

## Message from Mr Daniels, Principal:

Following the recent parent survey regarding communications with home, we are moving to a weekly bulletin with key information and a termly newsletter where we will celebrate wider events across the Academy. The survey also revealed that parents wished to receive further information regarding key aspects of Academy life, so over the course of the next few weeks we will endeavour to send out simple guides to some of these areas.

## Key events next week:

- Monday - Year 11 Assembly on Community, Enrichment and Student opportunities
- Tuesday - Year 10 Assembly on Community, Enrichment and Student opportunities. Trip to London to see Beetlejuice - The Musical. Year 8 and 9 Netball fixtures.
- Wednesday - Year 9 Assembly on Community, Enrichment and Student opportunities
- Thursday - Year 7 Tutor Assembly on Community, Enrichment and Student opportunities, Year 7 presentation on Road Safety (P1)
- Friday - Year 8 Assembly on Community, Enrichment and Student opportunities

## Upcoming Events:

- Week of 21 September: ORA Community moment - Carnival week
- Thursday 24 September @ 6pm: ORA Open Evening - **Please note that the academy will close for students at 1.50pm**
- Thursday 1 October @ 3.45pm: Year 7 Parent Information Evening
- Tuesday 6 October @ 5pm: Rivers Sixth Form Open Evening

## Attendance:

Our current attendance for KS3 and KS4 is 93.6%. As we know attendance is a key indicator in future success and as such we look for your support in ensuring all students have the highest possible attendance. Years 7 and 8 are currently above the national averages for attendance. Attendance in other year groups is below and this is an area we will be working with students and parents to address. Your support in doing so is greatly appreciated.

## Other Key Messages:

- **Can you help?** As part of our post-16 curriculum, we have a group of students studying Motor Vehicle Technology. This practical course provides a brilliant foundation for careers in the motor vehicle and engineering sectors. Unfortunately, we no longer have suitable cars to work on. If you have or know of any cars that would otherwise be going for scrap and would be willing to support us, please get in touch with the Academy. Many thanks.
- **Rewards:** From next week students will be able to swap their merits from our reward shop. Merits are awarded to students who exemplify our core values of Ambition, Community and Excellence.
- **Catering:** Thank you for your support transitioning to Arborpay for school meals. Despite some issues with being able to add funds, which Arbor are working on, the move across has been relatively successful. Please be aware that the allocation of FSM does not appear on the app, it is a "behind the scenes" process but we have raised a development request to Arbor to see if we can get this changed. One thing that would really help with the queue is students having their catering card out and ready every time they want to make a purchase. Please remind your child(ren). If the card has been lost or damaged, a new one can be purchased via Arborpay for £1. New cards are distributed during Tutor time each morning.

## Updated Policies:

Please note that following policies have been updated on our academy website for the new academic year and can be viewed here: [Ormiston Rivers Academy - Policies](#)

Behaviour Policy, Allergy Safety Policy, Attendance Policy, Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, Complaints Policy, Keeping Children Safe in Education, Uniform Policy, Photography & Video Policy, RSHE Policy, SEND Policy