



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on this week?

10th - 14th February 2025

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 Bolognese Garlic Bread Broccoli	Katsu Curry Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables	Chicken Burger in a Bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Sausage & Mash Carrots Gravy	Chip Shop Friday
Vegetarian	Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread Salad	Vegetable Korma Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables	Vegi Burger in a bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	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	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.



CLUBS ON THIS TERM

TUESDAY

Netball with
Miss Moore

Touch Rugby
with Mr Clare

THURSDAY

Boys football
with Mr Clare

FRIDAY

Badminton with
Mr Dukinfield

KIT

Netball -
trainers, long
socks, shorts,
River PE top

Rugby -
trainers, long
socks, shorts,
River PE Top

KIT

Football boots,
shin pads, long
socks, shorts,
River PE top

KIT

Trainers, long
socks, shorts,
River PE Top

NOTES

All clubs will begin after-school and finish at approximately 430. Students can go home in their PE kit and do not have to get changed back into uniform.



Royal Academy of Arts: Planning ideas!

Tuesday 11th February, 3.45–4.45pm in Room 2.41 (Art Room)



Come and take part in a workshop to discuss ideas for The Royal Academy young artists summer show, a national competition that is run every year to encourage young artists to submit work with the hope of being selected for an online or onsite exhibition at the Royal Academy. During the workshop you can discuss your ideas, what media you might like to use and start initial sketches/designs.



Speak to Ms U'ren if you have any questions.

Sign up required – outside 1.21 (Miss Angell's Room)

What did the Romans do for fun?

13th February, 3.45–4.45pm, held at River Academy



Based on a seminar taught at the University of Reading, the session starts by looking at how Romans spent their leisure time, before examining ancient evidence for the Romans' love of board games, both archaeological and written, from recent archaeological research conducted by the University's academics.



If you love History or Board Games, then this session is not to be missed!

Speak to Miss Angell if you have any questions.

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Free event!

Beak Buffet

Free Event with staff from the University of Reading – 3:45–4:45pm, Thursday 27th February



In this session we look at adaptation and evolution. You will test out different bird 'beaks' and investigate how well different shapes of beak can extract and pick up different 'food sources'. The activity leads into a wider discussion about adaptation to different environments, and why this is important for all life on earth.



This is a chance to learn more **Science** and **Geography!** **There are only 30 spaces!**

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Community Lectures

A new series of FREE public lectures open to all



Join Prof. Aston who will explore recent archaeological evidence to reconsider ancient Greek attitudes to animals and help us decide if Greek attitudes towards animals were not nearly as coldly practical as we may once have chosen to believe!

Professor Emma Aston
University of Reading

Lecture: The role of pets in ancient Greek life

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No need to register - everyone welcome!

The chance to meet academics and ask questions!



Tuesday 25th March
4-5pm
Arrive by 3.45pm



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Put the phrase 'pet stroller' into your favourite search-engine, and countless hits appear, most of them advertisements for comfy, stylish buggies in which your pet can ride in luxury as you push it through the streets or the park. Of course this phenomenon can meet practical requirements, as well as the disinclination of a pampered pug to let its paws touch the pavement, but overall it is a certainly a sign of the role of domestic animals in twenty-first century Britain: never have pets - dogs especially - been more intimately integrated into human households, as full family members, their value on a par with that of their human care-givers.

What would the ancient Greeks have thought of this? About twenty years ago, most historians have said. Not much. The ancient Greek attitude to animals used to be viewed through the lens of utility: either an animal was useful to humanity, or else it was a pest (and was dealt with accordingly). More recently, however, we have started to reconsider this assumption with regard to companion animals. Archaeological evidence has produced clear signs of pets being lovingly tended, far beyond what the principle of usefulness would seem to dictate: and we may look afresh at texts and artefacts which plainly represent an emotional bond between human and non-human animals, telling us that Greek attitudes towards animals were not nearly as coldly practical as we may once have chosen to believe.



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Prem Gill
University of Cambridge

Lecture: Seals from Space- how polar explorers use satellites to study Antarctic wildlife

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Antarctic ice seal populations can help show changes in the Antarctic ecosystem's status and health. But they live in an ever changing, hard to reach sea ice zone which makes them hard to study. Prem's research project "Seals from Space" meets that challenge in an unexpected way: he researches the seals and their habitat with high resolution satellite imagery. From examining pink poop stains left behind by giant penguin colonies to spotting a lone mother seal with her pup, Prem will show you how satellite images are used to study polar wildlife in the world's most remote and extreme continent, Antarctica.



Tuesday 29th April
4-5pm
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Monthly Maths House Competition - January

Maths Problem of the Month – February 25

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor by the end of the 26th February. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

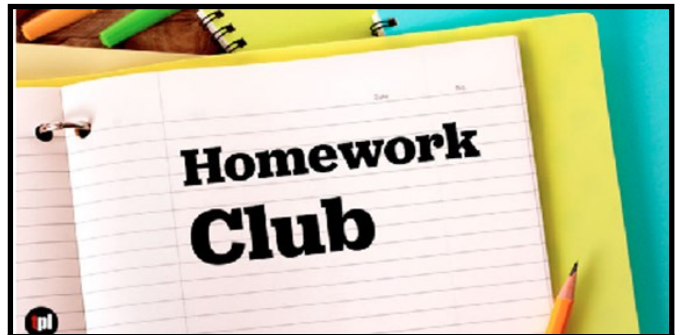
A large box contains 5 smaller boxes. Each of these boxes contains 5 little boxes which in turn contain 5 tiny boxes.

Annie takes out all the boxes and places them on her table.

How many boxes does she have?



Please come and check lost property—anything left at half term will be disposed of.



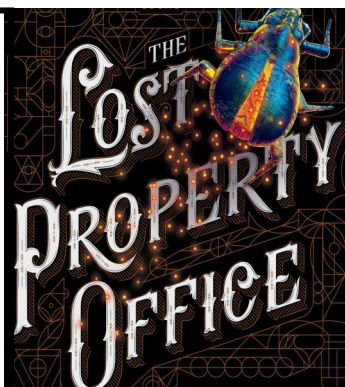
Homework club will run on Tuesday and Thursdays in the LRC from 3:35-4:30. It is a voluntary, supervised, drop-in session each time. Students need to let their parents know in advance that they will be staying and a register will be kept for students to sign in and out. Students need to bring booklets and equipment needed for them to complete their homework independently with adult support available. We look forward to seeing you there!

Lost your blazer?

Can't find your tie?

Walked home in one shoe?!

Come and look in our Lost Property Box in Reception before or



Have some serious fun on bikes

Spring
half term
2025

Sign up for a Bikeability course

Pick your time and place - book online

Prospect Park

Learn to ride

17 Feb
0930-1045
1100 - 1215
1330 - 1445

18 Feb
0900 - 1015
1030 - 1145
1315 - 1430

20 Feb
1000 - 1115
1130 - 1245
1400 - 1515

Highdown School

Level 1 & 2

18-19 Feb
All day

Level 3

20 Feb
0930 - 1500

Woodford Park

Level 1 & 2

17-18 Feb
All day

Jocks Lane
Bracknell

Level 1 & 2

18-19 Feb
All day



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