



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on next week?

Easter Holiday!!



Happy
Easter



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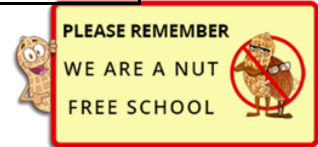
Back to school on

Tuesday 22nd April!

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 |
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| 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>Veji</u> Meat Ball Pasta Garlic Bread Carrots | Vegetable Korma Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables | <u>Veji</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:

Fixtures this week:

We have attended two fixtures this week, both in the new inter-trust initiative which has us playing sport against our local trust rivals, MER, MES and MECE. The girls had another taste of football at MECE which they thoroughly enjoyed. Shakira and Lexi played very well in each game and were rewarded with players of the tournament from River.

On Tuesday, we hosted a doubles badminton tournament, which again the students thoroughly enjoyed. It was great to see our badminton players get some competitive experience after working so hard every Friday since September with Mr Dukinfield. We dominated the competition and ended up winning 10/12 games possible. It's so nice to see students play and enjoy sport and give them competitive experience of playing against other teams.

We also held our termly inter-house tournament, with the girls playing handball and the boys playing football. This will be reversed next term, with the girls playing some football and the boys playing some handball. What a nice way to end the term with playing some friendly (but very competitive) sport against your peers, I was very jealous as I refereed!

Just a reminder of some local netball clubs in the area for those wanting to join a local team.

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 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 to.

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.

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@maidenerlegitrust.org and we can discuss how to move forward

Community Lectures

A new series of FREE public lectures open to all



Join polar conservationist and leader of the "Seals from Space" research project Prem Gill to celebrate the Antarctic. Learn about its many animal inhabitants and how changes in this region are impacting our climate.

Prem Gill
University of Cambridge

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

Free termly academic lectures for the school and wider community

No need to register - everyone welcome!

The chance to meet academics and ask questions!



Tuesday 29th April
4-5pm
Arrive by 3.45pm



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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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Essay Competition

FREE ENTRY! The winner in the years 7-9 category will receive **£50 in Amazon vouchers.**



Write an **800-word response** to the following essay question:

Do we have enough?

We encourage responses which approach these questions from a variety of perspectives - bring in History, Philosophy, Politics, Economics, Science, Law or any other subject or discipline. Just remember to answer the question!

Entries will be reviewed by our expert judging panel.



Do we have enough?

Explore Essay Competition 2025

All entries should be emailed to explore@admin.ox.ac.uk by 11:59 BST on 16th May 2025. Please include your **name**, the **name of your school** and your **school year**.

What will I be marked on?

- Upon reading the entries, judges will be carefully assessing:
- the relevance of points made to the essay title
 - the development and structure of your argument, which considers multiple points of view and reaches a personal conclusion - originality will be rewarded, though not at the expense of logic and plausibility.
 - your inclusion of supporting evidence to build a persuasive account
 - your clarity of language and expression as opposed to inappropriate use of jargon - sometimes simplicity is good, as is brevity!
 - your creative understanding of the essay title/task.



Speak to Miss Angell if you have any questions.

Monthly Maths House Competition

Answer to the March one was 435 hand shakes ($29+28+27+26+25+\dots=435$). The 30th student cannot shake hands with themselves. Only 13 students got the March problem correct, must have been a tricky question.

Try the April one, I think it's a bit easier.

Maths Problem of the Month – April 25

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor or Mrs Strong by the end of the 29th April. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

Put in multiplication or addition signs in the right places between these figures so that the result is correct. Don't forget BIDMAS.

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 = 100$$



Maths - Kerboodle

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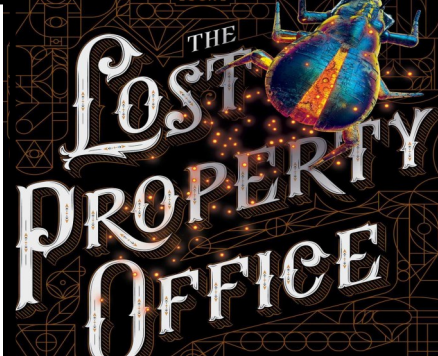
A quick reminder that all students have access to the maths text book we use in school, online, via www.kerboodle.com.

Students have been given their usernames 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 5. If any student has missed anything in class or would like to go back through the work, having access to the textbook online will be helpful. Please don't get ahead of lessons in school though.

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 after school**

A decorative sign for "THE LOST PROPERTY OFFICE". The text is in a stylized, white, serif font with a drop shadow. A small, colorful beetle is perched on the word "PROPERTY". The background is black with intricate white geometric patterns.

The Parents' Corner!

Have some fun on bikes

Easter
half term
2025

Sign up for a Bikeability course

Highdown School

Level 1

7 Apr

Levels 1 & 2

7, 8 Apr 2-day

15 Apr

16 Apr

Level 3

10 Apr

14 Apr

The Weller Centre

Learn to ride

8, 9, 10 Apr

Learn to ride - £10

Level 1 - £10

Level 1 & 2 - 1 day £10
2 day £20

Level 3 - £10

See website for times

Prospect Park

Level 1

9 Apr

17 Apr

Levels 1 & 2

9 Apr

17 Apr



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 April: 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18

 Ages 11 - 18

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Session 1:

Boxing technique, sparring and drills.

Session 2:

Boxing fitness, bag work, circuit, core, strength and conditioning.

What to bring:

Appropriate clothing and footwear, headguard, gumshield and gloves (if owned), drinks bottle and water

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