

Student Bulletin

Weekly Highlights



An Exciting Opportunity

On Wednesday 3rd June, 26 Year 8 students participated in a Careers' Workshop at the KPMG Reading Office. KPMG is known as being one of the 'Big 4' accountancy firms in the U.K., and offers a diverse range of services in auditing, consulting, tax and law, and technology and engineering.

Saanvi M, from Year 8, was one of those students who participated. She has kindly written about her experience below.

River lunchtime

w/c Monday 8th June

FIRST UP!

RIVER
LUNCHTIME

MONDAY	Zone 3
TUESDAY	Zone 1
WEDNESDAY	Zone 2
THURSDAY	Zone 3
FRIDAY	Zone 1



RIVER
ACADEMY

What's on?

This week's Menu

RIVER ACADEMY		WEEK ONE			
	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



RIVER ACADEMY

- Sparx Reader
- Sparx Maths
- Sparx Science

River reign in top position for the term!



What's on this week:

W/c Monday 8th June

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Before School					8:30 The Early Bird
During School		UKMT Maths Challenge: Kangaroo Round (selected students)		Kool Keyboards	Year 7 Celebration Assembly
After School	Rowing Silver Programme: National Poetry Day	Champions' Hour Choir Badminton Axiom Maths Year 8 Girls' Athletics Fixture	TRIP DAY!	Champions' Hour Athletics Club River Young Business Club Year 8 Boys' Athletics Fixture Silver Programme: World Ocean's Day	Reading Rockets Linguistics Club





YOUNG BUSINESS SHOWCASE



The next, great entrepreneurs

Reading YBS
Sat Jul 4th 2026
Broad Street (Central)

Apply now!
youngbusinessshowcase.co.uk

Reporting absences



RIVER ACADEMY

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@maidenerlegustrust.org.

For any attendance-related matters, please contact us at
riverattendance@maidenerlegustrust.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.

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.

My visit to KPMG

I recently had the opportunity alongside 26 others to visit KPMG and take part in an engaging workshop about careers, life skills, and artificial intelligence. After a 25-minute walk in light rain, we arrived at the office and were welcomed by several KPMG employees, who introduced themselves and shared their career journeys briefly. Additionally, we were given personalised name tags by KPMG making the experience more professional and it helped us feel like part of the workplace environment.

One of the first activities was a creative challenge in which we had to choose a household item and pitch how it could help us survive a zombie attack. This activity encouraged transferable skills such as teamwork, creativity, communication, problem-solving, and time management while also being fun.

After that, the employees explained their roles in further detail. The employee at our table was Rebecca who was an audit apprentice and she told us about how she works with clients and checks financial statements to ensure they are accurate and reliable for investors. I found it interesting to learn about the responsibilities involved in her role and the different pathways that can lead to a career at KPMG.

We also had the chance to tour the office, and we were provided with refreshments as well, including juice and biscuits. Later, we explored how artificial intelligence can be used to solve problems in areas such as medical diagnosis and construction. We discussed both the advantages and disadvantages of AI and learned about different options available after finishing school, including apprenticeships and university.

Overall, the visit was both informative and enjoyable. It gave me a valuable insight into the workplace and helped me learn more about the many career opportunities available in the future and the different pathways to achieve them.

Saanvi M, Year 8



RIVER ACADEMY

NEWSPAPER

FOUNDING TEAM WANTED!



We are launching The River Academy Newspaper and we want YOU to be part of it!

This is your chance to share student voices, report on what happens around school and help create a newspaper that future students will enjoy for years to come.

WHY JOIN?



Develop confidence and leadership skills



Have your work published and read across the school



Meet new people and work as part of a team



Share student voices and celebrate achievements



Help create a lasting River Academy tradition

**YOUR VOICE.
YOUR STORIES.
YOUR NEWSPAPER.**

HOW TO APPLY



Write a short application explaining:
WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE RIVER ACADEMY NEWSPAPER?

Please include:

- Which role(s) interest you
- What skills or qualities you could bring
- Why you would make a great member of the team

ROLES AVAILABLE



JOURNALISTS

Write articles about school events, trips, clubs, achievements and student life.



INTERVIEWERS

Interview students, teachers and visitors to the school.



PHOTOGRAPHERS

Take photographs of events and activities around the academy.



DESIGNERS & ILLUSTRATORS

Create graphics, artwork, comics and help design newspaper pages.



SPORTS REPORTERS

Cover sporting events, competitions and team achievements.



ARTS & CULTURE REPORTERS

Write about music, drama, art and creative projects.



OPINION WRITERS

Share thoughtful views on topics important to students.



**DROP APPLICATIONS TO:
STUDENT SERVICES**



**NEWSPAPER MEETINGS:
EVERY TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
08:30 – 09:00**



**APPLICATIONS CLOSE:
11TH JUNE 2026**

BE PART OF THE FOUNDING TEAM OF RIVER ACADEMY'S VERY FIRST STUDENT NEWSPAPER!



NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED – JUST ENTHUSIASM, COMMITMENT AND A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN!



**ALL STUDENTS
IN YEARS 7 & 8
WELCOME!**





RIVER ACADEMY
FOOD FESTIVAL
Friday 19th June
2026, 3:15pm
River Academy
canteen

River Academy PTA is delighted to invite you to the
River Academy Food Festival
– a celebration of community, culture and food.

We warmly welcome children, parents and families from
Year 6 (our future River Academy pupils!), Year 7 and Year
8 to join us for an afternoon of delicious food, cultural
discovery and community spirit.

How to take part

Cook a dish and represent your
country or culture.

Share a favourite family recipe or
traditional dish and help us discover
new flavours from around the world.

If you wish, you can also tell us a little
about your dish, its history, or when it is
traditionally enjoyed.

Please complete the following forms:

<https://forms.gle/sk9pjHpiCE89rDjM9>

Ingredients:

<https://forms.gle/t4GTHwXwgSTHPeZs8>

Join us as a guest and enjoy
the food!

Come along with family and
friends to sample a
wonderful variety of dishes
prepared by our school
community.

Guest Registration Form:

<https://forms.gle/x4BDSQKxguYEpmUr7>



RIVER ACADEMY

Summer SHOW

Celebrate. Create. Shine.

A night of talent,
creativity and summer
memories!



THURSDAY
18TH JUNE
2026



THE MAIN HALL
RIVER ACADEMY



SHOW STARTS
6:00PM

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

COME AND SUPPORT
OUR AMAZING
STUDENTS!



Hello everyone!

This is a message from **INKVERSE**, a stall at the young business showcase on **Saturday 4th July!**

As a part of our stall, we'll be selling things like our own graphic novels, a short novel with three stories (covers on the right), keychains and stickers and perhaps posters of our very own characters!

Please do spread the message everywhere, we'd love for everyone who's seen this to try and come to the business showcase to take a look at both our stall and the other stalls that have worked hard to be here!

We'd love to see you there on Saturday! Thank you so much for reading this message!

For more information, please find us during break or lunch!

Regards,
INKVERSE team

Likitha Gutha, Lisa Briagina & Saanvi Patra



Story and Art by:
Saanvi Patra
and
Likitha Gutha

**BRIEF ECHOES FROM
OTHER WORLDS COVER.**
NOVEL BY LIKITHA
GUTHA

**OxO [OVERKILL X
OBLIVION] GRAPHIC
NOVEL COVER.**
OBLIVION BY SAANVI
PATRA,
OVERKILL BY LISA
BRIAGINA

*Brief
Echoes
From
Other
World*



BLOOM & SIP

SIP. BLOOM. ENJOY.

BUBBLE TEA & CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES

Refreshing bubble tea.
Decadent chocolate covered strawberries.
Made with love. *just for you* ♥

NEW FLAVOURS

MANGO | PASSION FRUIT

FRIDAY 4TH OF JULY | 9:30 TO 14:00 | BROAD STREET

FRESH DRINKS. SWEET TREATS. BLOOM WITH US. ♥