



Student Bulletin
What's on this week?
16-20th December 2024

School timings:

Please be reminded of our school timings below:

Mon, Tues & Thurs		Wed		Fri	
09:10-9:35	Tutor	09:10-09:35	Tutor	09:10-09:20	Tutor
09:35-10:35	Lesson 1	09:35-10:35	Lesson 1	09:20-10:15	Lesson 1
10:35-10:55	Break	10:35-10:55	Break	10:15-11:10	Lesson 2
10:55-11:55	Lesson 2	10:55-11:55	Lesson 2	11:10-11:30	Break
11:55-12:55	Lesson 3	11:55-12:55	Lesson 3	11:30-12:25	Lesson 3
12:55-13:35	Lunch	12:55-13:35	Lunch	12:25-13:00	Lunch
13:35-14:35	Lesson 4	13:35-14:35	Lesson 4	13:00-13:55	Lesson 4
14:35-15:35	Lesson 5	14:35-15:35	Lesson 5	13:55-14:50	Lesson 5
		15:35-16:30	Elective	14:50-15:15	Celebration Assembly

Canteen Menu:



**RIVER
ACADEMY**

WEEK ONE



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Spaghetti Bolognaise Garlic Bread Broccoli	Katsu Curry Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables		Sausage & Mash Carrots Gravy	Chip Shop Friday
Vegetarian	Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread Salad	Vegetable Korma Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables		Quorn Sausage & Mash Carrots Gravy	Cheese & Onion Pastie
Jackets	Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad	Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad		Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad	Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad
Dessert of the Day	Apple Crumble Custard	Syrup Sponge Custard		Jam Sponge Custard	Donuts
Dessert Alternative	Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie	Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie		Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie	Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie

Please ask for more information if you have any allergies.



On **December the 18th** we will be inviting students to come to school in their Christmas jumpers to raise money for Save the Children. Please bring **£1** to support the charity and wear normal school uniform apart from blazers under your festive jumper.

Merry Christmas
Wednesday 18th December

★ **MAID MEAL**
Roast Turkey & Pigs in Blankets served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables, Gravy

★ **MAID MEAL**
Tomato, Basil & Goats Cheese Tart served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables, Gravy

★ **DESSERT**
Choice of Chocolate Fudge Yule Log Or Christmas Pudding with Cream

£3.50

WE'RE CELEBRATING

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Save the Children

Changes to the timetable
next week:

Wednesday

Friday

18 th December – Christmas Lunch		20 th December – Last day of term	
09:10-09:35	Tutor	09:10-09:20	Tutor
09:35-10:35	Lesson 1	09:20-10:00	Lesson 1
10:35-10:55	Break	10:00-10:40	Lesson 2
10:55-11:55	Lesson 2	10:40-11:05	Breaktime
11:55-12:55	Lesson 3	11:05-11:50	Tutor time
12:55-14:15	Lunch	11:50-12:25	Celebration assembly
14:25-14:55	Lesson 4	12:20-13:00	Lunch
14:55-15:35	Lesson 5	13:00	Dismissal



PE Update

As we come towards the end of term, this means that we are coming to the end of learning badminton and health and fitness. The amount of progress students have shown either in the consistency of their shots in badminton or the knowledge of muscles and bones in H+F has been fantastic and the students should be proud of themselves.

Next term, we are going to be learning basketball and netball. The reason we are learning these sports together is because there are lots of transferrable skills and they complement each other very well. Whilst basketball will be indoors, netball will be outside on the MUGA, so students must prepare themselves accordingly for PE outside in January.

Students are more than welcome to wear tracksuit bottoms, quarter zips, round-neck jumpers and gloves as I want them to be warm. I do not want students to wear hoodies as these are not part of our PE uniform and students will not be allowed to wear these. I also do not want students to wear their coats as again these are not part of our PE uniform so again, they will not be allowed to wear these.

Just a reminder for kit expectations for PE:

Badminton - trainers, tracksuit bottoms/shorts, River PE top, long football style socks

Health and Fitness - trainers, tracksuit bottoms/shorts, River PE top, long football style socks.



Basketball fixture vs Denefield:

Our second basketball fixture took place this week vs Denefield and the students showed a vast improvement from their last fixture against Blessed Hugh Faringdon. Our defensive structure was much better, and we were more clinical going forward. It was a really exciting match and going into the last quarter 12 points down meant we had it all to do. However, a comeback sparked by Mana got the wheels rolling and buoyed by some excellent sideline support, the team managed to claw the game back to 28-30 by the end of the fourth quarter.

So, while we lost and the result is not what we would have hoped for, the team showed great determination to get back into a position where we could have won the game. I am hoping for some more basketball fixtures in the new year as I know how much I and the team enjoy playing.

Inter-House Matches Monday 16th December

We have our second instalment of inter-house matches on Monday, with the boys playing football at Rivermead 3G, and the girls playing netball on the MUGA. With Kennet winning the rugby and football last time, all eyes will be on them to see if they can repeat the double. With the logistics of getting every student changed at lunchtime being impossible, students **must once again attend school in their PE kit for the day. The boys must remember to bring in some shin pads and football boots to change into.** The school day will run as normal, then after lunch we will line up, go into the sports hall and begin the competition. The students will be reminded of this Thursday and Friday.



Girls Football Club

When?	Every Tuesday after-school 1535-1635
Where?	Meet after line-up but it will be on the 3G at Rivermead
Who can come?	Anyone!
Is there a sign up required?	No!
What do I need to bring?	Shin pads, long socks, shorts/tracksuit bottoms, football boots, River PE Top
Why should I come?	Chance to meet new people, make some friends, play some competitive sport.
Will there be games against other schools?	Yes, starting on the 20th November there will be games every Wednesday
How do I get onto the school team?	Come to training and Mr Clare will choose the team!



Basketball Club



Every Thursday after-school in the Sports Hall

Fixtures will be taking place

Sign up required - speak to Mr Clare

32 places - 16 for boys and 16 for girls with reserve places available

The kit you require is:

Trainers

Socks

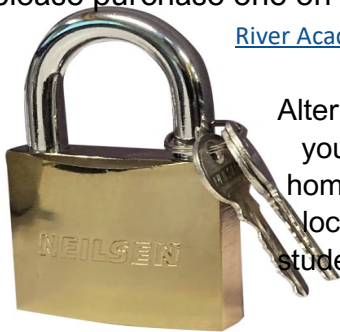
Shorts/tracksuit bottoms

River PE Top

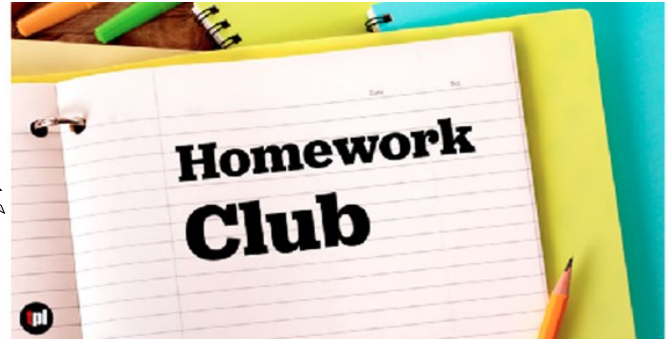
Padlocks:

Anyone wanting a padlock for their lockers, please purchase one on Parentpay:

[River Academy Shop \(parentpay.com\)](http://parentpay.com)



Alternatively you can bring your own padlock from home as long as the padlock neck is 5mm—All students have an allocated locker!



Homework Club will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.35pm until 4.30pm in Room 1.26, starting Tuesday 17th September.

It is a voluntary, supervised, drop-in session each time. Students need to let their parents know in advance that they will be staying to Homework club. A register is kept for students to sign in and out. Students should bring with them booklets, books and equipment needed for them to do their homework independently, with adult support available. We look forward to seeing you!

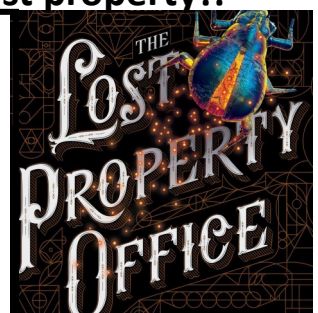
We have LOTS of bits in lost property!!

Lost your blazer?

Cant find your tie?

Walked home in one shoe?!

Come and look in our Lost Prop-





Monthly Maths House Competition - December

Every month, a maths problem will be posted on the student bulletin and displayed in your tutor rooms.

You can give only one answer in the month. Hand your completed answer to your form tutor by the end of the month.

The maths team will award every student with the correct answer 3 merits each.

The more students that take part, the more merits you have a chance of winning for your tutor/house


Maths Problem of the Month – December

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor by the end of the 18th December. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

Replace the letters with figures so that the sum is correct. Each letter always stands for the same figure.


$$\begin{array}{r}
 ABC \\
 ABC \\
 + ABC \\
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 BBB
 \end{array}$$

Winter Photography Competition


RIVER ACADEMY

Get outside this winter and be inspired by your surroundings.

Appreciate the beauty of our natural environment during these winter months.



Deadline: Friday 10th January 2025

Please submit your entries to: Luren@maidenerlegthrust.org

Enter River Academy's Winter Photography Competition!

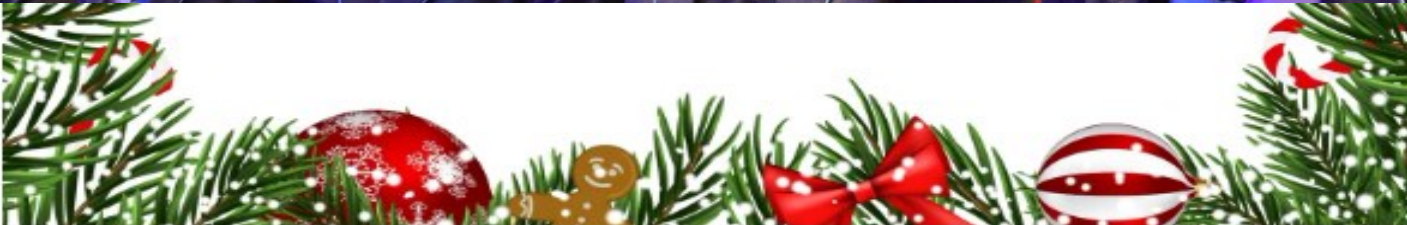
The holiday season is the perfect time to explore the outdoors and capture the stunning natural beauty that winter brings. From frosty landscapes to golden sunsets, there's inspiration all around you. Whether you're out for a winter walk or just enjoying the festive season, take your phone or camera along to snap those magical moments.

Please submit your entries to Luren@maidenerlegthrust.org by Friday 10th January 2025





Panto Photos!





The Parents' Corner!



Develop Self-Discipline

Learn Boxing Techniques

Build Self-Confidence

Healthy Physical Activity

Free Boxing Camp

info@n3wangle.com



11:00am - 2:00pm



December: 23, 24, 27, 30, 31; January: 3



Ages 11 - 18



MBMT, Bridgewater Close, Reading RG30 1JT

Our intensive training camps develop technical and tactical skills while considering the physical and mental aspects of boxing, improving confidence and decision-making. Alongside skill development, we integrate mentoring throughout the day to support personal growth. A nutritional lunch will also be provided. Boxers will be grouped by age and ability and will join two training sessions each day.

Session 1:

Boxing technique, sparring and drills.

What to bring:

Appropriate clothing and footwear, headguard, gumshield and gloves (if owned), drinks bottle and water

Session 2:

Boxing fitness, bag work, circuit, core, strength and conditioning.

All coaches are:

Child Safeguarding and Emergency, Aid certified, Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checked, Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insured

Professional Boxing Coach with 20+ Years Experience!
Scan the QR Code Below to Book Now!

