



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on next week?

Week 1

29 September – 3 October 2025

School timings:

Please be reminded of our school timings below:

Mon, Tues & Thurs		Wed		Fri	
09:10-9:30	Tutor	09:10-09:30	Tutor	09:10-10:05	Lesson 1
09:30-10:30	Lesson 1	09:30-10:30	Lesson 1	10:05-11:00	Lesson 2
10:30-10:50	Break	10:30-10:50	Break	11:00-11:20	Break
10:50-11:50	Lesson 2	10:50-11:50	Lesson 2	11:20-12:15	Lesson 3
11:50-12:50	Lesson 3	11:50-12:50	Lesson 3	12:15-13:05	Lunch
12:50-13:40	Lunch	12:50-13:40	Lunch	13:05-14:00	Lesson 4
13:40-14:35	Lesson 4	13:40-14:35	Lesson 4	14:00-14:55	Lesson 5
14:35-15:35	Lesson 5	14:35-15:35	Lesson 5	14:55-15:15	Celebration Assembly
		15:35-16:30	Elective		

Canteen Menu:



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WEEK THREE



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Sweet n Sour Chicken Balls Steamed Rice Stir Fry Vegetables	Cheeseburger with Wedges and sweetcorn	Chicken Fajita Wrap Salad	Beef Lasagne Garlic Bread	Chip Shop Friday
Vegetarian	Sweet & Sour Quorn Steamed Rice Stir Fry Vegetables	Spicy Bean Burger in a Bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Vegetable & Bean Fajita wrap Salad	Roasted Vegetable & Feta Lasagne Garlic Bread	Vegetable & Cheese Bake
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 & Cinnamon Crumble Custard	Syrup Sponge Custard	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce	Chocolate Chip Sponge Custard	Ice Cream Pot
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 Updates!

Things are really starting to pick up in the PE department, with weekly fixtures starting, clubs going on and amazing lessons happening left right and centre!

In lesson reminders:

I am extremely happy with the way lessons are going so far this term. We have also been really lucky for a local coaching company to come in and deliver some rugby lessons for us and I know how well the children have received these coaches and learnt from their advice on how to improve.

Please remember that the kit expectations are either long **black** socks and shorts or black tracksuit bottoms. With the weather turning colder, layers such as jumpers are encouraged.



Double Delight for the River Boys!

We start with the boys Y7 rugby fixture on Tuesday where the team spent the afternoon at St Crispin's school in Wokingham playing two games, one against their hosts and another against Reading Boys. The team arrived in an excited and enthusiastic manner and ready to take on our opponents. We played Reading Boys first and in an evenly contested game, came out 5-0 winners thanks to a try from Hussnain who showed some silky feet to evade the tag-tackles of 3 defenders.

Whilst the quality was maybe lacking in some areas, it was a great start for the team. Next onto St Crispins who looked a strong outfit having watched their game against Reading Boys. However, we continued right where we left off, with Fynn dancing his way through the defence to score his first of two tries. Akshith also showed some excellent ball carrying skills and dotted his first and our third try of the match down to run out eventual 15-10 winners against a strong team. Next week, we go again against our Trust Rivals in Maiden Erlegh School as well as Emmbrook.

Year 8 travel to Forest this Thursday to play against the hosts and Maiden Erlegh School. I will write a post to explain how we did in those games next week.

Just as an FYI, we play a version of touch rugby called T1, which is an emerging game launched by the RFU. Any information on this can be found here:

[T1 Rugby \(Non-contact\) | Rugby Football Union](#)

Girls Football goes from strength to strength

Our girls football program here at River is one of our great strengths as we have 20+ girls attend week in week out. I know Miss Moore has been working them extremely hard and focusing on core skills as well as tactical play and positioning. The league for Y8 starts next week, with our local rivals Highdown and Oakbank making the trip to River for us to host them. I know we are really excited about what the season will bring and I will be posting weekly updates.

Basketballers showcase new talent

We had 20 students at our before school basketball club this week, with the focus on attacking, creating overloads and coming away with points as often as possible. We looked at the role of players who were not in possession and their role in stretching the defense and creating decisions for the defenders to make, which we all know defenders hate doing! With fixtures starting at the end of November, it would be amazing to see as many students there as possible, so if you're an early riser please come along for an 8am start in your PE kit.

Reading Rockets Take Off!

It has been amazing to see so many students show interest in our Reading Rockets program every Friday. I had 40+ applicants for a program that only can only have 20 max. I know how taken aback the coaches are with how awesome our students are, and full credit must go to them for their work ethics, manners and being generally great ambassadors for the school. The club will pass over to Year 8's next term and sign ups will be coming out in the coming weeks.

Badminton a Smash Hit!

We are also extremely lucky to have a new club this year, with some of Year 8 students being fortunate enough to receive some professional badminton coaching every Tuesday after-school. Whilst myself, Mr Dukinfield and Miss Moore do a great job in lessons and in electives, the students are really benefitting from specialized coaching every week and it has again been wonderful to see the uptake in this being so strong and popular.

Here are the upcoming fixtures across the year. Netball and athletics have not yet been released.

Fixture dates:

U12 Girls football		
Date	Opposition	Venue
13 th November	Oakbank/Maiden Erlegh/Bohunt	Oakbank
20 th November	JMA/Abbey/Maiden Erlegh School	JMA
27 th November	Denefield/Prospect/Maiden Erlegh	Denefield
4 th December	Wren/Little Heath A and B	Wren

U14 Girls football		
Date	Opposition	Venue
9 th October	Highdown/Oakbank	River
16 th October	Wren/Bohunt	Wren
23 rd October	Blessed/Reading Girls	Blessed High
6 th November	Denefield/Little Heath-B	Denefield

U12 Basketball		
Date	Opposition	Venue
19 th November (requested to 18 th)	Oakbank	Oakbank
9 th December	BHF-A	River
18 th December	Denefield	Denefield
13 th January	BHF-B	River
27 th January	Bohunt	Bohunt
3 rd Feb	Little Heath-A	Little Heath

U14 Basketball		
Date	Opposition	Venue
27 th November	Bohunt	Bohunt
4 th December	BHF	River
11 th December	Theale	River
15 th January	Prospect	River
22 nd January	Denefield	River
12 th Feb	Little Heath	Little Heath

U12 Boys Football		
Date	Opposition	Venue
3 rd March	Denefield/Highdown	Denefield
10 th March	Wren/Willink	Wren
17 th March	BHF/Little Heath	River
24 th March	Prospect/Theale	Prospect
14 th April	Finals/TBC	TBC


U13 Boys Football		
Date	Opposition	Venue
5 th March	Denefield/Highdown	River
12 th March	Willink/Wren	Willink
19 th March	Little Heath/BHF	Little Heath
26 th March	Prospect/Theale	River
16 th April	Semi's	TBC

**GIRLS FOOTBALL
TRAINING**
EVERY THURSDAY 1535-1630





BRING FOOTBALL BOOTS AND YOUR PE
KIT!

LEAGUE STARTS END OF SEPTEMBER	BOTH Y7 AND Y8 GIRLS WELCOME
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**HOMEWORK
CLUB**

Tuesday and Thursday
15:35 to 16:30
in the LRC

OPEN TO ALL

**TOUCH RUGBY
TRAINING EVERY
THURSDAY 1535-1630**

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BOOTS AND PE KIT**

ALL WELCOME!



School Clubs



Tuesday

Girls football - Tuesday 15.35-16.35.

Y8 badminton – 15.35-17.00. This is sign up only and is now full for this term.

Choir- 15.45-16.45 in room 0.62 and all are welcome.

Homework Club- 15.35-16.30 in the LRC.

Wednesday

Basketball – 08.00-08.45 every Wednesday morning and all are welcome.

Thursday

Touch rugby – 15.35-16.30 every Thursday after-school and all are welcome.

Homework Club- 15.35-16.30 in the LRC.

Year 8 Book Club- 15.40-16.30 in room 1.24.

Friday

Reading Rockets basketball - this is Y7 for this term and is fully signed up.

Monthly Maths House Competition

The answer for September 2025 Maths Problem was 66 seconds (the first chime is at zero seconds).

Maths Problem of the Month – October 25

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor or Mrs Strong by the end of **Tuesday 21st October**. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

One day, Jack came home from the woods with a jar of spiders and beetles. He said that there were 8 creatures in the jar with a total of 54 legs.

3 How many were spiders and how many were beetles?



Poetry Competition – open to Year 7 and 8!

Are you creative?

Do you love to write?

Do you want to be in with a chance to win some *amazing* prizes (including £250, the chance to have your work published and Apple Airpods)?

If you are interested in entering, get an entry pack from [Ms Myers](#).

All submissions needed to be handed in (handwritten) or emailed (typed) to Ms Myers by the 20th of October.



Fourbears Reading Challenge! Year 7 - 9

Choose minimum *FIVE* boxes to complete by *1st December*. Once you have completed this, pop into Fourbears Books to collect your prize!



PRIZE - a free ticket to a private event at Fourbears where we will be decorating Gingerbread Men with free hot chocolate!

If you purchase your books at Fourbears, we will provide a 10% discount



Read a book about a character from a different background	Read " <i>When We Were Lost</i> " by Kevin Wignall	Read your parents favourite book from when they were a teenager	Read " <i>The Martian</i> " (young edition) by Andy Weir
Read " <i>Skulduggery Pleasant</i> " by Derek Landy	Read a book recommended by a teacher	Read " <i>Eragon</i> " by Christopher Paolini	Read a book from a genre you have never read before
Read a book published this year	Read " <i>Murder on a School Night</i> " by Kate Weston	Read a classic book	Read " <i>A Box Full of Murders</i> " by Janice Hallett
Read " <i>Robin Hood</i> " by Robert Muchamore	Read a non-fiction book	Read " <i>Silent Sister</i> " by Megan Davidhizar	Read a book with a colour or food in the title



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Year 8 Book Club

Do you love to read and talk about books?

Come along to the Year 8 book club!

Where? 1.24 (Ms Myers' Year 7 classroom)

When? Thursdays from 3.40-4.30

Our first book will be *The Blue Book of Nebo* by Manon Steffan Ros.



This is a **secret** —AT THE END of your lesson next week with *Mx Bowler* say the **secret password** "**Goblet**" to get a **merit** for reading the student bulletin.



Community Lectures

A new series of FREE public lectures
Open to all!



Born twenty miles away in rural Hampshire, Jane Austen attended Reading's Abbey School as a girl, and remained a Thames Valley visitor all her life. Her readers have always noticed how odd it is that someone with a regional background and little formal education produced such brilliant, intelligent writing. How did she do it? And why are her novels still so popular after two and a half centuries? Paddy Bullard, who appeared on the recent BBC documentary 'Jane Austen: Rise of a Genius', will attempt to answer the question.

Professor Paddy Bullard
University of Reading

Lecture: Jane Austen: how a Reading girl invented the modern novel

Free termly academic lectures for the school and wider community

No need to register - everyone welcome!

The chance to meet academics and ask questions!



Thursday 27th November
4-5pm
Arrive by 3.45pm



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Join Professor Steve Musson from the Department of Geography & Environmental Science at the University of Reading to explore the changing uses of town and city centres in the UK.

Professor Steve Musson
University of Reading

Lecture: Why are there so many new apartments in Reading? Exploring the changing uses of town and city centres in the UK

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Thursday 6th November
4-5pm
Arrive by 3.45pm



Taking place this term:

Make sure you are signing up to these amazing FREE opportunities!

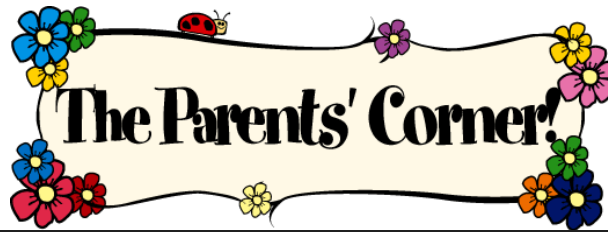
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Silver Programme

Description		Y7/Y8?	Date	Time
Climate Change workshop		Y7 ONLY	25/9/25	3.45-4.45pm
Introduction to Latin		Y8 ONLY	29/9/25	3.45-4.45pm
UKMT Group Challenge workshop (working in teams of 4 trying out Group Challenge sessions)		Y8 ONLY	14/10/25	3.45-4.30pm
Community Lecture: Why are there so many new apartments in Reading? Exploring the changing uses of town and city centres in the UK.		EVERYONE- including parents, carers, staff, students, members of our community.	06/11/25	4-5pm
Intro to sports analysis		Y8 ONLY	13/11/25	3.45-4.45pm
Community lecture: Jane Austen: how a Reading girl invented the modern novel		EVERYONE- including parents, carers, staff, students, members of our community.	27/11/25	4-5pm
Brains behind the brawn		Y7 ONLY	04/12/25	3.45-4.45pm

Speak to Miss Angell if you have any questions.

More details about each session will be shared in the bulletin.



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New Hope Centre



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