

# You Said... We Did



There aren't enough trips

Whilst I appreciate we have had the pantomime so far, we are also about to send home details of a Reading humanities trip for all students in mid-June. Additionally, we have the PGL residential in July, which 110 students are attending. Furthermore, 20 River Academy students are attending the Maiden Erlegh ski trip next year.

There will be more trips as our staff body grows, but I am happy that everyone is able to go on two curriculum trips and one residential this year.

Suspensions are for petty reasons

I have only suspended three students this year. In each case, it was because students behaved in a threatening and abusive manner towards other members of the River community. I hope parents will understand these decisions weren't taken lightly but were made to support the safety and smooth running of the school, ensuring no one comes to school feeling threatened by another member of the community.

More support is needed for students' mental health

- Students have been studying aspects of mental health in their Personal Development lessons. They have looked at the positive management of their lives through diet, exercise, stress management, and talking to people. These topics have been revisited on a number of occasions.

- Additionally, students have had two assemblies on mental health topics. We also have a number of students who see therapists and mentors in school. These students are referred by parents, staff, and support staff based on the issues they face. We have a limited budget for this resource, but around 18 students have been seen so far this year.