



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday evening, we were pleased to welcome students and their families to a special prizegiving celebration recognising those who took part in the Rotary competitions. We were honoured to be joined by the Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, who presented awards to our ORA winners in the Young Chef, Young Musician, Young Writer, Young Artist and Young Photographer categories. The event was a warm and uplifting celebration of creativity, dedication and talent, and it was a privilege to share these memorable achievements with parents and carers.

Promoting understanding, acceptance and inclusion is an important priority for us at Ormiston Rivers. This week's year group assemblies focused on Autism Awareness Month, and we were delighted to welcome autism advocate and social media influencer Charlotte Hunt. Charlotte is the founder of SAA Clothing and the voice behind @twins_tides_and_autism_vibes, and she delivered thoughtful, engaging sessions that resonated deeply with our students. Through sharing her personal experiences, Charlotte offered meaningful insight into autism and ADHD in a way that was both accessible and impactful.

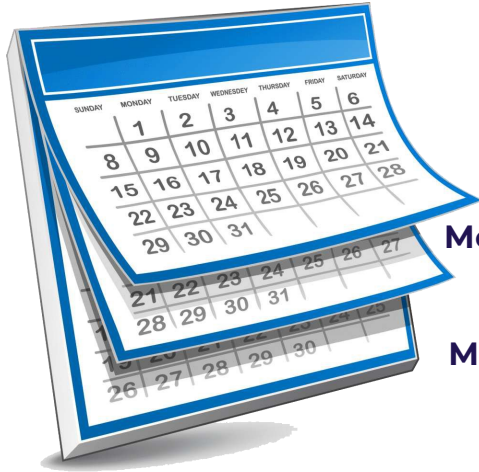
We were also pleased to welcome our own Rivers student, who joined Charlotte to share their own experiences of ADHD. They reflected honestly on the support they received throughout the time at Ormiston Rivers, powerfully illustrating the importance of understanding, encouragement, and a nurturing school environment. This contribution reinforced how positive, inclusive support can make a lasting difference.

Throughout her talks, Charlotte encouraged open and respectful conversations about difference, helping students to better understand what it means to be neurodivergent and how we can all contribute to a more inclusive and compassionate community. She emphasised the values of acceptance, kindness and empathy, reminding us that differences should be recognised, respected and celebrated.

Above all, Charlotte shared a reassuring message that all students should feel safe, valued and never alone. Her words resonated across all year groups, leaving a lasting impression about the importance of looking out for one another and fostering a school community where everyone feels they truly belong.

We also thank our staff and students for their engagement and support throughout the assemblies. Charlotte's reassuring message that students should feel safe, valued and never alone resonated strongly across all year groups, reinforcing the importance of kindness and belonging.

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

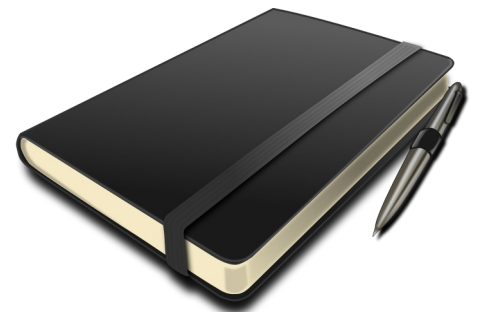
Academy Sports Day

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



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
9D2

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 "**Verdict**".

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

Say it: vuh·duhkt **Spell it:** Ver-dict

Verdict
(noun)

Stem: ver:- truth / trustworthy

Understand it
A jury's decision in a case.

(Prefix) ver - truth
(Suffix) dict - say



Careers Spotlight

Career of the Week

DIGITAL ARCHIVIST



Year 10 and 12 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.

Careers Adviser - Fliss Compton

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



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.



Thank you to all of the students that entered our House Competition to perform a monologue. The Performing Arts Team found it very difficult to choose a winner, as the standard was so high. All students spoke with great expression, characterisation and confidence. We were impressed on how well the lines were learnt also.

After much deliberation, we are pleased to announce that our final winner is Izabelle (9A1). Congratulations Izabelle, we have a prize for you in the Performing Arts Department.



We would also like to give a special mention to the following students as runners up, who will also receive a small prize:

- Rosa (7A2)
- Mia (7M2)
- Elacy-Raye (9A1)
- Paige (9A1)
- Alice (9Z1)
- Lexi (9Z1)



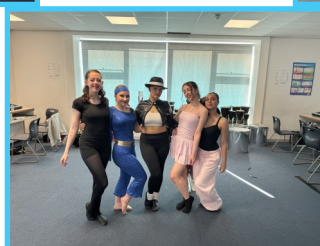
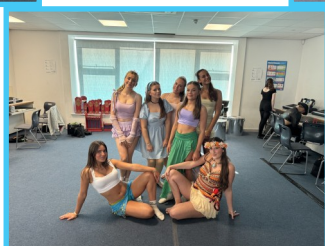
We can't wait for you all to audition for our next school show!

Year 10 and 11 Dance Exams

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 10 and Year 11 Dance students who performed in front of a live audience this Wednesday.

For our Year 11 students, this marked their final practical exam, while Year 10 took part in a mock examination as part of their preparation. The standard of performance was incredibly high, with students demonstrating confidence, commitment and real artistry throughout.

All students conducted themselves with complete professionalism and delivered truly outstanding performances. We are extremely proud of each and every one of them, well done!





Year 7 - Mr Adair

We have enjoyed a truly fantastic week at Ormiston Rivers Academy, with Year 7 students showing an impressive level of focus, enthusiasm, and pride in their learning. Classrooms have been full of energy, and it has been wonderful to see students working hard, supporting one another, and embracing every challenge with maturity and curiosity. Their positive attitude continues to set a brilliant tone across the academy.

One of the highlights of the week was our inspiring assembly on Neurodiversity, led by a special guest speaker who shared a powerful message about what neurodiversity means and how neurodivergent individuals navigate modern life. Students were encouraged to reflect on the importance of understanding different ways of thinking, celebrating strengths, and showing empathy towards others. They also learned about several local charitable organisations that provide vital support for neurodivergent people and their families, helping to deepen their awareness of the community around them.

We were also honoured to host the Rotary Awards for Young Chef, Young Writer, and Young Musician. This memorable event was made even more special by the visit of the Lord-Lieutenant, who joined us to present the awards and deliver an inspirational message to our students. Their words encouraged our young people to pursue their passions, recognise their talents, and take pride in their achievements. It was a proud moment for the academy and a wonderful celebration of creativity and dedication.

As always, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your ongoing support. Your encouragement at home plays a vital role in the success and wellbeing of our students, and we are grateful for the strong partnership we share with you. We look forward to building on this positive momentum as we move into another exciting week at Ormiston Rivers Academy.

Contact: cadair@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Year 8 - Mr Moon

Year 8 have made a fantastic start to the second week of the summer term, showing real maturity, kindness and pride in their achievements.

In assembly this week, students were privileged to hear from a guest speaker who spoke powerfully about autism awareness. Pupils learned more about the challenges neurodiverse people can face and the importance of acceptance, understanding and celebrating differences within both our school community and the wider world. This message was reflected strongly in the positive and respectful way Year 8 continue to support one another.

Looking ahead, we are excited that our first cricket fixture will take place next week. We wish all students involved the very best of luck as they represent the year group and the academy.

It has been an exceptional week for positive behaviour, with Year 8 achieving the highest number of merits in the whole school — a brilliant achievement. A particular well done goes to 8A1, who recorded the highest number of merits within the year group this week.

Individual praise must also go to our top merit earners:

- 1st- Mason in 8M1 with an impressive 30 merits,
- 2nd-Danny in 8Z1 with 28 merits,
- 3rd-Daisy in 8Z1 and Esme in 8A2, who both achieved 26 merits.

A superb effort from all of you.

Finally, well done to everyone who attended the Rotary Rewards Evening. It was wonderful to see so many amazing achievements recognised and celebrated, and Year 8 should be extremely proud of how well they represented themselves and the academy.

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Year 9 – Mr Chapman

This week, Year 9 students attended an assembly led by a guest speaker focusing on autism awareness. The presentation was engaging and informative, and students showed excellent respect throughout. We were particularly proud of the contribution made by one of our own students, who played an important role in the assembly. Our thanks go to SAA Clothing for taking the time to come into school and deliver such a valuable session.

Top 3 Merits – This Week

Emily (9M2)

Elacy (9A1)

Tillie (9M1)

Top 3 Merits – Year to Date

Ava (9A2)

James (9D2)

Mia (9D2)

Well done to all students recognised this week for their continued effort and positive attitude.

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Year 10 - Mr Field

This week, Year 10 pupils completed their end-of-year examinations. These exams provided an excellent opportunity for students to experience formal exam conditions and expectations. Pupils approached the exams with focus and maturity, adhering well to the strict exam rules throughout. We hope the results reflect the hard work and commitment shown during their preparation.

It was also wonderful to see several Year 10 dancers complete their practical exam performances this week. The dedication shown in learning routines, mastering timing with music, and collaborating effectively as a group has been superb. Congratulations to Lexi C, Daisy H, Louisa W, Molly B, Jessica W, Ethan A, Amber H, Darcey J, Immie M, Adele R and Erin R on their excellent performances.

Another fantastic opportunity taken up by Year 10 pupils this week was the Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition in the Surrey Hills. At the time of writing, pupils are navigating Box Hill and camping overnight under the stars. We wish them every success for a challenging yet rewarding experience — and hope the blisters are minimal! Well done to Bradon D, James D, Ben H, Archie H, Archie C, George R, Adele R and Erin R for taking part.

Finally, congratulations to our top positive points earners this week:

Lily S, Kaitlin, Lily B, Felicity O, Tegan B, Molly B, Daisy N, Emily T, Mirella B, Henry H, Maisie P and Jamie A.

Well done for consistently demonstrating positive attitudes and behaviours — keep up the great work.

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Year 11 – Ms Taylor

Many Year 11 students started their GCSEs this week, with Thursday and Friday seeing the Art exam. Next week are the French speaking exams on Monday and Tuesday.

The following week is the Drama exam on 8 May, with the first full week of exams starting on 11 May.

Students are reminded that they must be available for GCSE exams up to and including 24 June 2026.

Exam timetables will be coming out soon with the times of the exams. Students should pay particular attention to the time the exam starts and whether it is a morning or afternoon exam.

The study area is seeing much more use in the build-up to the exams, and I am available there every break and lunch to support.

Congratulations to our top merit earners this week:

Chloe D (11Z2), Leo A (11M2), Ryan F (11A2), Oliver B (11A1) , Tia O (11D1), Connor S (11Z2), Georgie C (11D1), Phoebe N (11D1), Karsten M (11A2), Elsa L (11M1), Isabelle J (11M2), Max H (11M2), Halle D (11A1), Edward B (11M1), Kaelen A (11D1), Isla A (11Z2), Daisy S (11A1), Sol P (11M2), Jaya N (11M2).

Hope you all enjoy a lovely and sunny weekend.

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Exams News



Year 11 Exam Dates

Exam Date	Exam Time	KS4 SUBJECT	KS4 PAPER
23 April 2026	All Day	Art Practical	Art Practical
24 April 2026	All Day	Art Practical	Art Practical
27 April 2026	All Day	French Speaking time slots	
28 April 2026	All Day	French Speaking time slots	
08 May 2026	PM	Drama	Drama Component 3 (Eduqas)
11 May 2026	AM	English Literature	English Literature Paper 1
	PM	Business	Paper 1: Investigating Small Business
12 May 2026	AM	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology Paper 1 (both tiers)
	PM		
	PM		
14 May 2026	AM	Mathematics	Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) Foundation Tier
	AM	Mathematics	Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) Higher Tier
18 May 2026	AM	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Chemistry Paper 1 (both tiers)
	AM	Chemistry	Chemistry Paper 1 (both tiers)
19 May 2026	AM	English Literature	English Literature Paper 2
	PM	Child Development	Health and well-being for child development:Written Paper
20 May 2026	PM	Computer Science	Computational thinking, algorithms and programming - Written Paper
	AM	Engineering	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Engineering
21 May 2026	AM	French (new)	French Paper 1 (new)
	AM	English Language	English Language Paper 1
22 May 2026	PM	Business	Paper 2: Building a Business
	PM	Health and Fitness	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Health and Fitness
May Half Term			
02 June 2026	AM	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Physics Paper 1 (both tiers)
	AM	Physics	Physics Paper 1 (both tiers)
03 June 2026	AM	Mathematics	Paper 2 (Calculator) Foundation Tier
	AM	Mathematics	Paper 2 (Calculator) Higher Tier
	PM	Geography	Geography Paper 2
	PM	Health and Social Care	Principles of care in health and social care settings:Written Paper
04 June 2026	AM	History	History Paper 2
	PM	French (new)	French Paper 4 (new)
05 June 2026	AM	English Language	English Language Paper 2
08 June 2026	AM	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology Paper 2 (both tiers)
	AM	Biology	Biology Paper 2 (both tiers)
	PM	Certificate in Further Mathematics Level 2	Level 2 Certificate in Further Mathematics Paper 1
	PM	Creative iMedia	Creative iMedia in the media industry:Written Paper
10 June 2026	AM	Mathematics	Paper 3 (Calculator) Foundation Tier
	AM	Mathematics	Paper 3 (Calculator) Higher Tier
11 June 2026	AM	Geography	Geography Paper 3
	PM	Music Technology	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Music Technology
12 June 2026	AM	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Chemistry Paper 2 (both tiers)
	AM	Chemistry	Chemistry Paper 2 (both tiers)
	PM	Hospitality and Catering	Hospitality and Catering Unit 1 The Hospitality and Catering Industry (on paper)
15 June 2026	AM	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Physics Paper 2 (both tiers)
	AM	Physics	Physics Paper 2 (both tiers)
	PM	Certificate in Further Mathematics Level 2	Level 2 Certificate in Further Mathematics Paper 2

RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

We kicked off the week with an inspiring and impactful assembly, welcoming Charlotte Hunt, Neurodivergent Advocate and owner of SAA Clothing in Burnham. Alongside our very own Year 13 student, George, Charlotte delivered a truly powerful and engaging session for our Year 12 students.

Together, they shared personal experiences and honest insights that shone a light on the importance of understanding, acceptance, and celebrating differences. Their message was both thought-provoking and empowering, leaving a lasting impression on students and staff alike, and setting a meaningful tone for the week ahead.

Adding to an already busy and exciting week, Tuesday saw our Sixth Form Leadership Team interviews take place. We were incredibly impressed with the standard of applications and how confidently and professionally every student presented themselves. The quality was so high that it made the process of selecting our new student leaders a real challenge, something we are immensely proud of.

Student Shout Out

Year 12 – Leela G - Recognised for her fantastic commitment and hard work, particularly while balancing her studies alongside rehearsals for the National Theatre Connections play. A brilliant example of dedication and resilience.

Year 13 – George H - Celebrated for leading assemblies throughout the week alongside Charlotte Hunt from SAA Clothing. George spoke with confidence and honesty to all year groups about his experiences with ADHD and the strategies that have supported him through school. Truly inspirational.

Sixth Form in the Community Assembly

We were delighted to welcome back former Rivers Sixth Form students, Luca, Anna and Nicole, who spoke to our current Sixth Form about their journeys since leaving school. It was inspiring for students to hear first-hand how each of them has taken a different pathway, including university study and even sailing around the world with the Three Flying Fish.

Their stories highlighted the wide range of opportunities available beyond Sixth Form and encouraged students to think ambitiously about their own futures.





RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 13 Leavers Information

On Monday 27th April we will be doing a Year 13 year group photo on the grass area at the end of the carpark. Please arrive promptly for 8:50am.

Full attendance to all timetabled lessons is expected over the next four 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
- Year 13 Leavers Assembly - Friday 22nd May 2026
- 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.

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.



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.

The Rivers Sixth Form Team

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Absent reporting to Mrs Penberthy: 01621 787882



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Visit: www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Catering



Menu

We have pleasure of enclosing a link to next weeks [menu](#). Please note that items are subject to change at short notice due to availability of produce from our suppliers. We welcome feedback on our catering offer; so please email our catering manager, Leanne Warner at lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk with any comments / suggestions.

Nut Allergies

Any form of nut or products that contain nuts should not be brought into school. We do have students with severe nut allergies, which can be life threatening, and we would appreciate your support in keeping them safe.

Parentpay

The daily limit for students to spend is set at £4.50 as a default. This means, should a student select items at break and / or lunch which take them over the limit, they will be asked to put something back. If you would like to change the limit on your child's account please email our catering manager lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk. Please note: it can take a while before the cashless system updates once you have added funds to your child's catering account. Please be mindful of this and try and get the money on there in plenty of time for break / lunch. When adding funds please ensure you add it to Dinner money and make sure it's not just sitting in your parent account.

Free School Meals

The daily limit for free school meals is £3.30. Funds will need to be added to your child's Parentpay account should you wish them to be allowed to exceed the limit.

Catering Cards

Students must tap their catering card each time they wish to make a purchase, even if they are entitled to free school meals. Please remind them that they need to bring their catering card in every day. Those students without their card will be held back until the end of the queue, allowing those through with cards first. The cards really speed up the catering service, giving students more time to socialise with friends and eat their food. If a card is lost or damaged, a new one can be purchased for £1 on ParentPay. The new card will be delivered to tutors the following morning.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please contact either Leanne Warner, Catering Manager lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk or Angela Mahoney, Finance & Business Director amahoney@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.



Rivers Academy Shop

Academy Shop

All students are required to have sufficient equipment to allow them to learn and achieve their full potential. It is a students' responsibility to arrive at the Academy with the appropriate equipment for lessons:

Equipment:

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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.



Southminster Parish Council Presents



SOUTHMINSTER

**Competitive Festival
of Music
2026**

Saturday 25th April 2026

9:00 - 13:30

St. Leonard's Church, 1, Station Road, Southminster, CM0 7EW.

Adjudicator

Dr. Emma Gibbins MMus, ARCO

Accompanist

Miss. Meinir Wyn Davies BMus (Hons), MA, ATCL, ALCM(TD), LLCM, DipABRSM,
FRSA

Guests of Honour

The Rt. Honourable Sir John Whittingdale OBE, MP

Mrs. Susannah Dutton

High Sheriff of Essex

Mrs. Penny Milsom BA(Hons)

Former Deputy Chief Executive of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

PROGRAMME

FREE ADMISSION

Southminster Parish Council



FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/ CARERS

of primary aged children to support with
mental health and wellbeing

Provided by your Mental Health Support Team
@EssexMHST_and_SETcamhs

bit.ly/3MaR1wJ



Coming up in May...

Supporting Your Child with
Fears and Worries
6th May 10 am

Understanding Anxiety & Emotional
Based School Avoidance
12th May 6:30 pm





FREE WEBINAR

FOR PARENTS/ CARERS

of secondary aged children to support
with mental health and wellbeing.

Provided by your Mental Health Support Team

@EssexMHST_and_SETcamhs

bit.ly/4ozRciL



Coming up in May...

Understanding and
Supporting Anxiety
5th May 10 am

Understanding Autism
20th May 6:30 pm





FREE WEBINARS FOR EDUCATION STAFF

supporting you and your students' mental health and wellbeing

Provided by your Mental Health Support Team
@EssexMHST_and_SETcamhs

bit.ly/4ryG6wY



Coming up in May...

Helping Neurodivergent
Children and Young People with
Burnout and Masking
11th May 3:30 pm

Understanding and Supporting Anxiety
13th April 3:30 pm

Helping Overwhelmed Students
Stay Grounded
19th April 3:30 pm



Striving to provide the best care by the best people





Essex County Council

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

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

Who may be fined?

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

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

First Offence

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

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

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

National Threshold

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

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

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

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

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

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

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

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

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

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

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

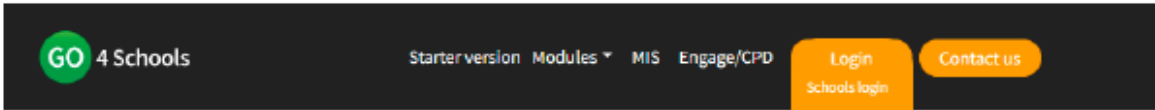


Parent / Carer Login

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



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



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.



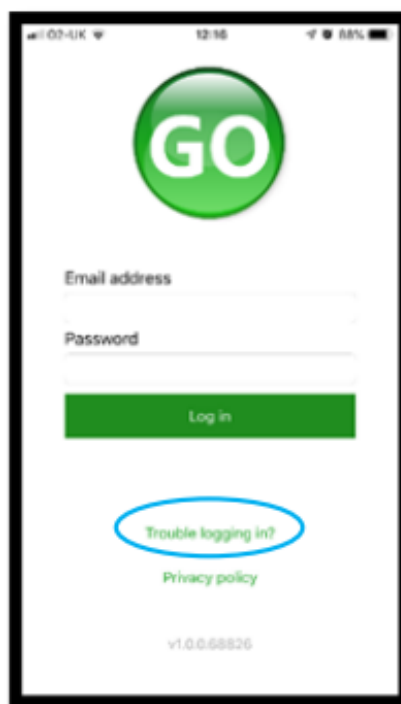
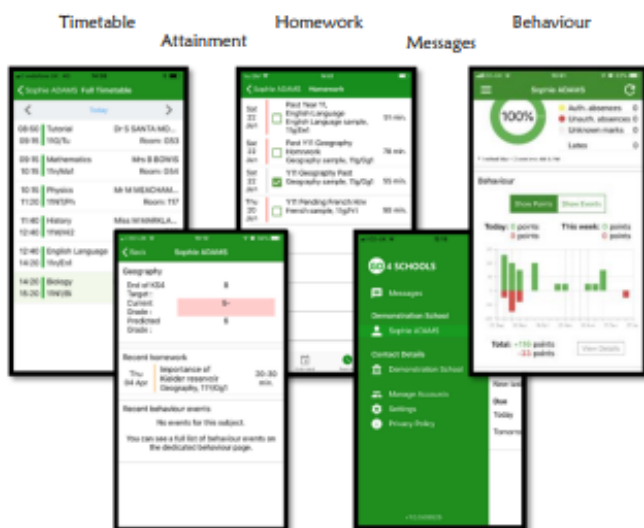
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2 – Type in your school email address.

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.