contingency date of 24th June 2026.**

Good Luck to everyone taking exams this summer.

<https://ormistonriversacademy.co.uk/for-students/exam-regulations>



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.



Our local Cadet force have an Open Event for new members: Thursday the 16th starting from 7:30pm at the Burnham Baptist church CM0 8HJ.

There are so many great social action groups like this one and we have so many students involved with our Cadet forces. Please join in if this interests you.



Careers Spotlight

Career of the Week

Helicopter Pilot



Apprenticeships

The next Apprenticeship Hub Session on Wednesday 22nd April at 6:15-7pm, and the focus of this session is apprenticeships within the Police. This is open to young people, parents and carers. Please see sign up [here](#).

Work Experience Reminder

Year 12 Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July 2026
Year 10 Monday 20th - Friday 24th July 2026

Please continue to look for possible placements. Once the placement has been agreed with the employer the students will need to log this information on Unifrog. The deadline is Friday 22nd May. Any questions please email fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk. Well done to all of those students who have secured a placement already.

Year 7,8, 9 and 10 - Take Your Child to Work Day - Wednesday 1st July INSET DAY

To widen the understanding and appreciation of the working world, we are delighted to run the "Take Your Child to Work Day". Your child is invited to participate, and we hope that every student in Years 7-10 will be able to organise a suitable day's experience with a parent, relative, family friend or someone they know well – it does not have to be a parent.

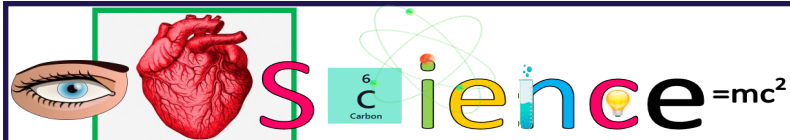
Booklets will be handed out in tutor time before half term. Your help is greatly appreciated in helping to organise this for them. We hope a day can be arranged on Wednesday 1st July. This is an INSET day, so no lessons will be affected.

The aim of the day is for students to:

- Gain an awareness of a workplace organisation
- Find out about the jobs that are available in different organisations
- Develop an awareness of the skills and qualifications that are required in the workplace
- Consider the need to develop an individual learning plan towards employability.

Parents should use their own judgement about where their child goes, and I would like to stress that the focus for students will be observation and fact-finding. The day is not intended to be a hands-on work experience placement and, therefore, for insurance purposes students should be treated as visitors and not workers, as the school cannot be held responsible for your child while they are in the workplace.

We appreciate your support in organising a suitable, worthwhile experience for your child. If you require further information or advice, please email fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.







**Forensic Science Workshop:
Cracking the Dognapping Case**

On Wednesday, 15th April 2026, Ormiston Rivers Academy was transformed into a full-scale crime scene as 127 students from Years 7 to 9 stepped into the shoes of forensic investigators. But before you panic, no real crimes were committed... unless you count the mysterious case of the missing prize pooch!

Let me rewind slightly, I'm getting ahead of myself.

It was the day of the dog show... excitement was high... tails were wagging... and then disaster struck. The prize-winning dog had been dognapped! With no time to lose, the Rivers Investigation Crime Unit (also known as our brilliant students) was called in to solve the case.

Armed with curiosity, teamwork, and just a little bit of dramatic flair, students worked together to answer the key questions:

-  Who stole the dog?
-  Which dog was taken?
-  Who did the dog belong to?
-  And most importantly... how was the crime carried out?

The workshop began with an engaging introduction to the world of forensic science, where students explored how real-life investigators identify, collect, interpret, and analyse evidence. From fingerprints and footprints to hairs, fibres, 'blood', bones, and even DNA, nothing was overlooked.

Students were fascinated to learn about fingerprints in particular. Contrary to popular belief, we don't inherit them directly from our parents, our unique prints actually develop before birth, influenced by our movements in the womb. (Yes, science is that cool.)

Once briefed, it was time to get to work. Crime scenes were taped off, evidence carefully collected, and theories began to fly. Using fingerprint analysis, footprint comparisons, and chromatography experiments, students pieced together clues to identify who had written the ransom note and ultimately, who was behind the dognapping.

It wasn't all smooth sailing. With eight suspects in the mix, the investigation required serious teamwork, critical thinking, and plenty of discussion. There were debates, dramatic accusations, and a few "Aha!" moments along the way.

The day was filled with energy, excitement, and just the right amount of mystery. More importantly, it brought science to life, showing students how the skills they learn in the classroom apply to the real world.



A big thank you goes out to all the parents and carers who supported this activity by registering their child/ward. We trust it was a rewarding and memorable experience for everyone involved.

But don't just take our word for it, our student investigators had plenty to say about their crime-solving adventure:

It was very good and very active and fun and good way to be serious and build good trust with other people – Year 7 student

I love this experience! Felt like an escape room, it made me want to be a Forensic Scientist – Year 7 student

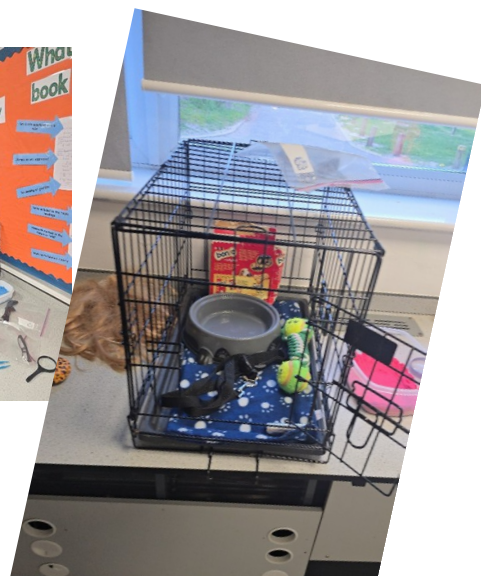
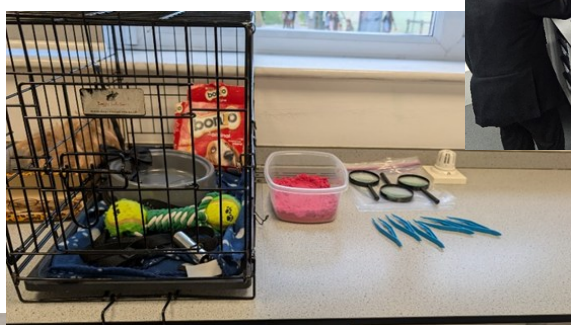
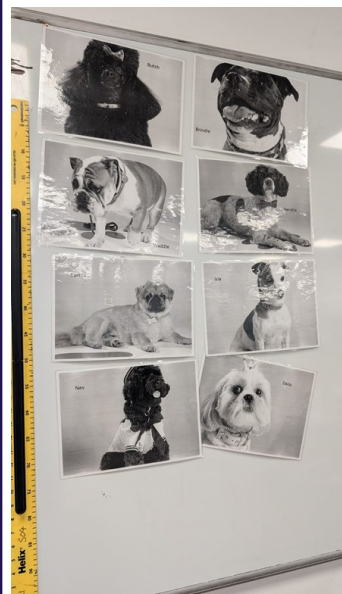
I really enjoyed working with others and looking for clues including meeting new people. I enjoyed it a lot. -Year 8 Student

I liked how creative it was with the writing analysis and it was fun looking at my fingerprints. – Unknown

An amazing new opportunity. Learned random new things. Next time I hope it's a murder case (if possible) – Year 8 Student

Was good and fun. Good teamwork with friends. I really enjoyed it. I like that it was about dogs and it was a good mystery. I would come and do it again. - E.N. Year 7

Very engaging – Year 9 student.



Year 7 - Mr Adair

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and enjoyable Easter break. It has been absolutely lovely to see every Year 7 student return to school this week refreshed, positive, and ready to learn. Their energy has brought such a brilliant atmosphere to the start of the summer term.

This week, I had the pleasure of watching some of our Year 7 students take part in an exciting Forensic Science workshop. The students were fully engaged as they explored how real forensic techniques are used to help solve crimes. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and it was wonderful to see them so eager to investigate, analyse, and think like young detectives.



The warm weather has also been very welcome across the school. As temperatures rise, please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day so they can stay hydrated throughout their lessons.

We will soon be sharing details of new extra-curricular activities available for the summer term. Please keep an eye out for updates—there will be plenty of exciting opportunities for students to get involved.

Finally, it was a joy to see Year 7 students enjoying the sunshine during their PE lessons this week. Many of them had their first experience learning how to throw the javelin, and their enthusiasm and determination made for a fantastic session outdoors.

We look forward to a brilliant term ahead.

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Year 8 - Mr Moon

It has been a fantastic first week back after the Easter holidays, with students returning refreshed and ready to learn. Our first assembly focused on current events, including the upcoming Artemis II mission, helping students engage with real-world science and space exploration. Alongside this, we revisited the importance of having a growth mindset, encouraging students to persevere, embrace challenges, and learn from mistakes.

We are pleased to share that the top merit earners this week all came from 8A1, demonstrating excellent effort, consistency, and positive attitudes across the curriculum. A huge well done to:

- 1st place: Jahnu (8A1) – 44 merits**
- 2nd place: Riley (8A1) – 42 merits**
- 3rd place: Archie (8A1) – 40 merits**

Congratulations also to Mrs Byford's Students of the Week, **Rebecca (8D1) and Alfie (8D2)**, who have both started the term in a really positive way and set an excellent example through their attitude and engagement in lessons.

As we move into the new term, we would also like to remind students and families of the importance of good attendance. Being in school every day ensures students do not miss out on vital learning, helps maintain strong routines, and plays a key role in academic progress and wellbeing. A positive start to the term is best maintained with consistent attendance.

We are very proud of how well students have returned and look forward to building on this strong start over the coming weeks.

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Year 9 – Mr Chapman

Welcome back. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Easter break.

Thank you to all students and families who returned their options forms before the end of term. We plan to send confirmation of next year's classes towards the end of this half term.

Merits

Top 3 merits this week: Liam (9M1), Christopher (9M1), Adora (9M1)

Top 3 merits this year: Ava (9A2), James (9D2), Mia (9D2)

As we move into the summer term, the days are getting longer and the weather is improving, which always brings fresh energy and focus. I hope everyone has already been enjoying the change, and I am looking forward to a positive and successful half term ahead.

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Year 10 - Mr Field

Welcome back to the new term following the Easter break. We hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable holiday. It has been a real pleasure to see pupils return to school with renewed effort, focus, and a positive attitude towards their learning. Their enthusiasm has been evident across lessons and activities.

We were especially proud to see Year 10s perform in the recent school play, Ride or Die. The acting and overall performance were first-class, reflecting the hard work and dedication that went into rehearsals. This has been excellent preparation ahead of their next performance at the Queen's Theatre, and we wish them every success. Well done to Jenson, Harry, Danica, Ethan, Sophie & Kayla.

Earlier this week, pupils were also introduced to a range of effective revision tools to support their exam preparation. These included the use of flashcards, mnemonics, and mind maps, all designed to help them revise more confidently and independently.

Well done to the highest positive points earners this week: **Oliver C, Poppy F, Isla K, Samuel S, Henson H, Archie H, Darcey J, Harry S, Evelyn B, Alfie M and George R.**

Good luck to all in the exams next week.

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Year 11 – Ms Taylor

Welcome back to year 11 for the final push before the exams start.

Students should be working each evening on their exams - using exam board websites, looking at mark schemes and completing practice papers.

The Art exam is next week, with the full GCSE timetable beginning at the start of May - the week of the first bank holiday.

Students should be keeping a regular bedtime and get up time so that 9am are not a shock to the system. Do let us know if there is anything we can do to support further.

Top merit earners this week are:

Ava H (11D1), Molly-Mai P (11D1), Lily B (11A2), Tiffany T (11Z1), Christie W (11M1), Holly B (11Z1), Freya C (11D1), Millie D (11A2), morgan D (11Z1), Chloe GT (11A1), Meade M (11A2), Tom N (11D1) and Summer T (11D1).

Wishing you all a restful weekend - and year 11 a productive one.

Contact: staylor@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

Welcome back to our wonderful Sixth Form as we begin the final summer term. With more real examinations, the introduction of our new Sixth Form Leadership Team, and preparations for our new career-focused tutor groups for Year 12, there is much to look forward to and engage with. For our Year 13 students, this is also a significant time as you finalise your future destinations, with study leave beginning on Friday 22nd May. We recognise that this term can feel particularly demanding, and we want to reassure all students that support is always available. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Sixth Form team if you need guidance or assistance at any point.

Student Shout Out

Year 12 – Joslyn has been supporting St Mary’s Primary School and will soon be painting a mural for them. A wonderful example of creativity and community spirit, well done, Joslyn!

Year 13 – George has been using his time productively to organise his next steps, including preparing for his apprenticeship and planning his move. His maturity, independence, and drive have really stood out, excellent work, George.



Sixth Form in the Community

Student Leadership Team

Thank you to all students who submitted applications for the Sixth Form Leadership Team. We were really impressed by the quality, thought, and enthusiasm shown throughout. Students have now been emailed with their interview times for next week, good luck to everyone involved.

Assembly

We were delighted to welcome Charlotte Hunt, Neurodivergent Advocate and owner of SAA Clothing in Burnham, who delivered a powerful and engaging assembly alongside our very own Year 13 student, George. Together, they shared personal experiences and insights that highlighted the importance of understanding, acceptance, and celebrating differences. It was a thought-provoking session that resonated with many students and staff alike.



Dance Exam

A huge congratulations to our Year 13 Dance students, who completed their final exam last night. The performances were truly outstanding, showcasing not only their technical skill and creativity, but also months, if not years of dedication, resilience, and hard work. The standard was exceptionally high, and it was clear how much effort had gone into perfecting each routine. They should all feel incredibly proud of what they have achieved.



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Good Luck

We would also like to wish the very best of luck to Libby, who will be travelling to Florida to compete with her Cheer team. This is an incredible opportunity, and we are all cheering you on, good luck, Libby!

Year 13 Leavers Information

Today, Year 13 students attended an assembly outlining plans for their final five weeks at Rivers Sixth Form. A letter will also be sent home as a reminder of the key information shared.

Full attendance to all timetabled lessons is expected over the next five weeks as students prepare for their final exams. Please note that PSHE sessions have now concluded, and Monday tutor time will be given back to students to support their independent revision.

Assemblies will continue during this period as detailed below. As part of our celebrations, students are invited to send in photos capturing friendships and memories from their time at Ormiston - please see email sent.

The remaining assemblies will include:

1. Former students sharing their experiences of life after Sixth Form
2. A final session with Charlie Dix
3. Life Skills 101
4. Life Skills 101
5. Leavers' Assembly

We look forward to supporting and celebrating our Year 13 students over the coming weeks as they approach the end of their Sixth Form journey.

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.



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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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'.



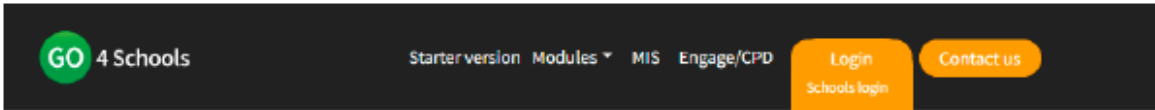
Parent / Carer Login

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	

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

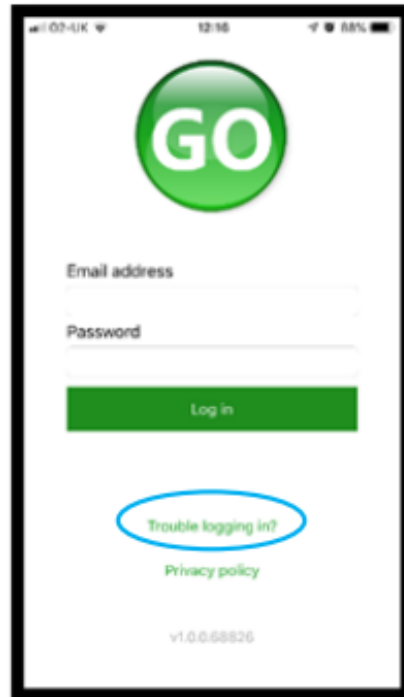
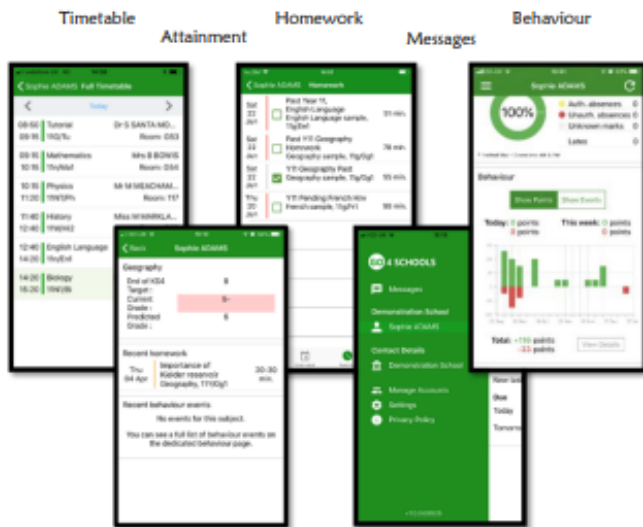
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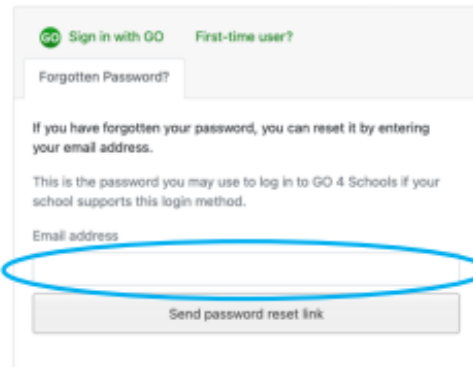
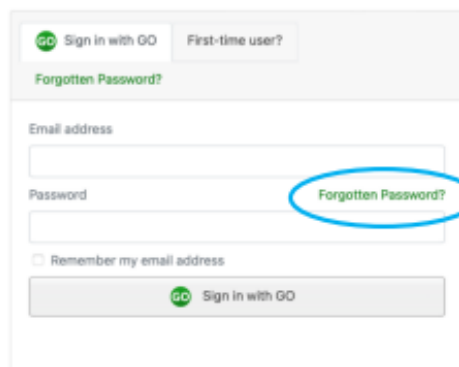
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2 – Type in your school email address.
3 – Type in your password.
This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



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.