



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on next week?

Week 2

10th–14th November 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



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WEEK ONE



Menu:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Pasta Bolognaise Garlic Bread Broccoli	Chicken Teriyaki Noodles Mixed Vegetables	Chicken Burger in a Bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Pork Sausage Creamy Mash Carrots Gravy	Chip Shop Friday
Vegetarian	Pasta with a Tomato & Basil Sauce Garlic Bread Broccoli	Quorn & Vegetable Teriyaki Noodles Mixed Vegetables	Vegi Burger in a Bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Quorn Sausage & Mash Carrots Gravy	Cheese & Onion Pastie
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 & Raspberry Crumble Custard	Iced Sponge	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce	Jam Sponge Custard	Jam 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.

Monthly Maths House Competition

Maths Problem of the Month – November 25

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor or Mrs Strong by the end of **Friday 28th November**. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

One day 8 people stood in front of you in the lunch queue. There was also exactly $\frac{2}{3}$ of the queue behind you. How many people were there in the queue?



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.





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.



Remembrance Day Event

Tuesday 18th November, 3.40pm.
Room 1.20 (Miss Angell's Y7 room)



Free online Event!

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025

Why do we remember the Second World War?

ON LOCATION!

Mr Dilly on-location at the D-Day Story museum

IN THE STUDIO!

Mr Dilly chats with history author Tom Palmer

FOR SCHOOLS!



Speak to Miss Angell if you have any questions.

In this special episode:

- On location at **The D-Day Story Museum, Portsmouth**.
- Explore artefacts and personal stories from D-Day and the wider war.
- Special guest **Tom Palmer** (award-winning author of *After the War*, *Arctic Star*, *DDay Dog*) joins Mr Dilly in the studio.
- Plus: see Mr Dilly's celebrated short film commemorating WW2 and VE Day 80 — a creative retelling of the war, featuring Mr Dilly in multiple roles from the period.

For Y7 and Y8!

Sign up required – outside Miss Angell's room

Introduction to Sports Analysis

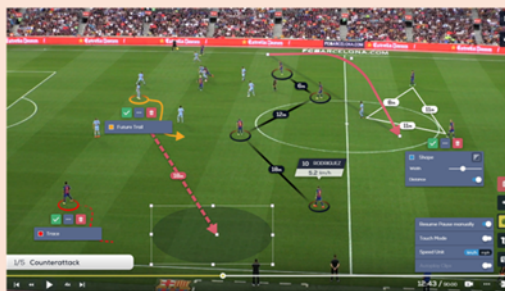
PE Masterclass/3.45–4.45/Room 0.75, 13th November



Sports analysis is like being a detective for your favorite games! It's all about breaking down the details of how teams and players perform, figuring out what works well, and spotting areas that need improvement. By studying things like statistics, player strategies, and game trends, you can predict what might happen next in a match or even help coaches make better decisions.

Whether you're into basketball, badminton, football, or any other sport, sports analysis helps you understand the game at a deeper level and can even give you an edge as a player or fan.

Free event!



Sign up required – outside 2.45 (Mr Clare's Room)

Speak to Mr Clare if you have any questions.

In this session, we will look at videoing performance and then how to slow it down, pause it at the right points and then give feedback to our performers.

From this, we can then go on to create training plans and next steps for our performers to work on.

The sports analyst in every team is one of the most important and well paid positions!!

This is a **secret** —AT THE END of your lesson next week with *Mx Bowler* say the **secret password** “**validate**” 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

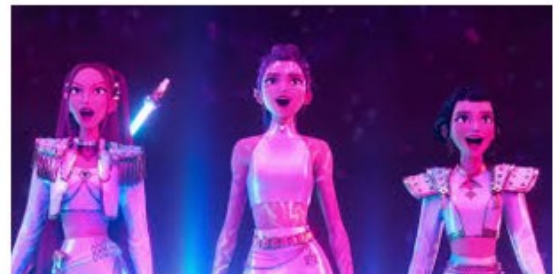
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4-5pm
Arrive by 3.45pm



RIVER CHOIR – Tuesday 15.40 – 16.10

Room 0.63 – All abilities of singing and beatboxing welcome

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 Netball		
Date	Opposition	Venue
Thursday 26 th Feb	Highdown and BHF	River
Thursday 5 th March	Prospect, Little Heath, MER	River
Thursday 12 th March	MER, DF and Kendrick	River
Thursday 19 th March	Reading Girls	River
Thursday 26 th March	Finals	TBC

U13 Netball		
Date	Opposition	Venue
Wednesday 25 th February	Reading Girls, Highdown	River
Wednesday 4 th March	Kendrick and Little Heath	River
Wednesday 11 th March	Denefield and Wren	River
Wednesday 18 th March	Prospect and BHF	River

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

REPORTING ABSENCES

If you need to report an absence, please do so **daily by 8:00 a.m.** via the **Class Charts App**.

If you are unable to log the absence on Class Charts, please send an email to riverattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org.

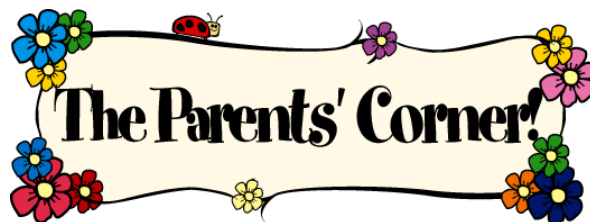
For any attendance-related matters, please contact us at riverattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org, rather than river@maidenerleghtrust.org

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

If you need to book a medical appointment for your child, please try to arrange it **outside of school hours** whenever possible. If this isn't possible, aim to book appointments **early in the morning** or **towards the end of the school day**. This helps ensure students miss as few lessons as possible.

If your child is unwell, please refer to the **NHS guidance** when deciding whether to keep them at home: [Is my child too ill for school? – NHS](#)

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please bring them to school before or after the appointment -even if it is just for one period. Every single period counts, as each lesson missed is valuable learning time lost.



Common Illnesses and What to Do

Condition	Should They Stay Home?	When Can They Go Back?
Chickenpox	Yes	When spots have crusted
Cold sores	No	Can attend – avoid sharing cups, kissing
Conjunctivitis	Usually no	Unless very unwell
COVID-19	If mild, can go	Stay home if fever or too unwell; if positive, stay home 3 days
Ear infection	Yes, if fever/severe pain	When feeling better
Hand, foot & mouth disease	No, if feeling well	Can attend
Head lice/nits	No	Can attend after treatment starts
Impetigo	Yes	Until sores crusted/healed, or 48 hrs after antibiotics
Measles	Yes	4 days after rash appears
Ringworm	No	Once treatment starts
Scarlet fever	Yes	24 hrs after antibiotics
Slapped cheek (fifth disease)	No	Once rash appears, they're no longer infectious
Sore throat	No, unless fever	Return when fever gone
Threadworms	No	Can attend after treatment
Vomiting/diarrhoea	Yes	Stay home 48 hrs after last episode/ You may bring them back to school once you feel they have fully recovered.