

Message from Mr Daniels, Principal:

It was lovely to meet with year 7 parents this week during our information evening. Parental support is hugely important, so it was wonderful to see so many of you there. Next week sees our 6th Form Open evening and I would encourage parents and students from years 11 and 10 to attend to see the amazing offer we have for post -16 students. We are really proud of our vibrant 6th Form provision which not only offers a wide range of academic and vocational opportunities but also plays a wider role in our community - this week our post-16 students have been baking for our very own Rivers Bake-Off event. The results have been spectacular!

Key Events Next Week:

- **Monday:** Flu Vaccinations - Years 7,8 & 9
- **Tuesday:** Rivers Sixth Form Open Evening 5-7pm

Upcoming Events

- **Thursday 15 October:** Year 7 & 8 Space VR workshop which offers an unparalleled journey where the entire class simultaneously pilots research vessels around planets and moons, delving deep into the wonders of the solar system.
- **Monday 26 October to Friday 6 November:** Half Term Holiday (2 weeks)
- **Monday 9th November to Friday 21st November:** Year 11 Mock Exams

Key Messages:

- **Year 11 Prom Points:** Prom Points for our year 11 students kicked off this week. With mock exams fast approaching we are encouraging our year 11 students to bring in their revision to add points to those achieved in school. A special bonus of 10 points will be awarded for Year 11 students attending our Sixth Form Open evening.
- **Children In Need:** Rivers will be supporting Children in Need this year. Pudsey Pin Badges, Wristbands and Pens are available for students and staff to purchase in the library at break and lunch time for £1 each.
- **Free School Meals:** The eligibility criteria for Free School Meals have been expanded. From the beginning of the 2026/27 academic year, children from households receiving Universal Credit are entitled to a free school meal. If your household receives Universal Credit, we encourage you to find out more and check your child's eligibility on the Essex County Council website. If you would like any support or advice, please contact info@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk, and we will be happy to assist.