



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

What's on next week?

Week 1

15th – 19th December 2025

School timings:

Please be reminded of our school timings below:

Mon, Tues & Thurs		Wed	
09:10-9:30	Tutor	09:10-09:30	Tutor
09:30-10:30	Lesson 1	09:30-10:30	Lesson 1
10:30-10:50	Break	10:30-10:50	Break
10:50-11:50	Lesson 2	10:50-11:50	Lesson 2
11:50-12:50	Lesson 3	11:50-12:50	Lesson 3
12:50-13:40	Lunch	12:50-13:40	Lunch
13:40-14:35	Lesson 4	13:40-14:35	Lesson 4
14:35-15:35	Lesson 5	14:35-15:35	Lesson 5
		No Elective this week	

Last day timings Friday	
9:10-10:00	Period 1
10:00- 10:50	Period 2
10:50-11:30	Break/Lunch
11:30-12:20	Tutor time
12:20-12:30	Line Up

Canteen Menu:



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WEEK THREE



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Main Course	Sweet n Sour Chicken Balls Steamed Rice Stir Fry Vegetables	Cheeseburger with Wedges and sweetcorn	Chicken Fajita Wrap Salad	Bolognaise or meatball pasta
Vegetarian	Sweet & Sour Quorn Steamed Rice Stir Fry Vegetables	Spicy Bean Burger in a Bun Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Vegetable & Bean Fajita wrap Salad	Vegan 'meatballs', garlic bread
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
Dessert of the Day	Apple & Cinnamon Crumble Custard	Syrup Sponge Custard	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce	Pancakes
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

**Special
Breaktime
selection on
Friday!**

Please ask for more information if you have any allergies.

CHRISTMAS BREAK TIME

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

SELECTION OF HOT FOOD INCLUDING

CHICKEN BAGUETTES £2.50

SAUSAGE ROLLS £1.70

CHEESY GARLIC BREAD £1.60

BURGERS £2.50

POTATO WEDGES £1.60

CHEESE & ONION PASTY £1.70

CAKE SELECTION

DONUTS £1.20

COOKIES £1

DANISH PASTRIES £1.30



Monthly Maths House Competition

Maths Problem of the Month - answer to November was 27 students in total in the queue. - well done for those with the correct answer.

Maths Problem of the Month – December 25

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor or Mrs Strong by the end of **Friday 12th December**. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

5 bakers decorate 5 Christmas cakes in 5 minutes.

How many Christmas cakes will 10 bakers decorate in 10 minutes?



Student Services: Lost Property Announcement

All lost property will be displayed **outside the canteen** from Wednesday next week.

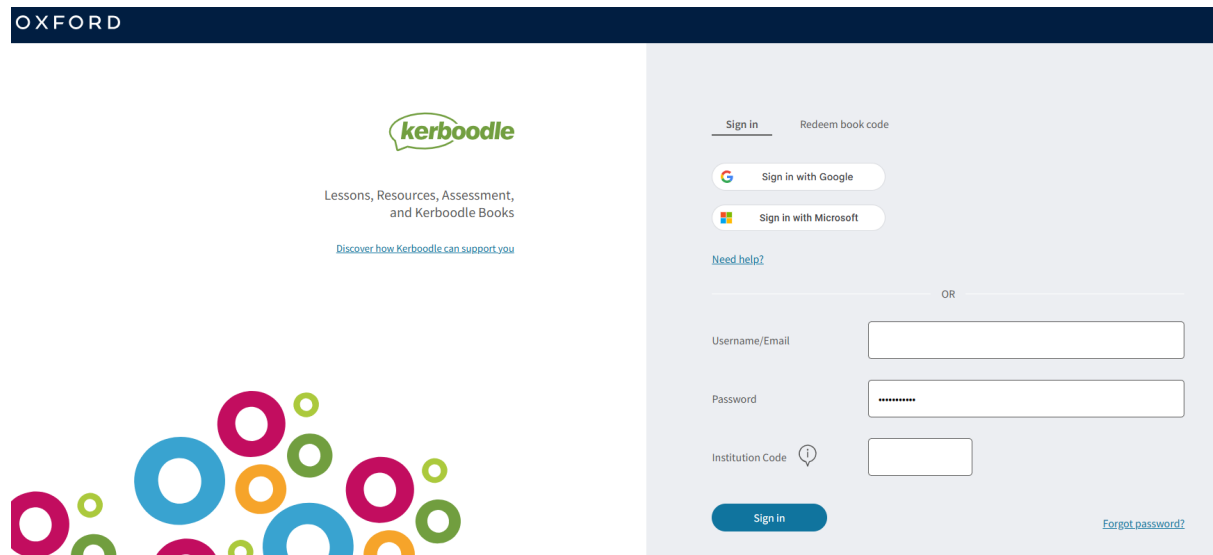
Please take a look and collect anything that is yours!

Anything not collected will be given to charity and/or recycled!



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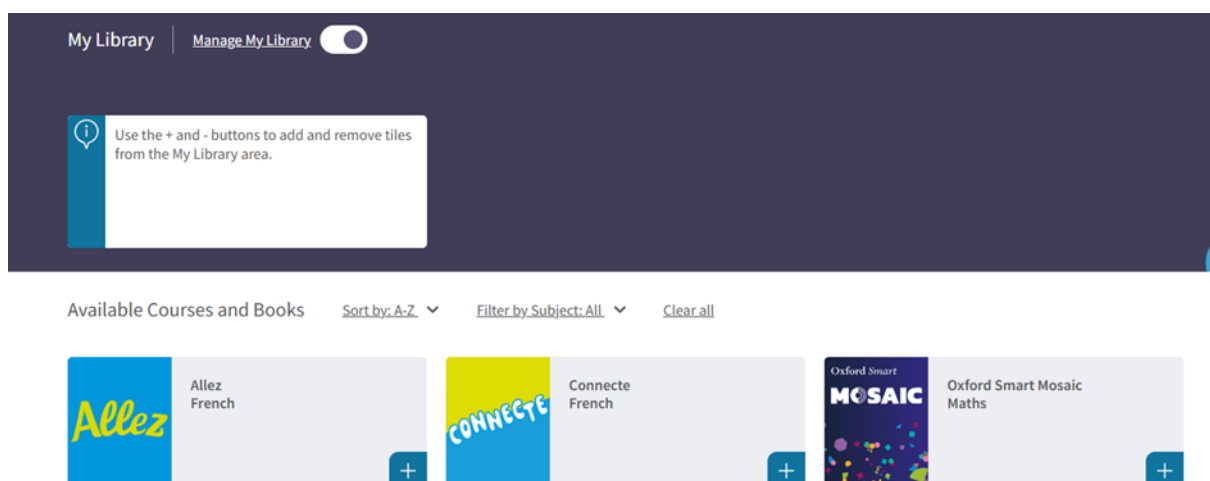
Password

Institution Code

Sign in

Forgot password?

2. Put in your username and password. You should have this written down in your planner. If you need this reset, please speak to your maths teacher and they can reset your log in and password. You username is usually the initial of you first name and your last name, all in lowercase letters and with no gaps. For example, Fred Bloggs would probably have a username of fbloggs.
3. Use the institution code dyu6.
4. Once you are in Kerboodle, click on the Oxford Smart Mosaic Maths section from your library



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Use the + and - buttons to add and remove tiles from the My Library area.

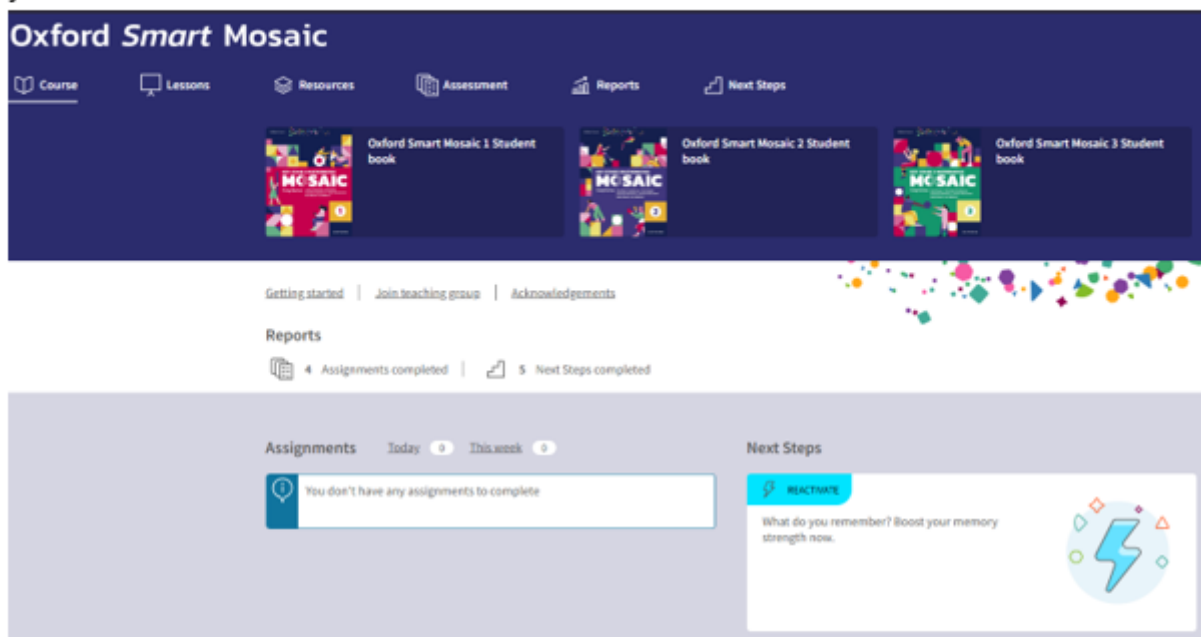
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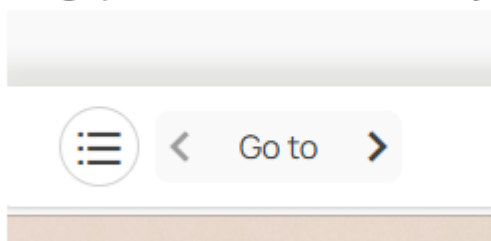
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Oxford Smart Mosaic Maths

5. Then click on Student Book 1 if you are in year 7, or Student Book 2 if you are in year 8:



Next click on the icon bottom left of the screen, with the dots and lines, this will bring up the index for the book for you to navigate around:



Do Not look at chapters we have not yet covered. Lessons are designed to teach the necessary content to support the use of the text book.

Year 7 - will have completed chapters 1,2 and 3 by the Christmas break

Year 8 - will have completed chapters 1,2,3 and 4 by the end of the first week in January.

The poster is for River Academy's Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 17th December. It features the River Academy logo and the Save the Children logo. The text reads: 'On Wednesday 17th December we will be inviting students to come to school in their Christmas jumpers to raise money for Save the Children. Please bring £1 cash to support the charity. School uniform must be worn, but blazers may be replaced by a festive Christmas jumper! There will also be a Christmas lunch served in the canteen which must be pre ordered by 1st December here. It will cost £3.50 and you can pay on the ParentPay shop unless you are entitled to Free School Meals.' The poster is decorated with a festive border of various Christmas jumpers.

3 SIMPLE STEPS FOR

BICYCLE SAFETY

Every year thousands of people are injured and hundreds of people are killed while riding bicycles.



01 PROTECT YOUR HEAD

Always wear a helmet.

02

EQUIP YOUR BIKE WITH WORKING FRONT AND REAR LIGHTS

As its getting darker in the mornings and after school please have working lights so you can be seen



03

WEAR YOUR BACKPACK ON BOTH SHOULDERS

Keep yourself evenly balanced when you are riding your bike

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As the evenings are getting darker, we are reminding all students who cycle to school that their bikes must have working front and rear lights for safety.

Please ensure your child's bike is fitted with lights by Monday, 17th November. After this date, any students without proper lights may be asked not to cycle to school until their bike meets safety requirements.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe on the roads.

Sparx Learning 


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98.9+% Completion Rates

Sparx Reader:	99.2%	1st out of 1005 schools
Sparx Maths:	98.9%	4th out of 2675 schools
Sparx Science:	99.7%	

Please Note:

**This week's Sparx Deadline is Thursday morning,
not Friday.**



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Fixture dates:

U12 Basketball		
Date	Opposition	Venue
13 th January	BHF-B	River
27 th January	Bohunt	Bohunt
3 rd Feb	Little Heath-A	Little Heath

U14 Basketball		
Date	Opposition	Venue
15 th January	Prospect	River
20 th January	BHF	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



The 12 days of Christmas




Thursday 4th

Tutor Group with
lowest demerits:
Lunchtime
Badminton

Friday 5th

 **Top Tutor
Group
Reader SRP:
Xmas Movie!**

Monday 8th


**Top 10 Merits in
each year:
Breaktime Cookie**

Tuesday 9th


**Top Tutor Group
Science XP: Wear
your PE kit!**

Wednesday 10th



Panto!

Thursday 11th

**Top Tutor
group
Maths XP:** 
Xmas Karaoke!

Friday 12th


**Attendance this
week: queue
jump!**

Monday 15th

**First Tutor
group to
complete
Sparx** 

Tuesday 16th

 **Zero
demerits
in Dec:
Benchball
Tournament**

Wednesday 17th

Xmas Jumpers!



Thursday 18th

**Top Tutor
Group
Most Merits in
Dec: Lunch Disco!** 

Friday 19th

**End of term
QUIZ**

EVERY DAY

**Top 3 Merits in the Year Group:
Queue Jump + bring a friend**



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.

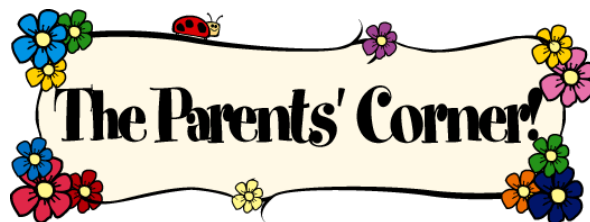
For any attendance-related matters, please contact us at riverattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org, rather than river@maidenerleghtrust.org

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.