



## Headteacher's Update

27 June 2025

### Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is well and is looking forward to a bit of weekend warmth!

#### Transition

On Wednesday we welcomed our new Year students onto site for the first time. It was an absolute pleasure to see them inducted into and responding so positively to The River Way. Last year, we were feeling our way into things and were still clarifying our processes. However, this year we gave a much clearer vision of life at River, and it was great to see this reflected so enthusiastically.

It was also so pleasing that we were able to run normal lessons for our current Year 7s as we used the power of the Maiden Erlegh Trust to bring in four extra teachers for the day who were able to seamlessly deliver our curriculum without disruption. Additionally, I was immensely proud of how our current students managed the day and our helpers were a paragon of excellence and loyalty.

#### Weather

Given the weather forecast for Monday and Tuesday we will once again go for the option of PE kits for students to keep them cooler and comfortable. If things break down by mid-week we will let you know.

#### INSET day

Please be reminded that it is an INSET day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. My staff and I will be planning for next year and looking at the calendar, improvement plans etc which is exciting

**INSET Day on  
Thursday**

#### Early Career Teachers

We welcome three new teachers to River on Wednesday with Ms Gopalan joining the Maths departments, Miss Cole joining the English department and Miss Chow joining the Art and Design department. All our other new recruits will begin in September.

#### Parents' Evening and assessment results

I hope you have all had time to sit down and go through the results slip all your children brought home on Thursday. Certainly, I was looking at some students with some stunning returns, but I was also really pleased to see some good improvements from many students.

Next week sees our Parents' Evenings. Please make sure your Wi-Fi is up and ready to go for your

appointments, as well as ensuring there are not any barking dogs or screaming small children close to the screen so you can maximise the appointment time with our staff. I will be running around with the coffees in the background making sure there enough 50 pence in the school meter to keep all our systems up and running for such an important evening.

Have an amazing weekend and thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Hartley". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Andy Hartley  
Headteacher