



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we were deeply touched to hear from a member of the public who shared how a group of our Year 7 students stepped in during a medical emergency on their journey home from school. In a moment that called for courage and kindness, these students showed remarkable maturity, compassion, and a strong sense of responsibility beyond their years. Their actions are a powerful reminder of the values we hope to nurture in our young people every day. We could not be prouder of them.

We continue to place great importance on attendance, because every day in school truly matters for each child's success, wellbeing, and sense of belonging.



Please remind your child about **Principal Piralic's Positively Perfect Prize**, a fantastic brand-new bike pictured here, that will be awarded to one student in recognition of excellent attendance this academic year.

Each half term a student achieves 100% attendance, earns them an entry into the prize draw giving them multiple opportunities to be in with a chance of winning. The final draw will take place during our end-of-year assembly.

We hope this serves as both an exciting incentive and a celebration of the dedication and commitment our students show each day because consistent attendance is something truly valued and worth recognising.

While we are incredibly proud of the many positive contributions our students make, we have recently received a small number of concerns about behaviour within the local community. We would greatly appreciate the support of parents and carers in continuing to reinforce the expectations shared in assemblies around respect, kindness, and responsibility. Together, we can ensure all of our students represent themselves and the school with pride, contributing positively to the community both in and beyond the school gates

If you have not done so already, please can I encourage you to take part in the Ormiston Parent & Carers survey. 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](#)



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

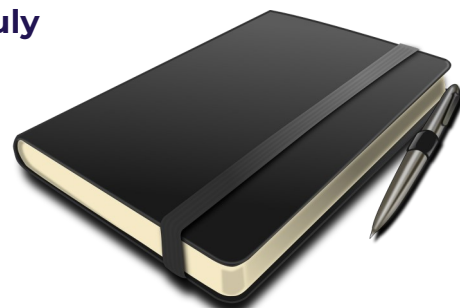
Academy Sports Day

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Year Group Trips

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Academy closes at 1.50pm for Summer Holiday



Teaching Behaviours

End of Year Reflections & Preparing for the Year Ahead

As we approach the end of another busy and successful academic year, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how far our students have come - and to look ahead to the exciting challenges and opportunities that lie before them next year.

Each year group is at a key stage in their journey, and the transition into the next academic year brings important milestones for all. We have used assemblies this week to focus on these points.

Year 10: Stepping Up to GCSE Success

Year 10 students are entering a pivotal stage of their education as they move closer to their GCSE examinations. The year ahead will require increased independence, focus, and commitment to regular study habits.

To support every student, from Y11 we will provide:

- Morning form-time intervention sessions in English and Maths, focusing on essential skills and knowledge.
- Our highly effective “Super Six” after-school sessions, offering structured revision, guidance, and targeted support.

Working together, we can ensure Year 10 students build the confidence and resilience needed for exam success.



Year 9: From Options to Action

Year 9 students have now completed their GCSE options process, an important step in shaping their future pathways.

The focus now shifts to:

- Adopting a GCSE mindset
- Developing strong study habits
- Engaging deeply with chosen subjects

This is the moment for students to begin working at the standard expected for GCSE courses, setting strong foundations for the next two years. Encouraging curiosity, independence, and effort will be key during this transition.

Year 8: Looking Ahead to Choices

For Year 8 students, the coming year will be an important time of reflection and decision-making as they begin to consider their future options.

We encourage students to start thinking about:

- Subjects they enjoy and excel in
- Personal interests and passions
- Potential career aspirations

The year will move quickly, and careful thought now will help them feel confident and informed when the options process begins. Conversations at home about interests and ambitions can make a big difference.

Year 7: A Year of Growth and Achievement

It is hard to believe how quickly this first year of secondary school has passed for our Year 7 students!

Over the past year, they have:

- Settled into new routines
- Built friendships
- Developed independence
- Grown in confidence

We encourage our Year 7 students to reflect on:

- What they are most proud of
- What they have learned about themselves
- How they have grown since September

These reflections will help them move forward with confidence into Year 8.

Looking Ahead: Welcoming Our New Year 6 Students

As we celebrate the progress of our current students, we also look forward to welcoming the next cohort of Year 6 students into our school community. Transition is an exciting time, and we encourage our incoming students to prepare for secondary school - we have the Transition Hub info on our school website.

Final Thoughts

Transitions are powerful moments in education. They allow students to reflect, reset, and refocus on their goals. With the continued support of parents, carers, and staff, we are confident that every student will continue to thrive in the year ahead.



Attendance Matters

100%

Each week we are giving a shout out to the tutor groups with the highest attendance for Years 7 to 11. This is something that needs to be celebrated, as attendance really does matter!

If you see your child's year group mentioned, give them a big high five for their contribution towards this fantastic achievement.

Year 7
7M2



Year 8
8A2

Year 9
9M1

Year 10
10M1

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



CAREERS
WORK
JOB

Careers Spotlight

Job of the Week



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

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.

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

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

Work Experience Week for Year 10 and 12s - Log your placement on Unifrog - All students have received an email from Unifrog so they can log in their placement there.

Year 10 Work Experience Week - Monday 20th July - Friday 24th July 2026

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

Creative & Digitech Apprenticeships Online Event

Interested in a career in the creative, digital, or tech industries? Discover how an apprenticeship can help you earn while you learn in exciting areas such as marketing, design, digital media, software development, and technology.

Join industry professionals to:

- Explore apprenticeship opportunities
- Learn about careers in creative and digital sectors
- Hear insights from industry experts and apprentices
- Get top tips on applications and recruitment processes

24 June

6:15pm – 7:00pm

Sign up: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/creative-and-digitech-apprenticeships/>



Careers Spotlight

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Year 8 First Give Competition - Please Support and Wish Them Luck

We're pleased to let you know that our Year 8 students are actively participating in the First Give competition this term. At the end of term, they will present to a panel of judges about the charity they have chosen — and the winning group will receive £1,000 for their charity.

So far, the RNLI visited and led an extremely engaging Q&A session that helped inform students' projects. Please feel free to talk with your child about their work on this topic and to wish them good luck in the competition.

Thank you for your ongoing support.





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 **“Spectrum”**.

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

wotw@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Say it: spek·truhm

Spell it: Spec-trum

Spectrum

(noun)

(Stem) **spec** - look, see, appear - can be 'spic'

Stem: spec;- look / see

Understand it

The distribution of colours produced when light is dispersed by a prism.



On Wednesday 17th June, a group of our Year 7 students travelled to Hylands School to take part in an exciting rounders tournament. The mixed team, made up of both boys and girls, competed against strong opposition from Plume A, Plume B and Hylands.

Throughout the afternoon, the team were a real credit to the school, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. There were some outstanding performances, with impressive batting and well-organised fielding on display in all matches.

A special mention goes to Maisie AJ (7Z2), who was named Player of the Tournament for her fantastic all-round performance.

Well done to everyone involved—an excellent effort and a great representation of the school!



Many congratulations to our students who qualified to represent Mid Essex for the Schools County Championships that were held on the 13th of June at Chelmsford.

Students from Years 9-11 represented us brilliantly and 4 students even made it on the podium.

Many congratulations To Madison P in Year 11 who won her hammer event and broke a school record in the process to become County Champion.

A write up of our District Sports event will be in next week's newsletter.



International Men's Health Week 2026

This week, we have been proud to support and celebrate International Men's Health Week across the school. As part of this important national campaign, our Sixth Form Leadership Team took the lead in planning and delivering a range of activities designed to raise awareness of men's health and wellbeing.



The student leaders worked hard to create resources and materials for assemblies, helping to encourage discussions around physical health, mental wellbeing, resilience and the importance of seeking support when needed. Through these assemblies, students explored the challenges that many boys and men face when talking about their health and were encouraged to recognise that asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness.

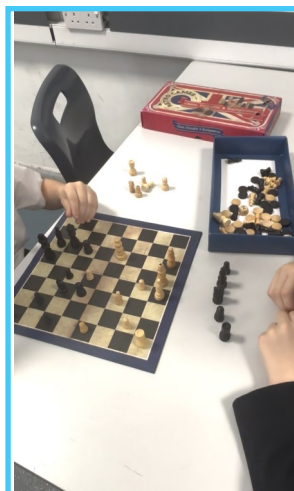
To further support the campaign, the Sixth Form Leadership Team organised a range of activities for students to enjoy today, including:

- Dodgeball in the gym for Year 7 and 8 boys
- A Board and Card Games session in D06 for boys in Years 9-10

These activities were designed to promote positive wellbeing, social connection and a sense of belonging. By bringing students together in a relaxed and enjoyable environment, the sessions encouraged friendships, teamwork and opportunities for conversation, helping students to build supportive relationships with their peers.

International Men's Health Week provides an important opportunity to highlight the value of looking after both physical and mental health. Through the assemblies and activities, students were reminded of the importance of staying active, talking openly about their feelings, supporting one another and accessing help when needed.

We would like to thank our Sixth Form Leadership Team for their enthusiasm, organisation and commitment in delivering this week's activities. Their efforts have helped raise awareness of an important issue while creating positive experiences for younger students across the school.





Year 7 - Mr Adair

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the summer term, I would like to take a moment to share some updates and celebrate the fantastic achievements and conduct of our Year 7 students. It has been a particularly warm period recently, and I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring students are prepared for the hot weather. In response to the rising temperatures, students are no longer required to wear their blazers for the remainder of this warm spell. We hope this helps to keep everyone comfortable and focused on their learning throughout the school day.

While blazers may be staying at home, I would like to remind students and families of the importance of coming to school fully equipped. We are aware that many students store key items such as pens, pencils and other essentials in their blazer pockets. Please ensure that your child has transferred all necessary equipment into their school bag or pencil case so they are ready to learn in every lesson. Being prepared remains a key expectation and supports students in maintaining high standards across all subjects.

This week, I would also like to take a moment to recognise the outstanding character shown by four of our Year 7 students. These students demonstrated remarkable maturity, kindness and responsibility when they came across a member of our local community experiencing a medical emergency. They acted quickly and compassionately, contacting the ambulance service and staying with the individual until help arrived. I am incredibly proud of their actions, which truly embody the values we promote as a school community. They are a real credit to themselves, their families and our school.

In addition, I am delighted to celebrate an exceptional sporting accomplishment. Daisy in Year 7 has been selected to represent Essex in the long jump—an absolutely phenomenal achievement at such a young age. This is a testament to Daisy's hard work, dedication and talent, and we are all incredibly proud of her success. We wish her the very best as she continues to compete and represent her county.

As always, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Year 7 have shown great progress this term, not only academically but also in their personal development and contribution to our school community. We look forward to finishing the term strongly and celebrating many more successes along the way.

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Year 8 - Mr Moon

It has been another busy and successful week for Year 8, with plenty of achievements to celebrate. On Monday, our Year 8 cricket team put in an outstanding performance, scoring 92 runs, which is an all-time high for the year group. A special mention goes to Max and Olly, who both impressed with multiple boundaries throughout the innings. Although we narrowly lost the match by just seven runs, the team should be incredibly proud of their efforts, determination and the fantastic progress they have made over the course of the season.

On Tuesday, many of our students represented the school at the District Athletics Championships. It was fantastic to see so many Year 8 students competing with enthusiasm, determination and pride. They were excellent ambassadors for the school, and we are incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves throughout the day.

In assembly this week, we focused on the important topic of child exploitation and staying safe. Students learned about the different forms of exploitation it can take, the warning signs to look out for, and the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if they ever feel uncomfortable or worried about themselves or someone else. It was a valuable session that reinforced how we can all make safe and informed choices, both online and in our local communities.

There have also been a number of assessments taking place this week across different subjects. We encourage parents and carers to ask students how they got on and to celebrate the hard work and preparation they have put into these important assessments.

Finally, congratulations to this week's top merit earners:

Mason (8M1), Ava (8M1) and Dogie (8Z1).

Thank you for consistently demonstrating our school values and setting a positive example for others.

Well done to all of Year 8 for another excellent week. As we move closer to the end of term, let's continue to work hard, support one another and finish the year on a positive note

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Year 9 – Mr Chapman

Top 3 Merits of the Week

Congratulations to Liam (9M1), Riley (9A2) and Oliver (9A1) for achieving the highest number of merits this week—an excellent effort.

Top 3 Merits of the Year So Far

A special mention goes to Ava (9A2), James (9D2) and Mia (9D2) for their outstanding consistency and commitment throughout the year so far.

With the current hot weather, students are reminded to bring plenty of water to stay hydrated during the school day. We are continuing with a no-blazer policy to help keep everyone comfortable; however, it is important that students still arrive fully prepared for lessons with the correct equipment.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and restful weekend and returns to school feeling refreshed for the week ahead. As we approach the end of the academic year, it would be fantastic to see a strong final push on both attendance and merits.

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Year 10 - Mr Field

I am delighted to share some fantastic news about our Year 10 students following this week's GCSE English Speaking and Listening presentations.

Over the course of the week, students delivered a wide range of individual talks as part of their assessed Speaking and Listening component. We have been incredibly impressed by the confidence, preparation, and maturity displayed across the year group. Students chose engaging and thoughtful topics, ranging from social issues and current affairs to personal interests and passions, and spoke with increasing clarity and conviction.

Many students demonstrated excellent public speaking skills, including:

- Clear organisation of ideas
- Effective use of persuasive and rhetorical techniques
- Confident delivery and strong voice projection
- Positive engagement with their audience

It has been particularly pleasing to see how much progress students have made, not only in their communication skills but also in their ability to listen respectfully and respond thoughtfully to one another.

We are extremely proud of the effort and resilience shown by all students. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging them to prepare, practise, and perform with confidence.

I was lucky to observe some of the year group with their talks and it was pleasing to see the time, effort and practice that had gone into the preparation

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RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

It has been another busy and positive week in Sixth Form, with students embracing a range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

We have continued our celebrations of Pride Month through assemblies and open discussions around inclusion, respect and acceptance, encouraging students to reflect on the importance of creating a community where everyone feels valued and supported. Our Sports Leadership students have once again been fantastic ambassadors for the school, supporting local primary schools and demonstrating excellent leadership skills throughout the week.

On Wednesday, students and staff came together to celebrate England's opening World Cup match, proudly wearing red, white and blue, along with their favourite football shirts, creating a fantastic atmosphere across the Sixth Form.

Year 12 students have now begun their PPE examinations, and we wish them every success as they demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have developed throughout the year.

Today also marked the culmination of International Men's Health Week 2026. Our Sixth Form Leadership Team have been outstanding in leading the campaign, producing assembly materials, raising awareness and organising activities to promote positive conversations around men's health and wellbeing.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our Pride Bake Off next Friday. We can't wait to see the colourful and creative bakes our students produce as we continue our celebrations of diversity, inclusion and community.

Sixth Form Taster Day - 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>

Rivers Ready: Your Next Chapter -
Sixth Form Experience Day 2026



Student Shout Out

Year 12 – Ella B - A huge congratulations to Ella for achieving an exceptional grade in her recent Physics assessment. Her teachers have been incredibly impressed with both her academic performance and her commitment to her studies. Ella consistently uses her independent study time in Sixth Form effectively, demonstrating excellent self-discipline, determination and a genuine desire to succeed. Her hard work and positive attitude are enabling her to exceed expectations and serve as a fantastic role model for her peers. Well done, Ella, keep up the excellent work!



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Sixth Form in the Community

Our Sports Leadership students have been supporting a number of local primary school sports events and sports days across the Dengie area. These opportunities have allowed our students to put their leadership skills into practice while making a positive contribution to the local community.

The feedback we received from primary school staff was outstanding. Our Sports Leaders were praised for their professionalism, reliability, independence and mature approach throughout the events. Staff were particularly impressed by the confidence our students showed when leading activities, organising equipment, recording scores and supporting large groups of younger children. Several schools commented on how little direction the students required, highlighting their ability to take initiative, solve problems independently and adapt to different situations. They were also recognised for their excellent communication skills, positive attitudes and the encouragement they gave to every child taking part. These experiences provide invaluable opportunities for our students to develop key employability and leadership skills while serving as positive role models within the community. The glowing feedback received is a testament to the hard work, commitment and character of our Sports Leaders.

We are incredibly proud of all the students involved and would like to thank them for representing the Sixth Form and Ormiston Rivers Academy so positively. They should be extremely proud of the impression they have made, and we look forward to seeing them continue to develop as leaders in the future.

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.

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.



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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.

Mock exam timetable 2026

DATE	AM EXAM	PM EXAM
 16 June 2026	English Literature Mathematics	Sociology Biology
 17 June 2026	Psychology Physics	—
 18 June 2026	History Drama	Core Maths
 19 June 2026	English Literature	Sociology Biology
 22 June 2026	Physics	—
 23 June 2026	History	Core Maths

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.



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- Clear water bottle: Only clear, unlabelled bottles are permitted in the exam room. No labels or logos are allowed on the bottle, and the bottle should be free from any writing or stickers.
- Prohibited items: Phones, smartwatches, or any electronic devices must be turned off and left in your bag, which should be placed at the back of the exam room. Only pens, pencils, and necessary equipment should be on your desk.
- Respect and Focus: It is essential to maintain a calm, respectful environment for everyone in the exam hall. Please follow the instructions given by the invigilators, remain focused, and take the time to carefully read all instructions. Following these regulations is vital for a smooth exam experience and for your success in the upcoming assessments. Let's all do our part to ensure that everything runs smoothly!

Exams/Study

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

The Rivers Sixth Form Team

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Absent reporting to Mrs Penberthy: 01621 787882



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Catering



Menu

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

Nut Allergies

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

Parentpay

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

Free School Meals

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

Catering Cards

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

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



Rivers Academy Shop

Academy Shop

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

Equipment:

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|---|---|
| 2 x black pens | Maths set (including a scientific calculator) |
| 1 x purple biro for assessment feedback | Student Planner (student organiser) |
| 2 x pencils | Reading book |
| 1 x 30cm ruler | Books / folders for the days lessons |
| Coloured pencils (not felt tips) | Water bottle |
| Eraser | Basic art equipment |
| Pencil sharpener | |

The Academy Shop, located near the main hall, is open before school 8.30 - 8.50am and at breaktime 11.20 - 11.50am every day. The shop stocks all of the above equipment, as well as a wide selection of revision guides & workbooks, for all year groups. You can also purchase new ties from here. We can only accept cash for shop purchases on site, we are unable to use credit on a students catering card. Alternatively, you can complete an order form and return it to finance@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Year 10 & 11 -You will find an item on ParentPay - KS4 Revision Guides & Equipment- just overwrite the amount with the total to be paid, we will check it against your order and let you know when the items can be collected from the shop (or you can call in and collect from main reception if you would prefer).

Year 7, 8 & 9 (KS3) - Once we have received your completed order, we will add it to your ParentPay account. When payment has been confirmed we will let you know when the items can be collected from the shop (or you can call in and collect from main reception if you would prefer).

You can access the up to date [KS3 order form](#) and the [KS4 order form](#) here; these are also available on our website www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk. Please contact finance on 01621 787845 if you have any queries.



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MyEd Messaging App

ConnectED absence line: 0845 355 8104

Attendance line: 01621 787855

Change of Personal Details

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

Lost Property

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



Essex County Council

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

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

Who may be fined?

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

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

First Offence

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

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

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

National Threshold

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

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

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

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

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

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

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

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

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

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

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