Ormiston RIVERS Academy | Parent/Carer Bulletin 20.11.2026

Key events next week:

- **23-30 November 2026:** Year 13 Mock Exams
- **Thursday 26 November:** Flu Vaccine catch up session

Upcoming Events:

- **7-11 December:** Year 12 Mock Exams
- **Thursday 10 December:** Year 11 Parents Evening:
- **14, 15, 16 December at 7pm:** Performances of "Not Another High School Musical"
- **Thursday 17th December:** Christmas Lunch
- **Friday 18 December:** Break up for Christmas Holiday
- **Monday 4 January:** Staff INSET Day - academy closed to students

Attendance:

- **Reporting Absences:** Please remember that all absences should be reported to the school daily by 8:00am. Daily absences due to illness can now be reported directly through the Arbor app via the Attendance tab, we no longer use MyEd or IRIS for absence reporting. On the 1st of December the attendance voicemail line will no longer be active. Please see the instructions linked here on how to log a student absence: https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/19947254592029-Logging-absences-on-the-Parent-Portal-and-Arbor-App. Please note that future appointments, planned absences and leave of absence requests should only be sent to attendance@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk. Please do not use the in-app messaging function within Arbor to report absences or request leave, as these messages will not be seen by the Attendance Team.

Key Messages:

- **House Competition 1:** The Performing Arts department are running a house competition for students to design the official programme cover for our school show "Not Another High School Musical". The deadline for this is Monday 30th November so please encourage your child to get creative and either email or hand in their entries to Mrs Turnnidge. Further details can be found on the attached poster.
- **House Competition 2:** The PSHE department are running a house competition for students with entries required to be with Mrs Dennis by 6th December 2026. Students can choose one of the following competition categories:1. Anti-Bullying Poster: Design an eye-catching poster that communicates a powerful anti-bullying message. Include a memorable slogan and advice on how students can challenge or report bullying. 2. Creative Writing: Write a short story, poem or spoken-word piece exploring the impact of bullying, the importance of kindness or the courage it takes to speak out (Maximum 500 words 3. Spreading Kindness: Create a table — Do something nice for one person and pass the table along – see how many people and pages you will get through – the last person will need to pass it back to the person who started this.
- **Children in Need:** Last Friday saw us take part in the annual Children in Need charity event. A non-uniform day together with a bake sale saw us raise over £900. It was great to see our community coming together to support others.
- **Behaviour system:** Our second week under the changed behaviour system has been completed. We have seen a significant improvement in behaviour, particularly in lessons. As with any new system we have made a few tweaks to ensure the smooth running. We would like to remind parents that detentions now run every night after school and, particularly for those who have challenges with transport after the school day, would urge parents to speak with students about ensuring they meet our expectations to avoid the need for such sanctions being required.
- **Emergency Procedures:** Next week, as part of our ongoing form time culture activities we will be reminding students about our emergency lock down procedures including what happens during a fire drill. We will talk about safety and the reason tha we have a lock down procedure so please be aware that students may discuss this with parents/carers at home.
- **Christmas Lunch:** Now available to purchase on Arborpay at a reduced cost of £5. On 17th December each year group will join together to celebrate in our Christmas lunch event. If students wish to have a traditional Christmas dinner followed by a pudding, this must be ordered using Arborpay. Please ensure you add any dietary requirements in the comments field when making your booking. Students entitled to Free School Meals must also book through Arborpay in the same way or you can order a packed lunch in the comments field. All students will be given a cracker and drink carton regardless of if they are having the Christmas dinner option or not. The whole year group will be seated in either the main hall or canteen. Christmas lunch will be the only food offered at lunchtime on that day. Those not wanting to take this up must bring in a packed lunch. Cold food: wraps, fruit pots, fresh fruit will be available at breaktime as usual.

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PRESENTS...

NOT ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL!



HOUSE COMPETITION

Design the Official Programme Cover!

Could **YOUR** artwork become the front cover of the programme for this year's spectacular school musical?

*Create a programme cover that captures the adventure of **Troy** and **Gabriella** as they journey through some of the world's most famous musicals!*

After a karaoke machine explodes during a performance of *High School Musical*, they find themselves lost in a whirlwind of musical theatre magic, travelling through:



YOUR COVER MUST INCLUDE SHOW INFORMATION

- ORMISTON RIVERS ACADEMY PRESENTS...
- ***NOT ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL***
- Monday 14th December
  Tuesday 15th December
  Wednesday 16th December
- All performances start at **7:00pm**

Ticket Prices

Adults: **£7.50**
Concessions: **£5.00**

COMPETITION RULES

- Entries may be hand-drawn or digitally created
- Include the title: ***Ormiston Rivers Academy Presents... Not Another High School Musical***
- Make your design colourful, creative and suitable for a theatre programme cover
- Do NOT put your name on the front of your design

Digital entries can be emailed to Mrs Turnnidge lturnnidge@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Hand-drawn entries can be given directly to ***Mrs Turnnidge***

Deadline: Monday 30th November

House points will be awarded and the winning design will be featured on the offiicial programme!

Lights! Music! Adventure!

Get designing and show us your creativity!