



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly proud of how our students have risen to the challenge in their first set of examinations. Their commitment, focus, and resilient attitude have truly shone through, reflecting the hard work they have invested over time. These early examinations have provided a strong foundation, and it has been encouraging to see students demonstrating confidence and determination in their approach.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to parents and carers for the invaluable support you continue to provide at home. Your encouragement makes a real difference. From our side, we remain fully committed to making teachers available for guidance and support. Experience consistently shows us that even in these final weeks leading up to exams, students can make significant strides forward. With continued effort and the right support, improved outcomes remain very much within reach, helping students progress towards their desired destinations.

In addition, we recently conducted a student survey to ensure that student voice remains central to our school community. This feedback helps us shape our day-to-day operations and better understand what our students feel they need to thrive. In particular, students shared valuable insights around their sense of belonging and the enrichment opportunities on offer. We are grateful for their honesty and engagement and we will use their views to continue improving the experience we provide for all.

I recently had the pleasure of watching this year's National Theatre Connections Project play, *Ride or Die*, performed by a group of our talented students with a passion for Performing Arts. They delivered an outstanding performance and today had the exciting opportunity to transfer their work onto the stage of the Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch. Students took part in technical rehearsals and were involved in setting up their production within a professional theatre environment. This invaluable experience gave them first hand insight into performing in a working theatre and the chance to collaborate alongside industry professionals. We are incredibly proud of their commitment, creativity and professionalism throughout this project and I would also like to thank Ms Goodfellow for all her support and hard work directing the play.

Thank you 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



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
7A2

Year 9
9M1

Year 8
8A2

Year 10
10M1



Year 11
11A1

Absence Reporting

Students should attend school unless they are very unwell. On every day of absence please contact the school with the reason why your son/daughter is not attending. Please contact us as early as possible and at the latest by 8am on the first day of absence. This can be via the following methods:

- MyEd Messaging App
- Attendance line: 01621 787855



Teaching Behaviours

We've had a fantastic week in school, and it's hard to believe we're already halfway through this half term. Students continue to impress us with their attitude, effort and enthusiasm across all areas of school life. One highlight has been the continued success of our Merit Swap Shop, where students have been exchanging their well-earned merits for rewards. It's been wonderful to see so many young people recognised for their hard work and positive contributions.

Our Art exams have also been successful. Students have shown strong focus, creativity and maturity throughout the sessions, and staff have been incredibly proud of the calm, purposeful atmosphere they created. This is the start of our exam season and we wish our Y11 and Y13s all the best!

Attendance at our Super Six revision classes has remained strong, with many students taking advantage of the extra support as we move further into the exam season. This commitment will make a real difference to their confidence and outcomes. Our teachers are there to help, the Revision Hub online has useful links and there are so many great revision apps such as Seneca free to use.

We've also seen excellent turnout at Athletics Club, and the energy on the grass track has been brilliant. We have played our first cricket games! We're looking forward to hosting our first inter-school athletics event in just a few weeks, as well as taking students to the District Athletics Trials next week. It's shaping up to be an exciting season for our young athletes.

Next week, we are delighted to be welcoming Year 7 parents and carers into school for their first Meet the Teachers event. It's an important milestone in their secondary journey, and we're looking forward to sharing the progress they've made so far. There will be a chance for parents/carers to provide feedback for us too.

A gentle reminder that students should continue to wear their uniform correctly and with pride. School ties can be purchased via the ParentPay app, and we ask that all students wear black leather-type school shoes as part of our uniform expectations.

This Week's Assembly

This week's assembly built on the message shared by last week's guest speaker about Building a Sense of Community. We talked about how it is often easier to make the popular decision rather than the right one — but real strength comes from choosing what is right, even when it feels difficult. We also explored the importance of treating others with respect. Every student in our school community is unique, and those differences should be recognised, valued and celebrated. In a world where social media comments are not always positive, it is more important than ever that we celebrate our successes, achievements and the positive things we do each day.

If any student would like a shout-out in the newsletter or in assembly, they can let their Head of Year team know — we love celebrating the brilliant things our young people are doing.



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 **"Dictate"**.

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

Say it: dihk·tayt

Spell it: Dic-tate

Dictate
(verb)

Stem: dict:- speak / declare

Understand it
To give an order, to control; to read or say aloud words for others to write down.

(Stem) dict - speak, declare
(Suffix) ate - make into, become; put into action; treat with



A massive congratulations to all of the students that took part in the Southminster Music Competitive Festival on Saturday 25th April at St Leonard's Church in Southminster.

Students had to perform a solo piece for the adjudicator Dr. Emma Gibbins MMus, ARCO along with the guests of honour; The Rt. Honourable Sir John Whittingdale OBE,MP, The High Sherrif of Essex Mrs. Susannah Dutton and The Former Deputy Chief Executive of the ABRSM. An audience attended and there were a number of competitors from other schools.

The students competing from Ormiston were:

- Thomas (7A2)
- Harry (10M1)
- Sam (11D1)
- Emme (10D2)

A particular well done to Sam who won first prize (£100), and Harry who won third prize (£50).

We look forward to their entries next year!



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

Fire Safety Engineer

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 start running the "Take Your Child to Work Day". Your child is invited to participate, and we hope that every student in Year 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. 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 aims of the day are 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.

If you require further information and advice, please contact me on email on fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Interested in a career in Travel or Logistics?

Your Journey Starts Here: [Travel and Logistics Apprenticeships](#)

13th May online 6:15-7pm

Join this free online session to explore apprenticeships in the travel or logistics and find out how you can start planning your career with confidence. You'll hear directly from employers and training providers, who will explain how the sector works and what they look for in future apprentices.

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 on fcompton@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Exams News



Over the last two weeks all Art students have completed their practical exams and sixth form students have sat a selection of written exams. The Summer exam season officially begins at the end of next week and all students now have their individual timetables. 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.

Here are a few reminders for students sitting exams over the next two months:

- Please do not be tempted to get any henna tattoos over the bank-holiday weekend, candidates will not be allowed to sit exams with visible markings on hands/legs etc.
- Take note of your exam times and allow plenty of time to ensure that you arrive on time. If there are traffic delays, please contact main reception on 01621 782377.
- As we head into the warmer weather, stay hydrated. Bring water with you in a clear, colourless, plastic, unmarked bottle with labels removed.
- Ensure that you have all the equipment needed for your exam, black pens, pencil maths equipment and calculator if this is permitted for the paper being sat. Following the Year 10 mocks, we have only a very small number of calculators to lend out.
- Clear out your blazer pockets. These must be empty when you come into the exam room. Tissues etc can be provided if you need them during the exam.
- Keep your school email password up to date. Any direct communication that we need to have with students after their last exam will be via this email address. Email accounts for students leaving us will remain live until any post-results deadlines have elapsed.
- A link to the exams area on the academy website is below where there are reminders of all regulations in the candidate handbook.

Finally, remember the exams team, together with all of our pastoral colleagues and teachers are here to support students through the exam period. If you have any concerns, please come to see us straight away.

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

GOOD
LUCK
EVERYONE



Year 7 - Mr Adair

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support this week. Year 7 students have shown outstanding drive and enthusiasm across their lessons, and staff have been incredibly impressed with their focus and commitment.

A particular highlight has been in Music, where learners have been exploring two exciting pathways. Some students have been diving into the world of music technology, learning how to sequence melodies, chords and drum patterns. Others have been developing their rhythmic skills through African drumming, showing excellent teamwork and creativity. Their engagement has been fantastic to see.

The Merit Swap Shop has also been extremely busy this week. This is a brilliant indicator of the effort students are putting into their learning, and it's wonderful to see so many of them proudly exchanging their well earned merits.

Looking ahead, we are very pleased to be welcoming Year 7 parents to Parents' Evening next Thursday. Your child has been given an appointment form to bring home. Please ensure you let them know your preferred times so they can book your appointments with teachers.

Thank you once again for your support. We look forward to seeing many of you next week.

Warm regards,

The Year 7 Team

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Year 8 - Mr Moon

We have reached the halfway point of the half term, and it has been another positive and productive week for Year 8.

This week's assembly was delivered by Mr Marklew, who spoke to students about the importance of challenging misogyny and promoting respect within our school community. The message was clear and powerful, encouraging students to take responsibility for their words and actions, and to contribute to a culture where everyone feels valued and safe.

It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm for sport this week as we held our first boys' cricket fixture of the season. A huge well done to all those who put themselves forward to represent the school. Special thanks must go to Max for stepping in at the last minute to ensure the team could play – a great example of commitment and teamwork. A standout moment came from Mason, who bowled an absolute peach of a delivery to hit off stump and dismiss their strongest batter, shortly after bowling two wides. A brilliant response and a moment he should be very proud of.

As always, we continue to celebrate the fantastic effort being shown in lessons. Our top merit earners this week are:

- **1st place:** Mia (8A2) with 24 merits
- **2nd place:** Alex (8D1) with 22 merits
- **Joint 3rd place:** Albie (8M1), Jayden (8D1) and Evie (8A2) with 20 merits

A huge well done to all of you – it is great to see such consistent hard work being recognised.

Finally, I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable bank holiday weekend. Mrs Byford and I look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, ready for another positive week.

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Year 9 – Mr Chapman

It has been pleasing to see how settled Year 9 are around school this week. Pupils are working hard in lessons, and merit totals continue to rise. Staff have been very positive in their feedback and continue to praise the year group for their effort and attitude.

Top Merits This Week

Well done to James (9D2) for achieving the highest number of merits this week. There was a five-way tie for second place, with congratulations to Ava, Leo, Emily, Riley and Amelia (all 9A2).

A special mention to 9A2, who have shown excellent consistency and effort throughout the week.

Top Merits This Year So Far

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

As we reach the halfway point of the half term and head into a long weekend, I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest over the weekend and the bank holiday.

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Year 10 - Mr Field

During recent learning walks, it was encouraging to see pupils receiving detailed feedback from their latest examinations. These invaluable sessions help pupils to understand where they went wrong and, more importantly, how they can improve their answers and make further progress.

Best wishes to the group of Year 10 pupils who recently took part in the school show and are travelling to the Queen's Theatre today to prepare for the next production in this wonderful venue. This promises to be a fantastic experience and one they will remember for a lifetime.

It was also great to hear about the experiences of pupils who have recently returned from their Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition to the Surrey Hills. A huge well done to all involved for their commitment during long hikes and an overnight camp. We are sure this was a challenging and rewarding experience that taught many valuable life skills.

Below are the quotes from pupils about the DofE expedition:

It was relaxing at the top of the hills watching the planes take off – Adele R

The DofE was a great experience, full of challenges and teamwork abilities, whether it was reading and locating with maps or putting up tents in the evening. At the camp site we cooked our own food and made a fire and sat around it of an evening. We also met many lovely people willing to help us navigate when we were unsure – Archie L

DofE was such a fun thig to do. It was full of great challenges from crossing the M25, going up Box hill to cooking our own dinner. Great teachers and volunteers to help us when we were stuck – Archie H

The DofE expedition was brilliant. It was full of skills such as map reading, planning & cooking meals and most of all teamwork. Despite getting lost a few times, we stuck together and managed ourselves. This also couldn't have been achieved without the lovely people who showed us the route or simply gave us their support. Personally, I can't wait for the real ex-edition in a couple of months – Ben H

Finally, congratulations to the following pupils who achieved the highest number of positive points this week. Keep up the excellent work:

Tegan B, Ben C, Oliver P, Jenson S, Ryan G, Tommy S, Jake W, Marcus A, Riley C, Scarlett D, Logan E and Pippa G.

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Year 11 – Ms Taylor

Year 11 have just completed their last full week of compulsory education.

Next week is light on exams - only one GCSE - Friday 8 May - in the afternoon.

The next week is the first full week of exams for the whole cohort.

As the time grows near to say goodbye to Year 11, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students and parents for the last 2 years. It has been an honour to work with the students, and I look forward to hearing all their successes in the months and years to come.

Shout outs for merits this week are:

Emily B (11A1), Matthew C (11M2), Harry Gi (11Z2), Meade M (11A2), Sebastian W (11M1), Neala W (11Z2), Harrison A (11M1), Amelie C (11A1), Ryan F (11A2), Harry Ga (11Z2), Bobby H (11M2), Alissa J (11D1), Finn O (11M1), Ben S (11A2), Ronnie S (11M1), Summer T (11D1).

Have a lovely Bank Holiday 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 Biology	Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology Paper 1 (both tiers) Biology Paper 1 (both tiers)
	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

As the sunshine finally arrived, it has been a lovely and much warmer week here in Rivers Sixth Form. Alongside enjoying the brighter weather, our students have continued to show fantastic commitment and resilience during another busy week of real exams, including Sport assessments and the A Level Art final practical exam.

Year 13 students also took part in a special photoshoot for their leavers' yearbook, capturing memories and celebrating their journey through Rivers Sixth Form. On Wednesday, we joined schools around the world in celebrating International Dance Day, while our Sport Academy boys took on the Year 13 team in a competitive football match, winning 2-1 in a brilliant game played in great spirit. It has also been wonderful to see so many students making the most of the sunshine, spending time outdoors with friends and enjoying walks together during the school day.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, have a lovely bank holiday Monday.

Student Shout Out

Year 12 – Will G - For his fantastic work ethic during free periods, volunteering as part of the Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge, and supporting younger students as a reading buddy within the school community. A brilliant example of leadership and kindness.

Year 13 – Harry B - For organising the Year 12 vs Year 13 football match and helping create such a positive and enjoyable event for Sixth Form students. Fantastic organisation and Sixth Form spirit!

Sixth Form in the Community

Year 12 vs Year 13 Football Match

This week saw our much-anticipated Year 12 vs Year 13 football match take place in the sunshine, with both teams showing fantastic energy, teamwork and Sixth Form spirit throughout the game. After a competitive match filled with great moments, strong performances and plenty of support from the side-lines, it was Year 12 who secured the win with a final score of 2-1.



One of the standout moments of the game came from Aisden, who managed to score a memorable own goal, much to the amusement of players and spectators alike! Congratulations to all students who took part and a special well done to Harry B for organising such a positive event for the Sixth Form community.

A brilliant afternoon enjoyed by all!



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

University of Suffolk Visit

Today we welcomed representatives from the University of Suffolk into the Sixth Form study area to speak with our students about life after Sixth Form and the exciting opportunities available to them in higher education.



Students were able to explore the university application process, gain advice on personal statements and UCAS applications, and ask questions about university life, courses and future career pathways. Sessions like these are a valuable part of our careers provision, helping students make informed decisions about their next steps and feel confident about their future choices.



Race for Life 5K

Next week, Mrs Penberthy will be taking part in the Race for Life 5K in support of Cancer Research UK.



This is a fantastic cause that raises vital funds to help support life-saving research and those affected by cancer. If any students, staff or families would like to show their support, whether through donations, encouragement or cheering her on, it would be hugely appreciated.

Good luck Mrs P, the whole Sixth Form community is behind you! -

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/terri-penberthys-race-for-life>

Year 13 Leavers Information

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:

- A final session with Charlie Dix
- Life Skills 101
- Life Skills 101
- 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.



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

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 1-3pm in the main hall
- Summer Ball 3rd July 2026 - letters coming out next week

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.

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!



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

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.



Absence Reporting

Students should attend school unless they are very unwell. On every day of absence please contact the school with the reason why your son/daughter is not attending. Please contact us as early as possible and at the latest by 8am on the first day of absence. This can be via the following methods:

MyEd Messaging App

ConnectED absence line: 0845 355 8104

Attendance line: 01621 787855

Change of Personal Details

It is essential that we are kept up to date with changes in your contact details. This may be a change to a mobile number, an e-mail address, a full address or even a change of who is the first priority to contact. By keeping us up to date with changes we can ensure that you are receiving information regarding your child's progress and that we can contact someone in the case of an emergency. Or preferred means of communication is by e-mail, please ensure that we have a current e-mail address for you. Please notify us of any changes by e-mail to: kcannon@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Lost Property

We have several items in lost property, mainly coats, PE kits, blazers and drinking bottles. Any student can check in Student Reception for lost items. Please note that items not collected before the end of each half-term may be donated to charity or disposed of accordingly, therefore, please remind your children to check for anything they have misplaced before this time. Thank you.



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'.

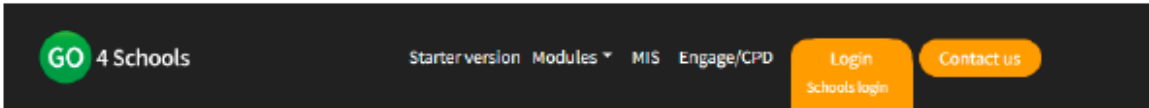


Parent / Carer Login

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.

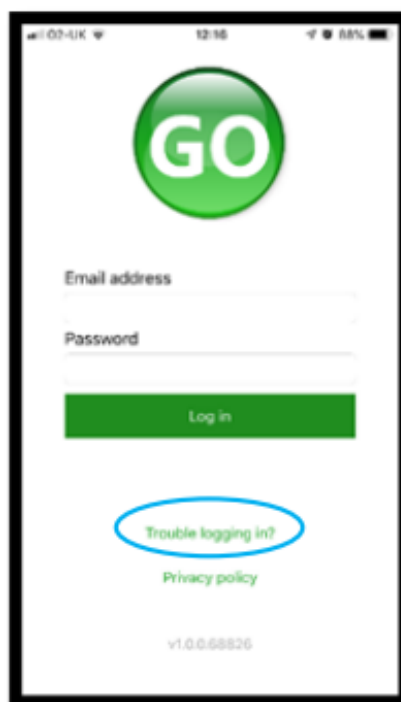
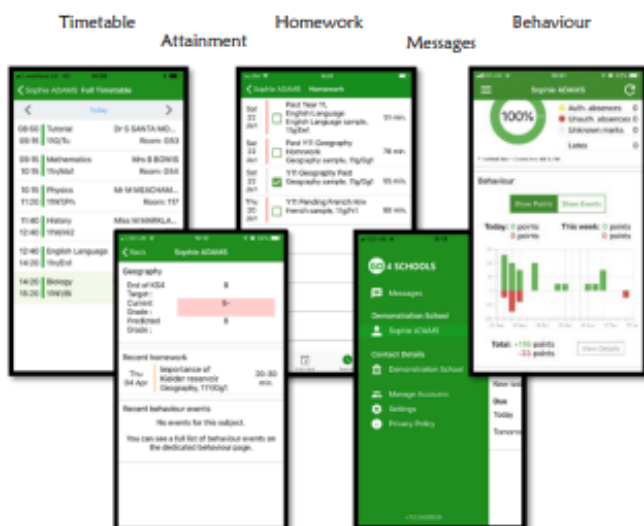


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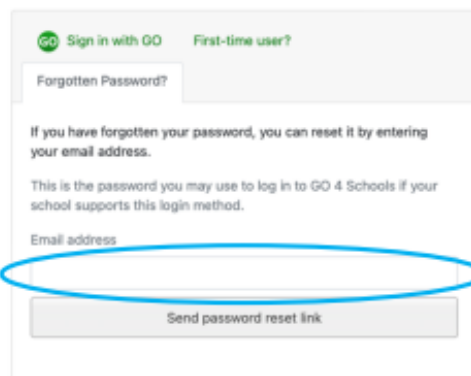
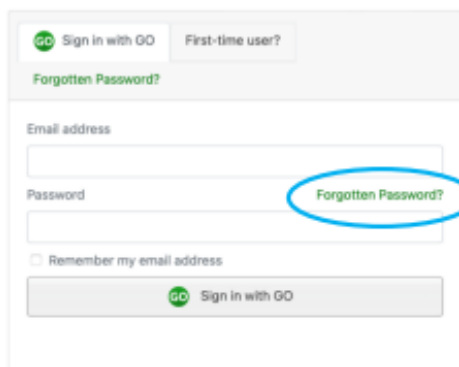
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2 – Type in your school email address.
3 – Type in your password.
This is the password you have already set in go4schools.



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.