



### **Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents and Carers,

While the exam season is still ongoing and further papers will take place in the coming weeks, our Year 11 students enjoyed their final day of teaching on Tuesday. We have said a temporary goodbye, only to welcome many of them back next week for our Sixth Form Taster Day. This exciting event is packed with activities, giving students a valuable preview of what to expect in September. Most importantly, it will provide opportunities to experience A Level lessons, explore the Sixth Form learning environment, and build confidence ahead of the new academic year.

You will have seen that OAT have launched their first annual Ormiston Parent & Carers survey. Please can I encourage you to take part as the results of this survey will help to shape our collective work and future priorities at a school and trust level with the aim of enabling, developing and supporting our staff to deliver excellent outcomes for our students. You can complete the survey using the QR Code or clicking on the link here: [OAT Parent & Carer Survey 2026](#)



This week, we were delighted to launch the Arbor Parent Portal and Arbor App for parents, carers and students. These platforms provide easy access to key information, including your child's timetable, attendance and behaviour, with details of both positive and negative behaviour points, as well as any detentions that may have been set. If you have not yet logged in, please check your email inbox for your Arbor invitation and follow the instructions to get started.

We continue to reinforce our "hands off" expectations with students, encouraging them to be mindful of personal space, avoid unnecessary physical contact and ensure that all interactions remain friendly and appropriate. These expectations help to maintain a calm, respectful atmosphere across the school and support the development of positive relationships between students.

The National Thank a Teacher Day is next Wednesday 17 June 2026. If a member of academy staff has made a meaningful impact on your child's learning or wellbeing., please can I encourage you to show your appreciation by sending them a personalised e-card. You can do this by clicking the link below: [Thank a Teacher Form](#)

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Warm regards,

**Dijana Piralic  
Principal (Interim)**



### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 29 June – Friday 3 July 2026**

Year 12 Work Experience

**Wednesday 1 July 2026**

Staff INSET Day – academy closed to students

**Tuesday 7 July 2026**

Y11 Prom

**Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15, Thursday 16 July 2026**

Gym & Dance Show

**Monday 20th July - Friday 24th July**

Year 10 Work Experience

**Monday 20th July 2026**

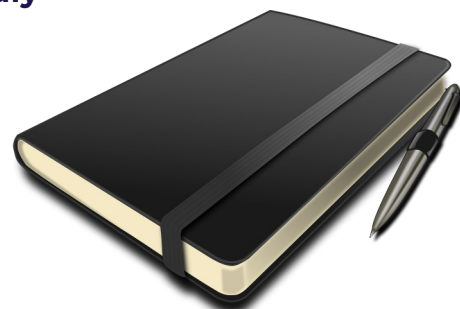
Academy Sports Day

**Tuesday 21st July 2026**

Year Group Trips

**Wednesday 22nd July 2026**

Academy closes at 1.50pm for Summer Holiday



# Teaching Behaviours

## **Keeping Our Community Safe: Introducing the 'Hands Off' Policy**

At our school, the safety and wellbeing of every student is our highest priority. We are committed to creating an environment where all young people feel secure, respected and able to focus fully on their learning. As part of this ongoing commitment, we have introduced a 'Hands Off' policy, which will apply across all areas of school life.

### **Why are we introducing this policy?**

Young people learn best when they feel safe. While the vast majority of interactions between students are positive, physical contact can sometimes lead to misunderstandings, accidental injury, or situations where students feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

Recent feedback from students and staff, along with our ongoing review of behaviour and safeguarding systems, has shown that clearer guidance around physical contact will help us:

- Reduce the risk of harm or injury
- Prevent situations from escalating into conflict
- Support students in understanding appropriate boundaries
- Promote a culture of mutual respect



The 'Hands Off' policy is designed to provide clear expectations so that all students know how to behave in a way that keeps themselves and others safe. We have covered this in our assemblies last week and form time activities this week.

### **What does 'Hands Off' mean?**

Quite simply, 'Hands Off' means that students should not engage in unnecessary physical contact with one another.

This includes:

- No pushing, shoving, or play fighting
- No physical retaliation if another student behaves inappropriately
- No grabbing clothing or belongings
- Keeping hands and feet to yourself at all times

We understand that many students interact in a friendly and playful way. However, what may seem like harmless behaviour to one person can feel uncomfortable or intimidating to another. The policy encourages students to think carefully about personal space and consent, and to respect others at all times.

### **Where does the policy apply?**

The 'Hands Off' policy applies throughout the entire school day and across all areas, including:

- In the classroom – ensuring a calm and focused learning environment
- In corridors and social spaces – supporting safe movement around the school
- On the playground and playing fields – where activities can sometimes become overly physical

It is also expected during enrichment activities, trips and any situation where students represent the school.

### **How will we support students?**

We recognise that developing positive social behaviours is an important part of growing up. Staff will take the time to explain the policy clearly to students, reinforcing expectations through assemblies, tutor time and ongoing conversations.

Where incidents occur, staff will:

- Address behaviour calmly and consistently
- Help students understand why the behaviour is inappropriate
- Support them in making better choices in the future

Our focus is not only on enforcing rules, but on educating students about respect, boundaries and personal responsibility.

### **Thank a Teacher Day**

We would also like to take this opportunity to recognise 'Thank a Teacher Day', a national celebration of the incredible work school staff do each and every day. This event provides a chance for students, parents and communities to show their appreciation for the dedication, care and commitment of teachers and support staff.



Teaching is about far more than delivering lessons – it involves supporting wellbeing, inspiring ambition, and helping young people grow into confident, capable individuals. Taking a moment to say “thank you”, whether through a message, a card or a simple conversation, can make a real difference.

We encourage families to join us in celebrating our staff and recognising the positive impact they have on the lives of our students. Please use this link: [Resources for Parents - Thank a Teacher](#) to send the e-card virtually to your chosen member of the team. A small but worthwhile gesture of your appreciation.

# 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  
9D2



Year 8  
8A2  
Year 10  
10Z1

### 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



# Exams News

## Summer Exams

The end is in sight for our Year 11 students who take their final exams on Monday morning, with a handful of students sitting Further Maths on Monday afternoon.

For the vast majority of Year 13 students, exams are now finished, with just our Maths and Science students with exams remaining.

	AM	PM
15 June 2026	Year 11 – Physics and Combined Science Physics	Year 11 – Further Maths
16 June 2026	Year 13 – Chemistry	
18 June 2026	Year 13 – Biology	Year 13 – Mathematics Paper 3 Statistics and Mechanics
19 June 2026		Year 13 – Further Mathematics Paper 3 A Pure Mathematics
22 June 2026		Year 13 – Further Mathematics Paper 4A Pure Mathematics

Well done and a sincere Thank You to all of our exam students, and their supportive families, this year who have made this season a pleasure for all of the exams team and our invigilators. We hope that the dedication towards arriving on time and the mature attitudes in the exam rooms that we have enjoyed are evident in the results students receive in August. Good Luck to every student with their next steps.

## Results

Results for A-Levels and Level 3 qualifications will be available on **Thursday 13th August** from the Sixth form area. Results for GCSE and Level 2 exams can be collected from the Gym on **Thursday 20th August**. Full details are sent out in letters to parents this week.

## Certificates

We still have a large number of uncollected certificates from last year. If you know anyone who sat exams last year and have not collected their certificates, please encourage them to come into main reception during school hours to collect them.

Certificates from this summer will arrive in school during the Autumn term and will be ready for collection in early December. Details will be provided on Results days.

## Year 12 end of year mock exams

We are not finished for the year yet. Exams for Year 12 subjects that have not sat unit exams over the summer will take place over the next week or so, starting on Tuesday 16th June. All students have received individual timetables, the schedule is provided for reference.

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# 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 **“Prospective”**.

Why not have a go? Send the definition and the word in a sentence to [wotw@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:wotw@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk).

**Say it:** pruh·spek·tuhv

**Spell it:** Pro-spec-tive

**Prospective**

(adjective)

**Stem:** spec:- look / see

(Prefix) **pro** - forward, in front, before; for, supporting  
(Stem) **spec** - look, see, appear - can be 'spic'  
(Suffix) **ive** - tending to, by nature

**Understand it**

Likely to happen at a future date.



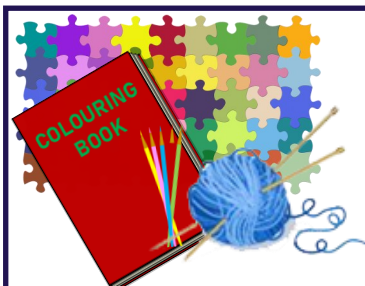
## Year 8 Mixed Rounders

On Wednesday night our Year 8's had a mixed rounders match against Plume. The team played some excellent rounders, had great communication skills and really showed great sportsmanship. The first half saw

ORA score 13 rounders, with Plume scoring 6 ½. At the end of the match, ORA had scored a total of 18 ½ Rounders and Plume scored 11 ½ Rounders.

Many thanks to the students who made themselves available for the match, it was great to see a mixed team playing some games.

Player of the match, scoring an impressive 8 ½ rounders by himself was Dexter C. Well Done!!



## 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.



# Performing Arts News



We are excited to announce an upcoming concert as part of The Burnham Art Trail. The concert is at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 23rd June at 6.30pm. There will be a range of pop/rock/musical theatre and classical performances by our students, along with some pieces from Burnham Primary and St Mary's C of E school. Tickets can be purchased on the Burnham Art Trail website under 'What's On'

There will be light refreshments available also. We look forward to seeing you there!

[www.burnhamarttrail.co.uk](http://www.burnhamarttrail.co.uk)

# Ormiston Rivers Academy presents



# An evening of music at St Mary The Virgin Church

**Tuesday 23rd June  
6:30pm**



## Inspiring the Next Generation

On Wednesday, our dance students had the incredible opportunity to work with former Rivers Sixth Form student, Dance Captain, and now choreographer at Diversity Studios.

It was fantastic to welcome her back to where her journey began and see her sharing her expertise, passion, and professional experience with our current dancers. We are so proud to see former students achieving such success and returning to inspire those following in their footsteps.

Keep your eyes peeled... her choreography will be featured in our upcoming Gym & Dance Show in July!



**Trip to Spain Experience**

The MFL department is excited to announce an immersive Spanish experience this month only for Spanish speaker in year 8 & 9.

It is an opportunity for our students to use their language skills, improve and have a cultural experience.

Don't miss out and please make bookings via Parentpay as spaces are going quickly.

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# Fancy a Summer of Tennis?

@ SOUTHMINSTER TENNIS CLUB

King George V Playing Fields  
Southminster, CM0 7EW



## SUMMER SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP

- June-July-August membership
- Court hire included
- Join in our club sessions
- Only £35 per adult
- One child free per paying adult (£5 per extra child)

## INTRODUCTION TO TENNIS SESSIONS

- Saturdays 2-3pm (5-12 years)
  - Saturdays 3-4pm (12+ and adults)
  - Only £2 per session
- See our website for more details and how to book



SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE DETAILS  
OR PHONE 07944 244727



**Year 7 - Mr Adair**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and highly positive week for our Year 7 students, with many opportunities for them to demonstrate their talents, commitment, and enthusiasm across a range of subjects and activities. Our Year 7 cricket team put in a fantastic performance in their recent match, showing excellent teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout. Although they narrowly missed out on victory, their determination and attitude were commendable, and they represented the school with real pride. In music lessons, students have continued to impress with their growing confidence and collaboration skills as they explore African drumming on the djembes. It has been particularly pleasing to see the way in which students are communicating effectively with one another, listening closely, and working together to create rhythm and cohesion in their performances.

In addition to their classroom learning, students also took part in an important and insightful assembly led by Mrs Dennis, which focused on staying safe around water as we approach the summer months. This session provided valuable guidance and encouraged students to think carefully about their actions and personal safety during the warmer weather.

Meanwhile, our Year 7 dancers have been enjoying an exciting and inspiring experience, working alongside a professional choreographer from Diversity. These sessions have been full of energy, creativity, and enthusiasm, with students fully engaging in the opportunity and clearly relishing the chance to develop their skills in a new and dynamic way.

As always, we are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes shown by our Year 7 cohort, both inside and outside the classroom, and we thank you for your continued support. Finally, we would like to remind families of the importance of students arriving at school each day in full and correct uniform, as this helps to maintain the high standards we expect across the school community.

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### **Year 8 - Mr Moon**

This week in Year 8, our assembly focused on the important topic of water safety. Students engaged thoughtfully with key messages around staying safe near rivers, lakes, and the sea, as well as understanding how to respond in an emergency. It was a particularly relevant and valuable session as we move into the warmer months, and the students should be praised for their maturity and contributions.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting and busy week coming up. On Monday, our cricket team will be in action, followed by District Sports on Tuesday where we wish all of our competitors the very best of luck. On Wednesday, we will be celebrating Thank a Teacher Day, which provides a fantastic opportunity for students to show their appreciation for the hard work and support they receive every day. There is certainly lots for our Year 8 students to look forward to.

In lessons this week, I had the privilege of observing a Year 8 music class developing their performance skills by responding to non-verbal cues from a conductor. It was fantastic to see students demonstrating such strong focus, teamwork, and creativity, adapting their performances purely through visual instruction.

**A huge congratulations to this week's top merit earners:** Jess (8Z1), Jess (8M2), Islay (8D1), Teddy (8D2), Nevaeh (8Z1), Mason (8M1), Ava (8M1) and Stanley (8Z1), who all achieved an impressive 27 merits each. This is a fantastic accomplishment and a reflection of their consistent effort and positive attitudes across the week—well done to all of them!

I hope everyone has a restful weekend and returns refreshed, ready for another positive and successful week ahead.

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**Year 9 – Mr Chapman**

**A big well done to our top merit recipients this week:**

Ruby (9Z2), Annabelle (9Z2), and Ava (9A2). Your consistent effort and positive contributions have not gone unnoticed.

The top three students for merits across the year so far remain Ava, James, and Mia—an excellent achievement. Keep up the hard work.

Finally, today saw the second group of Year 9 students set off on their Duke of Edinburgh expedition. We wish them the very best of luck and hope they have a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Once again I'd like to promote an opportunity for a Spanish experience for anyone interested in learning the language, taking the GCSE next year, or just wanting to gain useful experience for a holiday. Details found below.

Contact: [rchapman@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto:rchapman@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk)

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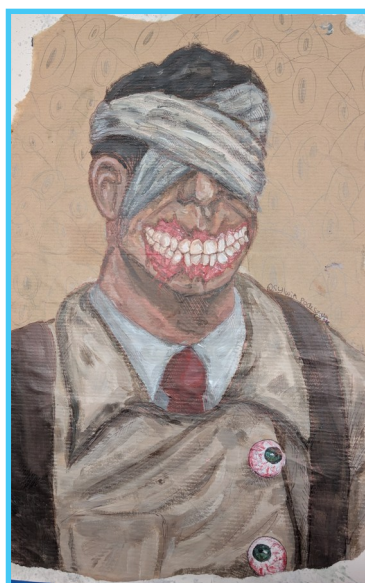


**Year 10 - Mr Field**

During my Learning walk this week it was a pleasure to see the artistic talent we have in our year group. Many have demonstrated a keen eye for detail and being able translating this into thoughtful, well-crafted pieces of work. From intricate pencil sketches to vibrant paintings, pupils have shown patience, creativity, and a willingness to refine their ideas. This attention to detail not only enhances the quality of their artwork but also reflects strong focus and pride in their work. I look forward to seeing their creativity continue to flourish in the coming weeks.



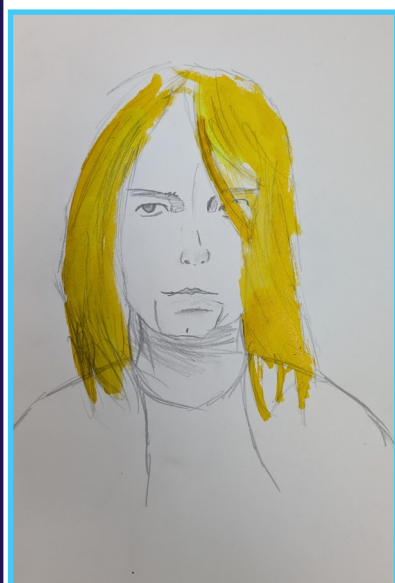
**Bertie (10Z1)**



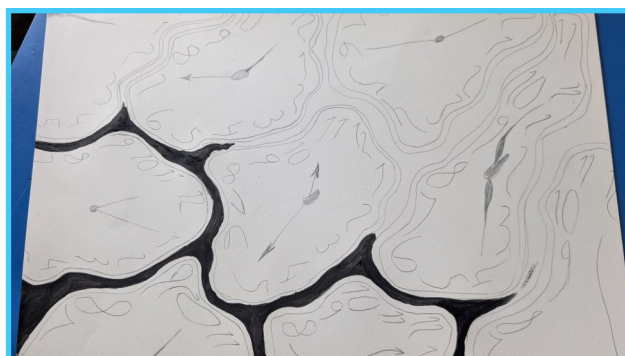
**Sylwia (10D1)**



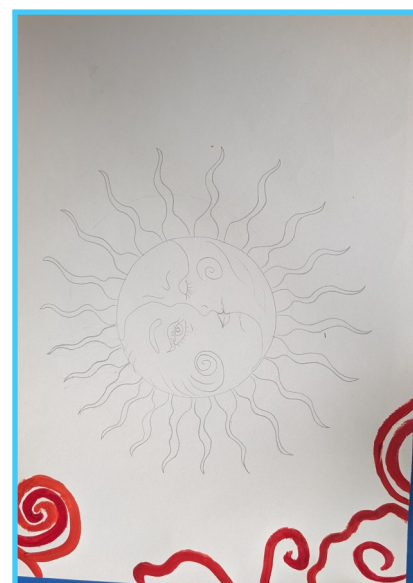
**Scarlett (10A2)**



**Radley (10A2)**



**Leah (10D1)**



**Skye (10D1)**

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**Year 11 - Ms Taylor**

As the last exam for Year 11 is on Monday, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students and parents/carers for the last 2 years. I have genuine affection for this year group and have loved being their head of year. I may be ending our time together with a few more grey hairs, but they have genuinely made me belly laugh so often since we met in Year 9.

I wish them all the best in their final exam, and for whatever they choose to do in the future.

Just a reminder that their phone pouches should be returned on Monday, and if there is any uniform there is no further need for, we would be most grateful to receive it.

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# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

This week, we kicked off Healthy Eating Week, with Sixth Form students working alongside our canteen staff and Food Technology department to explore healthy meal ideas and learn more about making positive choices for their wellbeing. We have also marked the beginning of Pride Month, with students discussing ways to celebrate diversity and inclusion, starting with a colourful non-uniform day in Sixth Form. Throughout the week, we have had many positive conversations about respect, acceptance, and the importance of supporting everyone within our community, regardless of their background or identity.

We were also incredibly proud to see our Sports Leaders and Sport Academy students representing the Sixth Form so positively as they supported local primary school pupils during the Dengie Sports training event. Their leadership, enthusiasm, and professionalism were a credit to the school.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome our future Sixth Form students. Letters have now been sent to Year 11 students inviting them to our Sixth Form Taster Day on Tuesday 30th June. If you know a student who is considering joining Rivers Sixth Form, please encourage them to respond using the link below or by scanning the QR code provided.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/kGzfdtbPnB>



## Mock exam timetable 2026

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📅 16 June 2026	English Literature Mathematics	Sociology Biology
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# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## Student Shout Out

**Year 12 – Ellie N** - for consistently demonstrating an outstanding work ethic and commitment to her studies.

Ellie makes excellent use of her free periods, approaching them as valuable study time rather than time to waste. She is always focused, organised and proactive in completing independent study, meeting deadlines and seeking opportunities to deepen her understanding. Her mature attitude, dedication and determination to succeed set a fantastic example to her peers and embody the professional standards we promote within Rivers Sixth Form.

## Sixth Form in the Community

Our Rivers Sport Academy and Sport Leadership students proudly represented the academy today at the primary school practice event for Dengie Sports.



They were outstanding throughout the day, supporting a wide range of events while demonstrating excellent leadership, organisation and professionalism. From assisting with scoring and event management to helping supervise behaviour and supporting children during breaks, our students played a vital role in ensuring the day ran smoothly.

They were fantastic ambassadors for the academy and a credit to themselves, showing maturity, responsibility and enthusiasm at every opportunity. We are incredibly proud of their contribution and look forward to supporting the final Dengie Sports event on Thursday 25th June.

Throughout June, we will also be celebrating Pride Month within the Sixth Form. Pride Month provides an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the diversity that makes our community so strong, while promoting the values of respect, acceptance and inclusion.

Keep an eye out for our upcoming Pride-Themed Bake-Off, where students will be showcasing their creativity through a range of colourful and imaginative bakes. The event will not only be a chance to celebrate talent and have some fun, but also to raise awareness and reinforce the importance of ensuring that everyone feels valued, respected and able to be themselves within our Sixth Form community.



# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## Healthy Eating Week 2026

This week, students and staff across the school have been celebrating Healthy Eating Week 2026, focusing on the importance of making positive food choices to support both physical and mental wellbeing.

Throughout the week, our fantastic canteen team worked alongside students and staff to showcase a range of healthy meal ideas, nutritious snacks and simple food swaps that can make a big difference to everyday health. From balanced breakfasts packed with energy to protein-rich lunches and healthier dessert options, students have been encouraged to explore new ways to fuel their bodies and minds.

The Food Technology department also supported the initiative by helping students understand the benefits of a balanced diet and the role that nutrition plays in concentration, performance and overall wellbeing. Daily healthy eating tips were shared across the school, promoting hydration, portion awareness and the importance of including a variety of fruits, vegetables and wholegrains in our diets.

Healthy Eating Week has provided a fantastic opportunity for our school community to reflect on how small changes can lead to healthier habits. Thank you to our dedicated catering staff, Food Technology department and all students who have embraced the week with such enthusiasm.

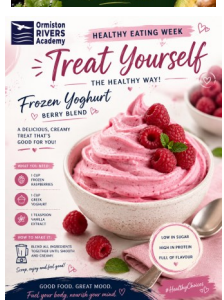
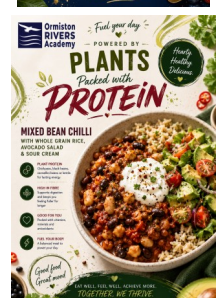
Together, we are building a healthier, happier school community.

## 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 - Final payments this 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.





# RIVERS SIXTH FORM

## Exam Behaviour & JCQ Regulations

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

### Key points to remember:

- **Arrive on time:** Make sure you arrive at least 15 minutes before the exam starts. Late arrivals can lead to complications, and in some cases, may not be allowed to sit the exam.
- **Clear water bottle:** Only clear, unlabelled bottles are permitted in the exam room. No labels or logos are allowed on the bottle, and the bottle should be free from any writing or stickers.
- **Prohibited items:** Phones, smartwatches, or any electronic devices must be turned off and left in your bag, which should be placed at the back of the exam room. Only pens, pencils, and necessary equipment should be on your desk.
- **Respect and Focus:** It is essential to maintain a calm, respectful environment for everyone in the exam hall. Please follow the instructions given by the invigilators, remain focused, and take the time to carefully read all instructions. Following these regulations is vital for a smooth exam experience and for your success in the upcoming assessments. Let's all do our part to ensure that everything runs smoothly!

## Exams/Study

Mrs Penberthy will continue to host an optional revision session in the Sixth Form area titled "Pemboodle's Revision". She provides snacks and light background music to create a warm and inviting environment. This session will run every Wednesday 3:20 - 4:20pm.

## 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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# Catering



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lwarner@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) or Angela Mahoney, Finance & Business Director [amahoney@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> 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'.