

Student Bulletin



RIVER
ACADEMY



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

W/c Monday 21st September

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Before School		Early Bird	Early Bird		Early Bird
During School		CS Python Club - breaktime		Keyboard Club - breaktime	
After School	Rowing Club	Band Club Girls' Football Year 7 Basketball Champions' Hour Drama Club		Years 8 and 9 Basketball Champions' Hour Girls' Netball	Band Club Reading Rockets

Show Up AND SHOW OFF

Students who attend every day for 4 weeks from Monday 14th September will get:

A 100% Attendance badge for their blazer

A token for a prize draw of 10 pairs of Vue Cinema tickets

2 merits for every day's attendance

Will you be a 100% attender in September?

River Top Attenders!

7 Bridge
100%

7 Kennet
100%

8 Loddon
100%

7 Pang
100%

Every lesson is precious at River Academy, and so attending every day is vital.

Congratulations to our top tutor groups of the week!

What's on?

This week's Menu

	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.

All of our meat is Halal




We are a nut free school



RIVER ACADEMY

CHAMPIONS' HOUR



#EXCELLENCE
Every Tuesday and Thursday 3:35–4:30pm
In the LRC



RIVER ACADEMY

THE EARLY BIRD



#DETERMINATION
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings
8:30–9:00am
In the LRC



Parent Corner

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@maidenerleghttrust.org.

For any attendance-related matters, please contact us at riverattendance@maidenerleghttrust.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. Please let us know in advance if they have to leave early or will arrive late.



Parent Corner



River Academy Car Park is for staff and those students and parents/carers that have a **blue badge**.

If you are collecting your young person by car, please use Rivermead Overflow/Garden Centre. You must **not** park in the local businesses on Richfield Avenue.



Please apply for Free School Meals via:

[FSM Eligibility Checker](#)



If you wish to purchase a padlock from school for your locker, they are £3.60

[Padlock Link](#)



[River Academy Community Careers Volunteering expression of interest](#)

Instructions for SPARX homework

SPARX homework is set for all students every week in three subjects:

- English (SPARX Reader)
- Maths
- Science

What you need to complete each week

English (SPARX Reader)

- Year 7: Earn 300 SRPs by reading and answering the comprehension questions.
- Years 8 & 9: Earn 400 SRPs by reading and answering the comprehension questions.

Maths

Complete all the compulsory tasks assigned to you.

Science

Complete all the compulsory tasks assigned to you.

How to access SPARX 1. Go to

<https://www.sparxmaths.uk/>.

2. Click "New Student?" at the bottom of the page.

3. Enter your details.

4. You will be given your login ID.

5. Create your password.

6. Log in to SPARX. Our school is RIVER Academy (Reading).

7. Complete your assigned work.

8. To switch between English, Maths and Science, click the subject selector in the top-right corner of the screen.

Rewards



Early Completion Award (awarded on Tuesday)

Complete your SPARX homework before 8:00 am on Tuesday to earn:

- 5 merits for each subject completed early.
- Complete all three SPARX homework tasks before Tuesday morning to earn 15 merits in total.



Extra Miles Award (awarded on Friday)

Go beyond the compulsory homework to earn an extra 5 merits per subject (up to 15 merits in total).

To qualify:

- English (Reader): Earn 300 additional SRPs on top of the compulsory requirement.
- Maths: Complete one set of Personal Practice (150XPs).
- Science: Complete the Independent Learning Challenge.

Homework Deadline

- Homework is set: Every Friday afternoon.
- Final deadline: 8:00 am on the following Friday.

Please complete your homework on time each week to keep up with your learning.

If you Need Help

If you experience any problems accessing SPARX or completing your homework, please speak to your English, Maths or Science teacher. We are always happy to help.

If Homework Is Not Completed

If your SPARX homework is not completed by 8:00 am on Friday, the following steps will be taken:

1. You will be required to complete your homework in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) during break and lunchtime.
2. If your homework is still incomplete by the end of lunchtime, you will attend an after-school detention to finish it.
3. Students who repeatedly fail to complete their SPARX homework on time will be placed in the compulsory After-School Homework Club, held every Tuesday and Thursday.

Completing your SPARX homework on time not only helps you make excellent academic progress but also allows you to earn merits and avoid unnecessary sanctions. Aim to complete your work early and go the extra mile!

Maths Problem of the Month – September 26

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

Three cats, Pip, Sooty and Tiddles,
had kittens.

Pip had twice as many as Sooty, while
Tiddles had only a third as many as Pip.

What is the smallest number of kittens that
each cat had?

RIVER HOUSE COLOURS



Red – Lambourn



Yellow – Loddon



Blue – Thames



Orange – Kennet



Green – Pang



Purple – Avon

European Day of Languages

WRITING COMPETITION

Write a message that matters in a
language you are learning

Your entry :

- must include words in a language or **languages other than English**
- must **inspire**, **support**, or **connect** with someone, showing how carefully chosen words help us express ideas that truly matter
- may be a poster, blog, advert, letter, narrative or other text
- must be **A4** or smaller
- should be **handwritten**
- can have illustrations / imagery
- must contain your first name, age, class, teacher, school and languages used on the back



Prizes include vouchers and certificates.



Submit entry to Ms. England by
Thursday, October 1st

Winning entries may be used for display, promotional purposes, or publication by the ALL, Network for Languages North East, and/or Newcastle University.



FOR FULL ENTRY DETAILS

<https://www.all-languages.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/European-Day-of-Languages-flyer-2026.pdf>



RIVER ACADEMY THE ACTORS STUDIO

Do you want even more drama in your life? Do you love acting, creating performances or just want to explore some more drama techniques?

The Actors Studio is the place for you!



When:

**Every Tuesday
after school**



Where:

**The Drama
Studio**

Open to all year groups and abilities!



RIVER ACADEMY

WANT TO JOIN THE SCHOOL BAND?

Can you rock the guitar, lay down a baseline, smash the drums, or belt out a melody? Or maybe you play brass, woodwind, or keys? Whatever your sound, the River Academy Music Band wants **you!**

We are looking for passionate musicians and singers from all year groups to join our crew. Whether you are a seasoned player or a beginner looking to jam, there is a place for you.

WHY JOIN US?



Perform live at school concerts and local events.



Meet new friends who share your passion for music.



Learn new tracks, from classic rock to modern pop.



Jam in a fun, energetic, and supportive space.



WHEN:

Every Tuesday and Friday after school.



WHERE:

The Main Music Room (0.62).



Speak to **Mr Abiola**

in the Music Department to sign up for our first welcome jam session on the

15th of September!

Don't just listen to the music —
BE THE MUSIC!





RIVER ACADEMY

Lead
Support
Inspire



MUSIC LEADERS

APPLY NOW!

Are you passionate about music and ready to take the lead?
We are looking for enthusiastic students to become
Music Leaders.



REQUIREMENTS:

You should have basic knowledge in one or more of the following areas:

- Keyboard
- Singing
- Effective communication
- Leadership abilities



RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Coordinate the practice room during keyboard club
- Support during keyboard club
- Help organise musical performances as part of the committee



APPLICATION:

(To be submitted to Mr. Abiola on or before 25/09/2026)

- Write a short paragraph explaining how you meet the requirements.

THIS IS A BRILLIANT OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP
**LEADERSHIP, TEAMWORK,
AND MUSICAL CONFIDENCE!**



MR MO SAYS:

RIVER ^{Crown} Young Business Club



Your idea.
Your team.
Your business.

Are you
creative,
ambitious and
ready for a
challenge?

Turn your ideas into real products,
real customers and real profit!

Join the River Young Business Club and work
with a team to create, make and sell your own
product at a real market in Central Reading!

Think you
have what it
takes to be
a founder?



IDEA

Come up with
your business idea



DESIGN

Create your brand,
logo and product
design



MAKE

Work together
to make your
products



MARKET

Learn how to
attract customers
and promote
your business



SELL

Set up your stall
and sell to real
customers!



9-WEEK PROGRAM

Wednesdays • 1 hour

- ✓ Learn key business skills
- ✓ Do market research
- ✓ Create your own brand
- ✓ Make your products (teamwork!)
- ✓ Set your prices and budget
- ✓ Design your marketing
- ✓ Build your stall and get ready for the big day!

Work
in teams,
make new
friends!



REAL BUSINESS DAY



SATURDAY
5 DECEMBER



Broad Street
Central Reading

Year 8 & 9
students only



Work
as a team



Build
valuable
skills



Be
creative



Make a
real impact

Real
customers.
Real experience.
Real skills!



Come to **Mr. Mo** if you are interested
or you would like to know more.

Let's
make it
happen!



Uniform Donations

Has your child outgrown their uniform?

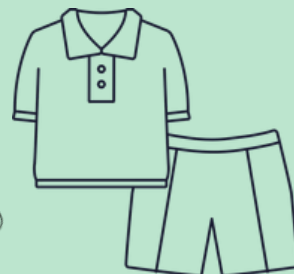
Donate good quality school uniform to help other students get the uniform they need!

Drop off point: Reception or Student Services

Criteria:

- In good condition
- No rips or tears
- No stains
- Clean

Items to donate: Blazers, jumpers, skirts, trousers, ties, PE kits, trainers, school shoes, football boots etc





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"HELP" **NEED HELP?**

"Who can I speak to?"



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Tuhy



Deputy DSL
Mr Hartley



Deputy DSL
Mrs Billingham



Deputy DSL
Mrs Clarke



Deputy DSL
Miss Hinton



Deputy DSL
Mr Rosser

Teacher, Tutor, TA... Anyone