



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on this week?

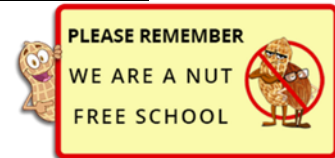
9th–13th December

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:



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WEEK Two



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Meat Ball Pasta Garlic Bread Carrots	Chicken Tika Masala Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables	Lasagne Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Chicken Fajita Wrap Salad	Chip Shop Friday
Vegetarian	<u>Vegi</u> Meat Ball Pasta Garlic Bread Carrots	Vegetable Korma Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables	<u>Vegi</u> Lasagne Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread Salad	Vegan Sausage Roll
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	Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad
Dessert of the Day	Apple Crumble Custard	Syrup Sponge Custard	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce	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	Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie

Please ask for more information if you have any allergies.

PE updates:

PE lessons have been going well this week with students throwing themselves into learning new skills both in badminton and health and fitness. We have some House Matches lined up for the end of term on Monday 16th December. The boys will be playing some 7-a-side football on Rivermead 3G, whilst the girls will be playing netball/end zone style on the MUGA. There will be more details to follow on this, but I am really excited to again offer students a chance to play some friendly but competitive sport against one another.

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.

Extra-curricular clubs

Please note that some clubs will be coming to an end this week as we have a busy schedule ahead over the final few weeks of term.

1. Due to a basketball fixture on Tuesday next week, badminton club has been postponed next week but the final session of the term will be held on Tuesday 17th December.
2. Girl's football has now finished due to clashes with the pantomime and celebration evenings over the next two Wednesdays.
3. We have a basketball fixture on Tuesday at home vs Denefield, but due to the meet the tutor evening on the 12th December, the final basketball club will be on Thursday 19th December.

Girls football update:

We had our final girls fixtures this week and what a way to finish! We lost our first game against Denefield who were by far the better team, but the defeat did not get the girls down and they roared back to beat Maiden Erlegh Reading and Prospect, with teachers from both schools commenting on how well we played and the skill on show from our students. The standout performers were Lexi in goal, Nadia, Shakira, Aneeqa and Eva who all played very well. It has been a real pleasure to coach these girls over the last four weeks and we have the makings of a very strong team to come over the next few years.



Basketball Club:

Another packed out basketball club this week which is great to see. We were working on the speed of our play and winning the ball back from the opposition, which were two areas we found ourselves lacking in against Blessed Hugh Faringdon last week. There are some very talented players here at River and it is great to see them help others who are less experienced. The team-sheet has gone out for the game on Tuesday so please check MCAS and reply to say if your child is available to play.

Boys Football:

We entered our first ever 5-a-side tournament at JMA this week and the boys were fantastic. We were placed in a group with Denefield, the Willink and WREN which are all well respected and well-established schools in Reading. We beat Denefield 1-0 and drew against the Willink and the WREN 2-2 and 0-0 respectively, which put us through to the next round as runners up in the group. We came up against a very skilled Highdown team and were very lucky to escape with a 0-0 draw which put into penalties to decide our semi-final place. Unfortunately, despite some heroics from our goalkeeper Luke, the pressure was too much, and we bowed out at the quarter-final stage. However, to see we came in the top 8 of all the schools in Reading is a fantastic achievement and I was [really proud](#) of the team who showed lots of skill and flair!



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

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!

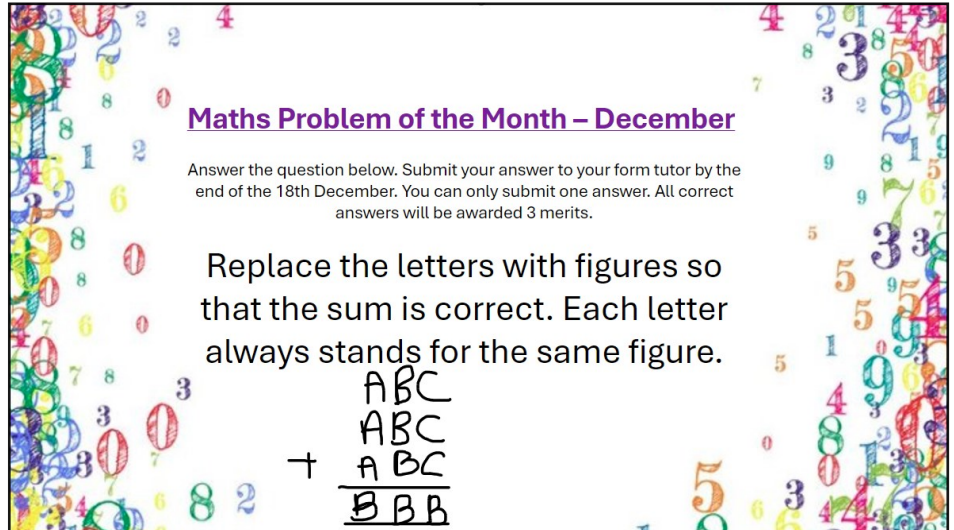
Monthly Maths House Competition - December

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 group.



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.

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

Winter Photography Competition



Get outside this winter and be inspired by your surroundings.

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

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 l.uren@maidenerleghttrust.org by Friday 10th January 2025

Deadline: Friday 10th January 2025

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Keep Going - Edgar A. Guest

Challenge! Without looking at your poem, can you remember the words from the gaps?

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the _____ you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the _____ are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is _____ you down a bit,
Rest if you must—but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its _____ and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he _____ it out;
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow—
You may _____ with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the _____ of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the _____ when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't _____ .

DECEMBER

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CBEEBIES MEGASTAR

JUSTIN FLETCHER

PAUL MORSE SAMANTHA DORRANCE

CARL TRACEY BEX ALLINGHAM CASSANDRA LEE

RACHEL DELOOZE ADAM PETTIGREW

Cinderella

The Magical Family Pantomime!

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Dec 18

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

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. There will also be a Christmas lunch served in the canteen which must be pre order by 10th December [here](#). It will cost £3.50 and you can pay on the ParentPay shop [here](#) unless you are entitled to Free School Meals.

WE'RE CELEBRATING

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Save the Children

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!

