



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on this week?

24th - 28th 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 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 update:

Netball Fixtures

The super netballers make it 6 from 6 and win the league with a maximum of 30 points! On Monday, Miss Moore made the short trip to Blessed Hugh Faringdon as we sought to wrap up the first stage of the league campaign with a win. Confidence was high having won every single game so far, but the nerves were also still there as the girls knew the repercussions of winning and it giving us a more favourable game in the semi-finals. What I have learned most from our netballers and the students in general at River is a never say die attitude and their constant desire to win and be competitive. This once again shone through as the girls picked up a 6-1 win and made it an unbelievable 6 wins from 6. I think what makes this achievement all the more remarkable is the fact that none of the team really had any experience of netball before joining River and Miss Moore has transformed them into arguably the best Year 7 team



in Reading. I believe our semi-final will either be against Kendrick, Reading Girls or Blessed Hugh A-Team and will be held next week. I am genuinely so excited for them and couldn't be prouder!

On the theme of netball, there are lots of local clubs in and around Reading that we would love the girls to get involved in, should you have the time or capacity to do so.

Thunderbirds Netball Club:

www.thunderbirdsnetballclub.co.uk/juniors/

I believe this team is based in Theale and training is on a Monday from 5-6pm. Follow the link and there are contact details on the website.

Laurel Park Netball Club:

<https://laurelparknetball.co.uk/juniors/juniorteams/> This is a club is based in Reading and has youth teams all the way from U11 to U18. Again, have a look through the website and see if this is a club you could commit too.

Woodley Netball Club:

<https://www.woodley.netball.co.uk>

This is a team just based outside Reading in Woodley and has a large youth section. I appreciate Woodley is a little out of the way but again if this is something you could do then I would encourage you to do so.



Football fixture

We made the short trip again this week to Blessed Hugh where we faced off against first placed Little Heath and the team just behind us in Blessed Hugh Faringdon. We welcomed Teodor and Ethan into the team this week as we rotated a few players. Our first game against

Little Heath did not go to plan and we conceded two early goals which was enough for them to win the game. On a difficult pitch at Blessed which was very bobbly and small, teams who score first generally tend to win as it is so difficult to play any smooth, free flowing football. We had some chances but their goalkeeper made some great saves.

It was the same story in the Blessed game where an unfortunate own goal from one of our defenders was enough to seal the points for the opposition. A late goal from Ivan was ruled out for offside, which ultimately summed up both games for us as being close but not close enough.

A final round of games next week against Theale and Prospect means we have an outside shot of making the top 4, which in our first season would be great. Sadly, only the top two go through from the East and West league, so with our two defeats meant any hope of that has gone. I cannot fault the teams effort, commitment, passion or determination to win and we

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

have the makings of a fantastic team in the future. I really hope we can cap off this season with two wins next week.

Lessons:

Just as a reminder that 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



Again, just as a reminder that 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@maidenerlegthrust.org and we can discuss how to move forward.

National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships

Our students are participating in the national rowing championships this Thursday and I am excited to see how they get on compared to other students across the country. I will post a proper report next week along with the times of the students and any pictures that are taken.

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
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.		



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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

No need to register - everyone welcome!

Free termly academic lectures for the school and wider community

The chance to meet academics and ask questions!

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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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University of Cambridge

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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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Scholastic Book Fair

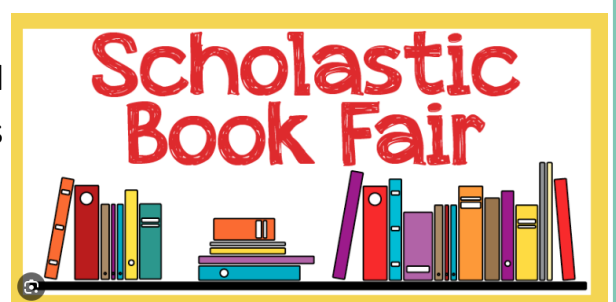
It was fantastic to take students down to browse books at the book fair during their English lessons yesterday and to hear them talking so enthusiastically about reading.

I also wanted to say a huge thank you to those who attended the book fair after school yesterday and those who have purchased vouchers for their child to spend. You have already helped us secure rewards from Scholastic that will help us build our library.



If you have not purchased a voucher yet, it is not too late. Vouchers can be bought online, and students can spend them at lunchtime on Monday and Tuesday. There's no need to print them – they can just come, pick up a book and have their name ticked off.

The vouchers can be purchased via this link: [Book Fair Gift Vouchers - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

The more we earn, the greater the level of reward we are given by Scholastic, so all your support is much appreciated.



River students continue to lead the way!



98.3% Completion Rates

Sparx Reader: 2nd out of 877 schools
Sparx Maths: 4th out of 2630 schools

Well done to you all for the hard work and determination that goes into your Sparx Home Learning every week.

As you can see - your commitment is outstanding and far superior to the vast majority of schools across the country!

Don't forget to get those extra merits for showing determination and excellence!



Announcement!



There are now extra rewards for your hard work in Sparx!

Early Completion Merits
Complete Sparx by Tues morning
5 merits

Extra Mile Merits
600 SRP / XP & Independent
5 merits

Monthly Maths House Competition

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.

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**.

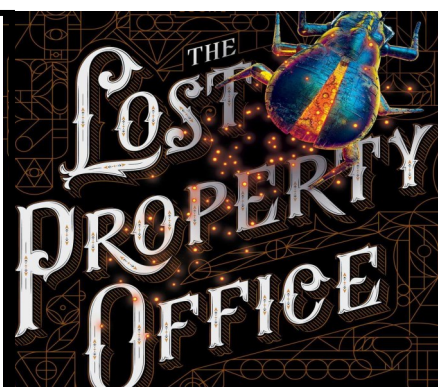
We are coming to the end of Chapter 4. If any student has missed anything in class or would like to go back through the work, having access to the text book online will be helpful. Please don't get ahead of lessons in school though.

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



Bikeability Holiday Courses:

Level 1 Bikeability Training for Year 3 and above, 2hrs 30 mins, £10

(This fun bike handling skills course is taught in the school playground)

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre, Surley Row, Reading, RG4 8LR:

7th April, 9:30am - 12pm, £10

Prospect Park, Liebenrood Road, Reading, RG30 2ND

9th April, 9:00am - 11:30am, £10

7th April, 9:00am - 11:30am, £10

Level 1 & 2 Bikeability Training for Year 5 and above

(This is open to children who are confident cyclists and who are in Years 5, 6 and 7)

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre, Surley Row, Reading, RG4 8LR:

7th & 8th April, 9:30-3:00pm, 2 days course, £20

15th April, 9:00-3:30pm, 1 day course, £10

16th April, 9:00-3:30pm, 1 day course, £10

Prospect Park, Liebenrood Road, Reading, RG30 2ND

9th April, 9:00-3:30pm, 1 day course, £10

17th April, 9:00-3:30pm, 1 day course, £10

Level 3 Bikeability Training for Year 6 and above,

(This is open to children in Year 6 and above who have completed Bikeability Level 2)

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre, Surley Row, Reading, RG4 8LR,

10th April, 9:30-3:00pm, 1 day course, £10

14th April, 9:30-3:00pm, 1 day course, £10

Learn to ride session for Year 1 and above, £10,
75 mins session

(This is open to children who cannot yet independently pedal and steer their cycle.)

8th April, Tue, The Weller Centre, 110 Amersham Road, Reading, RG4 5NA

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For queries, please contact Avanti Cycling at info@avanticycling.co.uk

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