



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share details of a number of events and activities we have organised for students as we approach the end of the academic year. These opportunities are designed not only to celebrate the year together, but also to enrich students' educational experience by encouraging teamwork, resilience, independence and the development of positive relationships with their peers.

Our annual Academy Sports Day will take place on Monday 20 July, offering a day of friendly competition, teamwork and enjoyment. This will be followed by our year group trips on Tuesday 21 July, giving students the opportunity to enjoy new experiences and celebrate the end of the year with their friends. For students who are not attending a trip, a programme of engaging activities will take place in school to ensure everyone has a positive and enjoyable day. We look forward to ending the term with these events and providing students with opportunities to spend time with their peers and create lasting memories.

As temperatures have remained high, we have continued to put measures in place to ensure that learning can continue with minimal disruption while prioritising the wellbeing of students and staff. These have included relaxed uniform expectations, the option for students to wear PE kit, the use of cooler teaching spaces where available and adjustments to some practical lessons. Students have also been able to remain indoors during social times, with additional access to shaded areas and regular reminders to stay hydrated throughout the day. We would like to thank students, staff and families for their continued support and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, positive and productive learning environment during this period of hot weather.

Tickets for our end-of-year Gym & Dance production, Avatar, are selling quickly. Our talented students have been working hard alongside the Performing Arts team and are now putting the finishing touches to what promises to be a wonderful show. We hope to see many members of our school community in the audience as we celebrate their achievements and recognise the dedication and effort that has gone into the production. Performances will take place on Tuesday 14 July, Wednesday 15 July and Thursday 16 July 2026. Tickets are £5 each and can be purchased from Main Reception. We look forward to welcoming you to this special end-of-year event and sharing in our students' success.

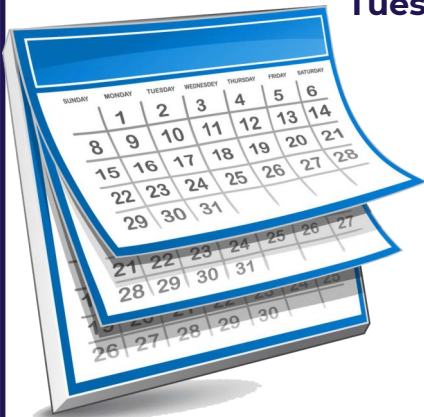
Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. As we approach the end of the academic year, we are grateful for the strong partnership between home and school, which continues to play such an important role in helping our students thrive

Warm regards,

Dijana Piralic
Principal (Interim)



Dates for your Diary



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

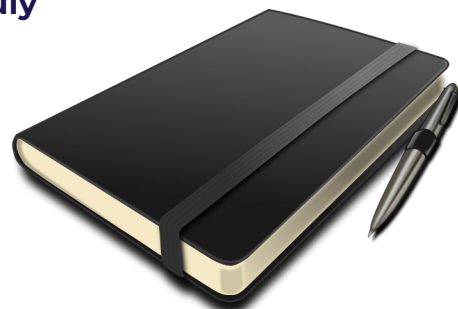
Academy Sports Day

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Year Group Trips

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Academy closes at 1.50pm for Summer Holiday

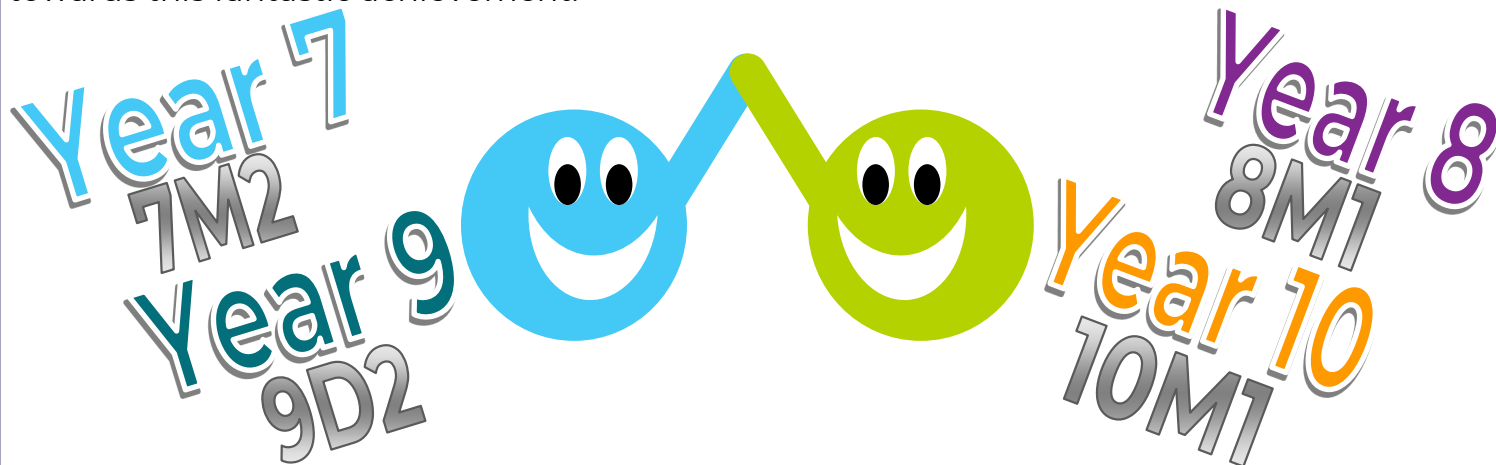


Attendance Matters

100%

Each week we are giving a shout out to the year 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.



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

Student Voice - shaping the future

Next week in form time our students will have the chance to share their ideas about the future of politics with Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner.

The landscape of childhood has changed rapidly. Mental health referrals have increased by around half a million, more children are spending long periods of time online, and a growing number require additional support at school. How the government responds to those changes will shape what it's like to grow up in England for years to come.

Dame Rachel wants to ask children what they want. She feels that there is a growing sense – in Westminster, in the media, and our wider national mood – that something is going wrong with childhood. Older generations believe the young are worse off than they were, and this belief is starting to trickle down the age range: childhood is not what it once was.

This is unsurprising, in some ways. This generation of children is on the brink of adulthood, having witnessed huge change: from the impact of the pandemic, to rising crime in their communities, to the new dominance of AI and tech. These are things that are shaping children's lives now – not just things to worry about in the future.

Childhood is changing – but we are struggling to express how, why, or exactly how we feel about it. We are finding it even harder to respond. Read the rest of her inspiration thoughts here: [The Big Future | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

Water Safety during the Summer break:

We have invited a guest speaker from our local Fire and Rescue service to talk to our Year 7s about being safe near the water over the summer break. This is part of the repeating message in the newsletter, assembly and during form time about being safe. We have all been shocked and affected by the sad incidents during the last half term and want to ensure our students have a safe and restful summer break. Please continue to share these messages and help educate our children during the hot summer time.

Final week of rewards:

The merit swap shop is running low on supplies as students cash in their hard earned merits! We have had a roaring trade and students have been excited to get their prizes. We have 1 final week to achieve any of the long list of rewards - the brand new mountain bike (which one lucky parent will have to help manage getting home!!), prizes, vouchers, certificates, sweet treats and many more. Good luck!



Announcement

Please be aware that Maldon District Council has alerted the public to adder sightings at Orchard Meadows in Southminster and is putting up information signs across the site. We are aware that many of our students visit the playground area at Orchard Meadows so please advise your children to stay alert, stick to marked paths where possible and give any snake they see plenty of space, moving away calmly rather than trying to interfere.



www.maldonandburnhamstandard.co.uk - [venomous snakes-spotted](#) - [Southminster](#)

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 **"Submission"**.

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

Say it: *suhb·mi·shn* Spell it: *Sub-mis-sion*

Submission
(noun)

Stem: *miss:- release / send / throw*

Understand it
The action of accepting or yielding to a superior force or to the will or authority of another person

(Prefix) **sub** - under, below; less important; towards
(Stem) **miss** - release, send, throw
(Suffix) **sion** - act, process, result of

Send the definition and the word in a sentence to wotw@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk for merits!

Royal Shakespeare Company production of Julius Caesar

On Thursday a group of year 9 and 8 students participated in the casting of the play 'Julius Caesar' at the Mercury Theatre in Colchester in collaboration with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The students undertook a series of training and rehearsals showing great dedication, resilience and enthusiasm. I am proud to say their performance was an outstanding success, and the group represented the academy well.

Congratulations to these students:

Alice M, Daisy G, Elacy-Raye R, Emily N, Evie P, Harriet S, Isabelle Q, Lara M, Lexi-Jaye D, Lou Lou C, Mia W, Niamh P, Paige S, Rivah H, Sienna S, Zhani G





First Give

Year 8 are showing great engagement in their First Give competition. After their First Give workshop students gained more confidence and found themselves out of their comfort zone.



This week one team has stood up in front of the whole year 7 assembly to inform students about Autism.

Another team has created posters for a local food bank collection. Please can we as parents and carers get involved and help the team collect food for local homeless people:



Ideas you could donate:

- Beans
- Bottled water
- Pasta
- Tinned food
- Coats
- UHT milk
- Shoes
- Cereals

The chosen Year 8 students are all very excited to show off their work in the competition next week, 17th July. Please wish them good luck.



Performing Arts News



Music lessons at Ormiston Rivers Academy

We are offering individual music lessons in partnership with Essex Music Service. Music lessons will take place during the school day next term provided by specialist music tutors.

Existing pupils do not need to re-register for lessons. If your child wishes to take drumming lessons, please contact Ms Turnnidge directly lturnnidge@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk by 17th July as these are booked directly with the school.

How do I apply for lessons?

- To add your child to the waiting list, please register by 17th July 2026.
- When a lesson slot becomes available, Essex Music Service will send an invoice to you.
- Payment is required before lessons can begin.
- Please register on this link: [Registration - Essex Music Service](#)

How much do lessons cost?

- There will be 30 lessons throughout the academic year ie 10 lessons a term.
- 10 x 30-minute lessons per term = £207 per term

Can I get financial help in paying for lessons?

- Families with a household income under £24,000 can apply for a 50% discount.
- Looked after Children, Adopted Children and those who have had contact with Social Care can receive 10 x free 15 minute lessons per term.
- **Please register for [Financial assistance here.](#)**

Does my child need an instrument?

- Yes, your child will need to take an instrument to individual lessons unless they are having piano or drum lessons.
- If you do not own an instrument, Essex Music Service provide low-cost hire for all Essex children.
- **Please register for [Instrument Hire here.](#)**

Useful information

- Please view Essex Music Service's [Terms and Conditions for Parents](#)
- You may wish to read through our new [Parent's Guide to Music Lessons](#)
- You can sign up to the Service's free newsletter '[In Tune](#)' which includes details of music making for pupils during the school term and in school holidays

We look forward to developing your child's love of music!



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AVATAR
GYM & DANCE SHOW 2026

PRESENTED BY ORMISTON RIVERS ACADEMY

TUE 14 JULY | WED 15 JULY | THU 16 JULY
7:00PM

TICKETS £5 AVAILABLE FROM MAIN RECEPTION
PLEASE BE ADVISED: STROBE LIGHTING WILL BE USED DURING THE SHOW

£5

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POWER Cheer

INTERNATIONAL CHEERLEADING CLUB

YEAR 7-11

CHEERLEADING CLASS

3
WEEKS
TUESDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL

STARTS
7TH
JULY

GET READY FOR
TRYOUTS
IN SEPTEMBER!

NO
EXPERIENCE
NEEDED!

LEARN FROM THE
**BEST OF
THE BEST!**



BUILD CONFIDENCE
& TEAMWORK



LEARN STUNTS,
TUMBLING, JUMPS
& DANCE



WORK TOWARDS
COMPETITIONS
& PERFORMANCES



MAKE FRIENDS,
HAVE FUN &
BE AMAZING!

RUN BY **POWER** CHEER - INTERNATIONAL CHEERLEADING CLUB



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RIVERS GAMES

MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN

3 DAYS. 3 CHALLENGES. 1 CHAMPION.

FUNDRAISING FOR RIVERS SPORT ACADEMY

WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY



ARENA FOOTBALL

Interhouse 7 aside
football tournament
on the astroturf for
all students in Year 7-8

£2 TO PLAY

Sign up sheet on
the PE office door



**REPRESENT
YOUR HOUSE**

THURSDAY 16TH JULY



FUEL FOR THE GAMES (NUT FREE BAKESALE)

Outside the
Main Hall

**FUEL YOURSELF.
FUEL THE GAMES.**



**GET INVOLVED
HAVE FUN**

FRIDAY 17TH JULY



DODGEBALL SHOWDOWN

SIXTH FORM V STAFF

Lunchtime in
the Sports Hall

£1 ENTRY TO WATCH

Open to all
year groups!



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OUR ACADEMY**

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Careers Spotlight

Career of the Week



Southminster United FC U12s Youth Team

A massive congratulations to Southminster United FC U12s Youth Team on finishing runners up in Division 2 of the Blackwater and Dengie Youth Football League.

The team proudly collected their well-deserved medals at the league presentation, celebrating everything they have achieved this season. We are really proud of their efforts, and they have earned a promotion to Division 1 for the 2026/27 season. We can't wait to see what these talented students achieve and are always proud of the community and team involvement of our students outside of school.

Teddy (7Z1), Leo (7Z1), Reggie (7D1), Elliott (7D1), Ralphie (7D1), Henry (7M2), Harry (7D2), Monte (7Z1), Shay (7M1), Zack (7M2)





Year 7 - Mr Adair

As we come to the end of what has been a truly fantastic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the many successes, achievements, and memorable experiences that our Year 7 students have enjoyed. It has been a pleasure to watch our students grow in confidence, develop new friendships, and embrace the opportunities that secondary school life has to offer. The enthusiasm, resilience, and positive attitude shown by Year 7 throughout the year have been outstanding, and they should be incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished.

As we move through the final few weeks of term, we would like to remind families to keep up to date with any communication regarding uniform expectations during periods of hot weather. The school will continue to monitor conditions carefully and will provide updates whenever necessary to ensure students remain comfortable while maintaining high standards. Please continue to check school communications regularly so that you are aware of any temporary uniform adjustments that may be introduced.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the students who kindly invited me to watch the Starstruck performances this week. The talent, dedication, and confidence on display were absolutely amazing. It was wonderful to see so many students performing with such enthusiasm and passion. The performances were a real credit to everyone involved and showcased the creativity and commitment that makes our school community so special.

There is still plenty to look forward to before the summer holidays begin. On the final Monday of term, students will take part in our eagerly anticipated Sports Day. This is always a highlight of the school calendar and provides students with the opportunity to compete, support one another, and demonstrate excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. We are looking forward to a day filled with fun, energy, and plenty of house spirit.

The excitement continues on the final Tuesday of term with our Adventure Island trip to Southend. This promises to be a fantastic reward for students and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the end of a successful year with friends. We hope everyone attending enjoys a memorable day and makes the most of this well-deserved experience.

Our final day of the school year will also include a range of exciting prize draws and rewards. We are delighted to be able to offer some fantastic prizes, including the chance to win a mountain bike, along with a number of other rewards. These prizes recognise the hard work, commitment, attendance, and positive contributions that students have made throughout the year. We are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our students and ending the year on a high.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all students, parents, carers, and staff for their support and encouragement throughout the year. The partnership between home and school plays a vital role in helping our young people succeed, and your continued support is greatly appreciated. It has been a pleasure working with Year 7 this year, and I am incredibly proud of all that they have achieved. I wish everyone a wonderful, relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing our students return refreshed and ready for another successful year.

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Year 8 - Mr Moon

This week, our Year 8 assembly focused on the upcoming Sports Day. Students were reminded about the importance of arriving in the correct PE kit and adhering to uniform expectations throughout the day. We also discussed the range of activities and events that will be taking place, as well as how the structure of the school day will differ from our normal timetable. There is already a great sense of excitement building, and we are looking forward to seeing students represent their houses with enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship.

In History, I have had the opportunity to see Year 8 students exploring the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. Students have been learning about Tutankhamun and the mysteries surrounding his tomb, as well as investigating the construction and significance of the pyramids. It has been fantastic to see such curiosity and engagement as students develop their understanding of one of history's most remarkable civilisations.

Meanwhile, in Textiles, students have been showcasing their creativity through a variety of food-themed projects. Their work has included creating realistic pizzas and steaks, demonstrating impressive attention to detail and developing key practical skills. The quality of work on display has been excellent, and students should be proud of the effort they have put into these projects.

A huge congratulations goes to this week's top merit earners, who have consistently demonstrated our school values through their attitude, effort and commitment to learning:



Mason (8M1)



Eleanor (8M2)



James (8Z1)

Well done to all three students on this fantastic achievement. Keep up the excellent work! As always, thank you to all Year 8 students for their continued hard work and positive contributions to our school community. We look forward to celebrating more successes in the weeks ahead.

Hope you all have restful weekend

Many thanks

Year 8 team

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Year 9 – Mr Chapman

This week we have an impressive seven-way tie for the highest number of merits. Congratulations to:

- Ava (9A2)
- Katelynn (9D2)
- Lexi-Jaye (9Z1)
- Jayla (9M1)
- Oliver (9A1)
- Jude (9D1)
- Kassa (9A1)

A fantastic achievement from all involved.

Our top three students for merits across the year so far remain Ava, James and Mia. Well done on your sustained effort and commitment throughout the year.

As we approach the end of the academic year, we have now reached the penultimate newsletter. There is still plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks.

On Wednesday next week, we will hold our Honours Assembly, where we will recognise and celebrate the achievements of Year 9 students across a range of areas.

The following Monday is Sports Day, giving all students the opportunity to represent their house and contribute to the competition.

The day after Sports Day, students attending our Rewards Trip will be heading to Thorpe Park.

Finally, on the last day of term, we will come together for a whole-school assembly where we will reveal the prizes available through competitions such as In It to Win It. Students with the best attendance will have the opportunity to win some fantastic prizes, including the chance to win a brand new bike this year.

Thank you to all Year 9 students for their hard work and positive attitude throughout the year. Let's finish the term strongly.

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Year 10 - Mr Field

As we move through the final weeks of term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to recognise the excellent attitude shown by so many of our Year 10 students.

With the recent hot weather, we have been encouraging students to take sensible precautions throughout the school day. Please continue to support your child by ensuring they bring a refillable water bottle to school, use sun cream where necessary, and make the most of shaded areas during break and lunch. Staying hydrated and looking after their wellbeing helps students remain focused and comfortable in lessons.

Despite the warmer conditions, it has been fantastic to see students maintaining high standards in their learning. Many have continued to work hard in lessons, engage positively with their teachers, and complete classwork and homework to a good standard. As we approach the end of Year 10, this commitment and determination will place them in a strong position as they prepare for the important year ahead.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all parents and carers who have supported the organisation of work experience placements. Securing placements takes time and effort, and your assistance has been invaluable. Work experience provides students with a valuable opportunity to develop workplace skills, gain insight into future careers, and build confidence outside the classroom. We are grateful for the support you have given to help make these opportunities possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership with the school. We look forward to finishing the year strongly and celebrating the many successes of our Year 10 students.

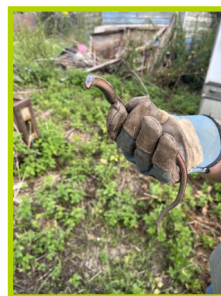
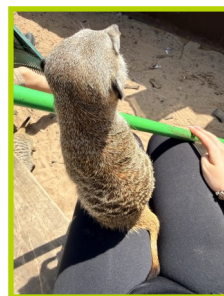
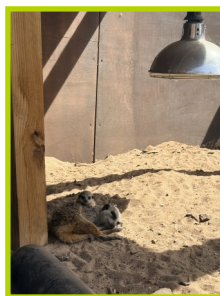
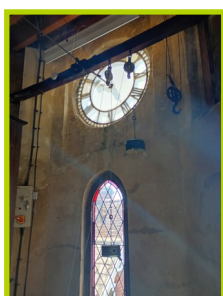
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Year 12 & 13 - Mrs Wilkins

It has been fantastic to welcome our Year 12 students back from their work experience placements this week. It has been wonderful hearing about their experiences and seeing how much they have gained from spending time in the workplace. We hope the placements have inspired them as they continue to think about their future careers.



Students have certainly hit the ground running, with many now focusing on drafting their UCAS personal statements. This is such an important part of the university application process, so please continue to work closely with your tutor, using their feedback to refine and strengthen your statement over the coming weeks.

Next week sees our annual Gym & Dance Show, Avatar, take to the stage. We are incredibly proud that so many of our Sixth Form students are performing, choreographing and supporting behind the scenes. We would love to see as many of you as possible come along and support what promises to be an amazing production.

With the warm weather set to continue, Sixth Form students may continue to wear appropriate sports attire. Please remember that strappy tops, cropped tops and short skirts are not permitted, and all clothing should remain suitable for a professional Sixth Form environment.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who helped make last week's Sixth Form Summer Ball such a memorable evening. It was fantastic to see so many students celebrating together at the end of the year, alongside members of staff. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped make it such a special occasion.



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Student Shout Out




Year 12 – Kyra - She has shown incredible resilience throughout the year, approaching every challenge with determination, maturity and a positive attitude. She has been an absolute pleasure to have in Sixth Form, consistently demonstrating kindness and a willingness to keep striving for success. Well done Kyra, we are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved and look forward to seeing all that you accomplish next year!

Sport Academy News

Rivers Games Takes Over ORA!

Next week, Ormiston Rivers Academy will host the first-ever Rivers Games, a week of fun, friendly competition and fundraising organised by the Rivers Sport Academy.

Students from across the school are invited to get involved in a range of exciting lunchtime events:

-  Arena Football (Year 7 & 8 Inter-House Tournament) Astroturf at lunch
-  Nut-Free Bake Sale
-  Dodgeball Showdown – Sixth Form vs Staff - Sports Hall lunch

Whether taking part, cheering from the sidelines or enjoying a sweet treat, every contribution will help raise funds for the Rivers Sport Academy. The money raised will go towards purchasing trophies, equipment and supporting future sporting opportunities for our students.

Good luck to everyone competing, and thank you to all the staff and students who have helped organise what promises to be an exciting week of community spirit, teamwork and healthy competition. Let the Rivers Games begin!

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.

What's Coming Up

- Thorpe Park Trip
- Sports Day
- Charlie Dix leading sessions on Finance and Future Careers
- House competitions



RIVERS SIXTH FORM

Exam Behaviour & JCQ Regulations

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

Key points to remember:

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

Sixth Form Dress Code

As the weather begins to get warmer, we would like to remind all Sixth Form students to continue to adhere to the Sixth Form dress code. Thank you for maintaining the high standards expected within our Sixth Form community. If you are ever unsure about what is appropriate, don't hesitate to check with the Sixth Form team.

Please note: Following a first warning, students who do not meet the dress code expectations will be asked to return home to change before re-joining lessons. Thank you for your cooperation and continued high standards.

Exams/Study

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

The Rivers Sixth Form Team

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Absent reporting to Mrs Penberthy: 01621 787882



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Catering



Menu

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

Nut Allergies

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

Parentpay

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

Free School Meals

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

Catering Cards

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

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



Rivers Academy Shop

Academy Shop

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

Equipment:

- | | |
|---|---|
| 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'.



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