# Ormiston RIVERS Academy | Parent/Carer Bulletin 27.11.2026

**Message from Mr Daniels:**

As we approach December and the final 3 weeks of term things are definitely not slowing down here at Rivers. Students have been engaging in a host of enrichment activities this week including theatre trips and national competitions, and this commitment to providing students with a wealth of experiences continues into the coming weeks. Students in our examination years have been working hard over the past few weeks in completing mock examinations to help prepare for the summer - we are looking forward to sharing their achievements before the end of term and working with both students and parents to further improve upon these. It has also been impressive to see the commitment of those students involved in the school production putting time into their rehearsals and I would encourage as many parents as possible to come and see the finished production (tickets are still available) in the last week of term.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **7-11 December:** Year 12 Mock Exams
- **Thursday 10 December:** Year 11 Parents Evening: Booking for Parents evening will be through Arbor with information regarding how to book emailed out next week
- **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

**Key Messages:**

- **Uniform Expectations:** Please can parents & carers continue to support us by ensuring students have the correct uniform. If students are wishing to wear a jumper under their blazer please be reminded that only the optional academy jumper is permitted, other jumpers or hoodies are not acceptable.
- **'Not Another High School Musical'**: Tickets for our school show *'Not Another High School Musical'* are on are on sale and selling out fast! Please come and watch our fantastic students perform on either Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th or Wednesday 16th December from 7pm. You can get your tickets (cash only) from our main reception, priced at £7.50 adults and £5 concessions. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **PE**: Please can parents/carers be mindful of the cold weather for PE. Students are allowed to wear the ORA PE Jumper and under armour type long sleeve tops/leggings. Students with outdoor PE lessons should also wear football/rugby/moulded stud footwear.
- **Humanities Remembrance House Competition**: Students were set the challenge of creating a piece of artwork or poetry which showed people what was being remembered at Remembrance Services on 11th November. Entries came in from across the year groups and the ones judged to have conveyed the message the best were: Jayla 10M1, Rosie 7A1 and Bobbi 7A1. Congratulations to these three 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: Logging absences on the Parent Portal and Arbor App – Arbor Help Centre

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.