



RIVER ACADEMY

Student Bulletin

27th March—10th April EASTER HOLIDAY!

What's on next week?

13th-17th April—2026

Week 1

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.



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EASTER BAKING COOKBOOK



DELICIOUS RECIPES FOR STAFF & CHILDREN

Taking place this term:

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



Silver Programme

Description		Y7/Y8?	Date	Time
Visiting Author		Y7 & Y8	21/4/26	3.45-4.30pm
Beneath the Magic: The Dark World of Fairytales		Y7 & Y8	23/4/26	3.45-4.30pm
History of Board Games		Y7	30/4/26	3.45-4.30pm
Portuguese Poetry		Y7 & Y8	5/5/26	3.45-4.30pm
Manjeet Mann & the British Library celebrate National Poetry Day		Y7 & Y8	8/6/26	3.45-4.30pm
World Ocean Day		Y7 & Y8	11/6/26	3.45-4.30pm
Why do we hate wasps?		Y7 & Y8	2/7/26	3.45-4.30pm
Narratives in Video Games		Y7 & Y8	14/7/26	3.45-4.30pm

Speak to Miss Angell if you have any questions.

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

w/c Monday 13th April

FIRST UP!



RIVER LUNCHTIME

MONDAY Thames/Kennet
TUESDAY Pang/Loddon
WEDNESDAY Lambourn/Avon
THURSDAY Thames/Kennet
FRIDAY Pang/Loddon



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A HUGE well done to all students, and tutor groups, who were rewarded through the 12 days of Egg-cellence. You definitely finished the term on a high!



PE update:

Lessons Year 7:

Next term in PE we will be focusing on athletics, cricket and softball/rounders as our main priority. This will entail lots of different events such as sprints, long and middle distance as well as throwing events such as shot put, discus and javelin. I am already looking forward to both teaching in the sun on our lovely field as well as seeing how the students fare in our athletics 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.

Lessons Year 8:

Whilst Year 8 will also be focusing on athletics, they will also be learning hockey, which means their kit is slightly more complex and requires some organisation on their part. When they are studying athletics, they will be required to wear Summer PE kit which is outlined above, with the white socks and shorts. However, when they are studying hockey, they will be required to wear long black socks/shorts or tracksuit bottoms as they will need to wear shin pads. Students will also be required to wear a gum shield to protect their teeth.



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.

Fixtures this term

I am delighted at the way in which our netball and football fixtures have gone this term. Our Year 7 netballers finished the season in a very respectable 5th out of 8 teams, winning two, drawing two and losing two games. Our Year 8 team just missed out on the top two with five wins, two losses and a draw.

Meanwhile, our Year 7 footballers came 5th out of nine teams, with three wins, a draw and four defeats. Our Year 8's had a very strong season and whilst we are still waiting for other results to come in, it looks like we have secured a top three finish with 5 wins and two defeats from 7 games.

Thank you to the parents of the children who played in supporting us with drop offs and pickups. We are already excited about next year!!



Monthly Maths House Competition

March answer was—Tuesday

Maths Problem of the Month – April 2026

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor or Mrs Strong by the end of **Thursday 30th April**. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

In a farmyard there were three cats: Fluff, Sooty and Tiddles. One day a cat came back with something in its mouth. If it had white paws, it could be Fluff or Sooty. If it had no tail, it was Sooty. If it had caught a mouse, it could be Fluff or Tiddles. The cat which came back had caught a mouse, had black paws and a long tail.

What was it called?



code: student20

Applicable for 1-Hour & 2-Hour Open Bounce, Tots and SEN Sessions

20% OFF

The Bounce Park Reading

Bounce Park

The advertisement features a purple border on the left and top. The background on the right shows a vibrant indoor bounce park with red and purple inflatable structures. Children are seen playing on the bouncers. The text is overlaid on a white background that has a scalloped top edge.

THE EARLY BIRD



#DETERMINATION

**Tuesday, Wednesday and
Friday mornings**

**8:30-9:00am
In the LRC**



CHAMPION'S HOUR



#EXCELLENCE

**Every Tuesday and Thursday
3:35-4:30pm**

In the LRC





LINGUISTICS CLUB
 1.66 with Mr Fasham
 Friday after school

An informal look at
 the world of
 languages and the
 Linguistics
 Olympiad

Kool Keyboards



*Want to learn the piano?
 Come along to Kool
 Keyboards where you can
 learn your favourite
 songs and have expert
 advice to help you improve!*



Open to all years
Thursday break times in 0.62



Realise your power.

Unlock your power by joining our weekly maths circles! Immerse yourself in a community of passionate peers, where you'll tackle interesting problems, learn new things and increase your love and confidence in maths.

*Year 7's
 By invitation only
 Room 1.65
 Tuesday after school until
 4.30pm*

Clubs this term!

BOYS FOOTBALL TRAINING

Boys Year 7 and 8 football training will be held after-school on the following dates:

- Thursday 27th November
- Tuesday 16th December
- Tuesday 6th January
- Thursday 8th January
- Tuesday 20th January
- Thursday 29th January
- Thursday 5th February
- Thursday 19th February
- Thursday 26th February

It will be held on the Rivermead 3G. Please bring in your PE kit, shin pads and football boots.

Year 7 5-a-side tournament @ JMA is on the 2nd December
 Year 8 5-a-side @ Denefield is on the 27th January

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS!
JOIN THE FUN!

TUESDAY
Netball & Badminton
 Sign Up Now!

WEDNESDAY MORNING
Basketball
 8:00am - 8:45am

FRIDAY MORNING
5-a-Side Football & Reading Rockets
 Sign Up Now!

BOYS FOOTBALL
Speak to Mr Clare!

BASKETBALL CLUB EVERY WEDNESDAY 0800-0845



YEAR 7 FIXTURES	YEAR 8 FIXTURES
18 TH NOVEMBER @ OAKBANK	25 TH NOVEMBER @ BOHUNT
9 TH DECEMBER @ BHF-A	4 TH DECEMBER @ BHF
18 TH DECEMBER @ DENEFIELD	11 TH DECEMBER @ THEALE
13 TH JANUARY @ BHF-B	15 TH JANUARY @ PROSPECT
27 TH JANUARY @ BOHUNT	22 ND JANUARY @ DENEFIELD
3 RD FEB @ LITTLE HEATH-A	12 TH FEB @ LITTLE HEATH

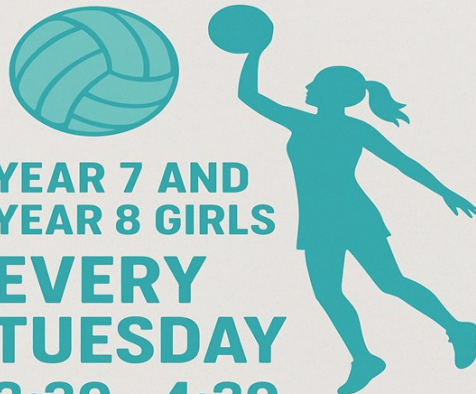
5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



EVERY FRIDAY
 0800-0845
 SPORTS HALL

STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR PE KIT TO SCHOOL, BUT BRING THEIR UNIFORM WITH THEM

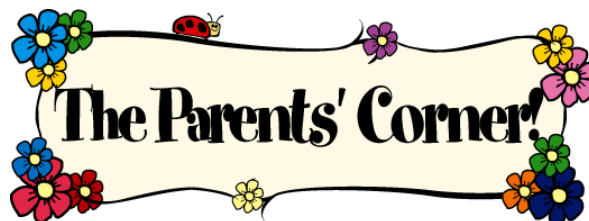
NETBALL



YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 GIRLS
EVERY TUESDAY
 3:30 - 4:30
 WITH MISS MOORE

Please see the link here which provides the latest guidance from UKHSA regarding the recent meningitis outbreak:

[Meningitis B outbreak: what you need to know – UK Health Security Agency](#)



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.



Getting your child to school really matters..... Did you know?.....

If in a school year your child is late every day by.....	Your child would have lost approximately.....	Or they would have missed approximately
5 minutes	3 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

Absence = Missed opportunity



Getting your child to school really matters..... Did you know?.....

If Your child's attendance during the school year....	Your child would lose approximately.....	Or they would have missed opportunity
<u>Was</u> 95%	9 days from school	50 lessons
<u>Was</u> 90%	19 days from school	100 lessons
Was 85%	29 days from school	150 lessons
Was 80%	38 days from school	200 lessons
Was 75%	48 days from school	250 lessons

Absence = lost opportunity