

Message from Mr Daniels, Principal:

Thursday evening saw our Open Evening event taking place. The academy was full of year 6 students and their parents together with staff and a huge number of students who had volunteered to support. Walking around the academy I was immensely proud of the vibrant, engaging and warm atmosphere. We have had numerous messages praising the students who supported, and I would like to personally say a huge thank you to all those involved, from tour guides to subject helpers to speech givers, the efforts of our students were greatly appreciated and valued. The evening showed the very best of what we as a community can achieve.

Attendance Update:

Whole school attendance currently sits at 91.3%. This is well below attendance nationally and sadly means too many students are missing important learning. We welcome your support in ensuring students are attending regularly as we all know the hugely positive impact good attendance has on career prospects and future success.

Key Messages:

- **ORA Community Moment - Carnival Week:** a huge thank you to parents, carers and students for supporting our September charity event to raise funds for the Burnham-On-Crouch Carnival Committee in order to support such a fantastic local event. It was wonderful to see so many students enthusiastically taking part in the lunchtime carnival games, concluding with the inaugural today "Sponge a Teacher" event which created lots of laughter and school spirit across the academy.
- **Catering Cards:** A reminder that from Monday 28 September, students who arrive at the canteen without their catering card will be asked to re-join the queue. We appreciate your support in helping students get into the habit of bringing their card with them every day. If your child's catering card has been lost or damaged, a replacement can be purchased via ArborPay for £1.
- **Chewing Gum:** a reminder that students are not permitted to have chewing gum in the academy.
- **Communication:** We hope that the new parent bulletin is keeping you informed of key information in an effective manner. When you have questions or need to contact the school, we do our best to provide a suitable response in an efficient manner as possible. We will always aim to respond to you within 48 hours.

Key events next week:

Thursday: Year 7 Parent/Carer information evening @ 5pm in the Main Hall

Upcoming Events:

- Monday 5 October: Student Flu Vaccinations
- Tuesday 6 October: Rivers Sixth Form Open Evening 5pm-7pm