



# RIVER ACADEMY

## Student Bulletin

### What's on this week?

#### 17th–21st March

### School timings:

Please be reminded of our school timings:

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



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## WEEK ONE



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Course</b>	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
<b>Vegetarian</b>	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 Paste
<b>Jackets</b>	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
<b>Dessert of the Day</b>	Apple Crumble Custard	Syrup Sponge Custard	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce	Jam Sponge Custard	Donuts
<b>Dessert Alternative</b>	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 update:

### Lessons:

The students have continued their good work in lessons this week with their behaviour, effort and kit all being exemplary. On the topic of kit, after the Easter holidays we will be moving to our summer PE kit. Whilst the River PE shirt will remain the same, students are to no longer wear tracksuit bottoms or the long, black football style socks. Instead, they are going to be expected to wear crew length white socks (pictured below) and black shorts. The reason for this is because the weather is (hopefully!) going to improve and tracksuit bottoms will not be necessary in the heat. Furthermore, if everyone is wearing white socks, this will create a sense of community and everyone looking the same with no one standing out. I do not mind if there is a logo on them, such as the Nike tick on the socks in the picture below. Please note that students wearing black/grey/blue socks will result in a demerit and breaktime detention for incomplete kit. If this is going to present an issue, please email me and let me know and we can discuss how to move forward.



### Injury/illness in PE

Participation in PE at River is fantastic and I have never known a more enthusiastic, hungry and willing group of students who love sport as much as those at River. The 100% participation in everything really does extend to all areas of the school and it makes my job so much more enjoyable when I am not spending 10 minutes every lesson dealing with kit issues, so thank you so much for all your help in getting your child organised for school.

Moving forward, if your child is poorly/injured and is unable to take part in PE as they normally would, can you please ensure they are still sent to school with their PE kit so they can still get changed to take part in the lesson. Whilst this does not mean they will be taking part as a participant, there are other roles in the lesson they can undertake, such as that of an official, coach, sports analyst, or helping with equipment. Moreover, if it is raining and we still go outside, I do not want the students' uniform to become wet and then they must sit in damp clothes for the rest of the day. If, however, they have broken their arm/leg/foot or are in a cast or on crutches, then there is no expectation they bring in their kit to get changed. Thank you for your cooperation with this, if there are any issues, please email me on [j.clare@maidenerlegitrust.org](mailto:j.clare@maidenerlegitrust.org) and we can discuss how to move forward.

### National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships

Thank you to the 20 or so of you who have signed up for the national rowing competition. It is due to take place on the 20th March and will run until 5pm. Please ensure you have paid the £2.05 entry fee that was set up on Parent Pay if you signed up to the event. I am really looking forward to seeing how our students do both individually and on the national stage!

## Netball Fixtures

Two write ups from our most recent netball matches! Last Thursday, our fantastic netballers made it 4 wins from 4 after beating the Wren 7-2 in a well contested game. Miss Moore told me she was 'blown away' by some of the attacking moves the students completed and the amazing shooting of our GA and GS. I have seen this first hand in training, and I know how hard Miss Moore drills the students on completing a set play from the centre pass in 5 attempts, which is clearly paying off! Some of the defensive work from players such as Shakira and Molly was excellent and it is commonly known in sport that a strong defense is what sets a platform for winning games and successful teams, which our netballers seem to have in abundance. The team is doing incredibly well and not only going toe-toe with some of the big schools in Reading but beating them too. We welcomed Prospect this week having already played them in a pre-season friendly after Christmas...



And the girls had clearly learned their lessons from that friendly as we ran our 3-1 winners against a tall and physical side in Prospect. The standout performer in this game was Scarlett, who had no previous experience of netball before joining River, but is now trusted to be the captain and centre position of the team, showing how fantastic she is. The girls have one more game next Monday










against Blessed Hugh-B team as they look to complete a clean sweep across the league and advance into the semi-finals and finals.



## Football fixture

Our footballers once again hit the road and travelled to the Wren School to play against the hosts and the Willink, who traditionally always field a strong team due to being the only secondary in Burghfield & Mortimer, so boast a strong sporting reputation. I have said to the players from the outset that we are keeping the same core group of players together for consistency and structure, but we also made a few changes this week as we welcomed Leif and Jacob into the team who are both great players and I know will be a big part of the team this year and in years to come.

Playing the Willink first, it was a cagey affair as both sides looked to assert their dominance on the game. Some strong link up play from Saad, Aryan and Alman who controlled the midfield meant we dominated the game for large parts, with Ivan rounding the goalkeeper but not being able to convert the chance from a tight angle. This did not go to his head however, as 10 minutes from time, an in-swinging corner from our captain Jayon was deflected and fell kindly to Ivan again who met it sweetly first time and buried it across the keeper into the bottom corner to give us what would eventually be a 1-0 win. A massive shout out to Feybian as well, who played the role of a lone striker superbly and held the ball up and offered a strong linkup between attack and defence.

Position	Team
1	 Little Heath School Boys-U12A
2	 Highdown School Boys-U12A
3	 Theale Green School Boys-U12A
4	 River Academy Boys-U12A
5	 Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School Boys-U12A
6	 Prospect School Boys-U12A
7	 Denefield School Boys-U12A
8	 The Willink School Boys-U12A
9	 The Wren School Rovc-U12A

Buoyed by our win vs the Willink, the boys took to the Wren game with a spring in their step which showed in our relentless pressure on their goal and calmness on the ball when we were in possession. A shoutout to Leif and Jacob who played with such calmness and controlled the right side of the pitch with such composure. A goal from Aryan was enough to get us over the line in a tight 1-0 win which meant we left both fixtures with maximum points and two clean sheets, putting us fourth in the league. We travel to Blessed Hugh and Little Heath next week, the latter of which have won all four games and have scored 12 goals in the process, which is going to test our resolve!



# CLUBS ON THIS TERM

TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Netball with Miss Moore Touch Rugby with Mr Clare	Boys football with Mr Clare	Badminton with Mr Dukinfield
<b>KIT</b> Netball - trainers, long socks, shorts, River PE top Rugby - trainers, long socks, shorts, River PE Top	<b>KIT</b> Football boots, shin pads, long socks, shorts, River PE top	<b>KIT</b> Trainers, long socks, shorts, River PE Top
<b>NOTES</b> All clubs will begin after-school and finish at approximately 4.30. Students can go home in their PE kit and do not have to get changed back into uniform.		



# 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**

Free termly academic lectures for the school and wider community

No need to register - everyone welcome!

The chance to meet academics and ask questions!



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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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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.



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## Monthly Maths House Competition

Please give your answers to your tutor, or directly to Mrs Strong by the Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### Maths Problem of the Month – March 25

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor by the end of the 28th March. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

One day everyone in the class decided to shake hands with everyone else. There were 30 pupils altogether.

How many handshakes were there?



### Maths - Kerboodle

A quick reminder that all students have access to the maths text book we use in school, online, via [www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com).

Students have been given their user names and have set their own passwords. If a password reset is needed, students need to speak to their maths teacher. The institution code for the school is **dyu6**.

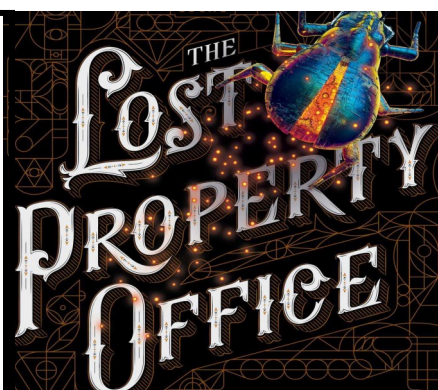
We are coming to the end of Chapter 4. If any student has missed anything in class or would like to go back through the work, having access to the text book online will be helpful. Please don't get ahead of lessons in school though.

**Lost your blazer?**

**Cant find your tie?**

**Walked home in one shoe?!**

**Come and look in our Lost Property Box in Reception before or after school**





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