Student Bulletin



RIVER ACADEMY



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

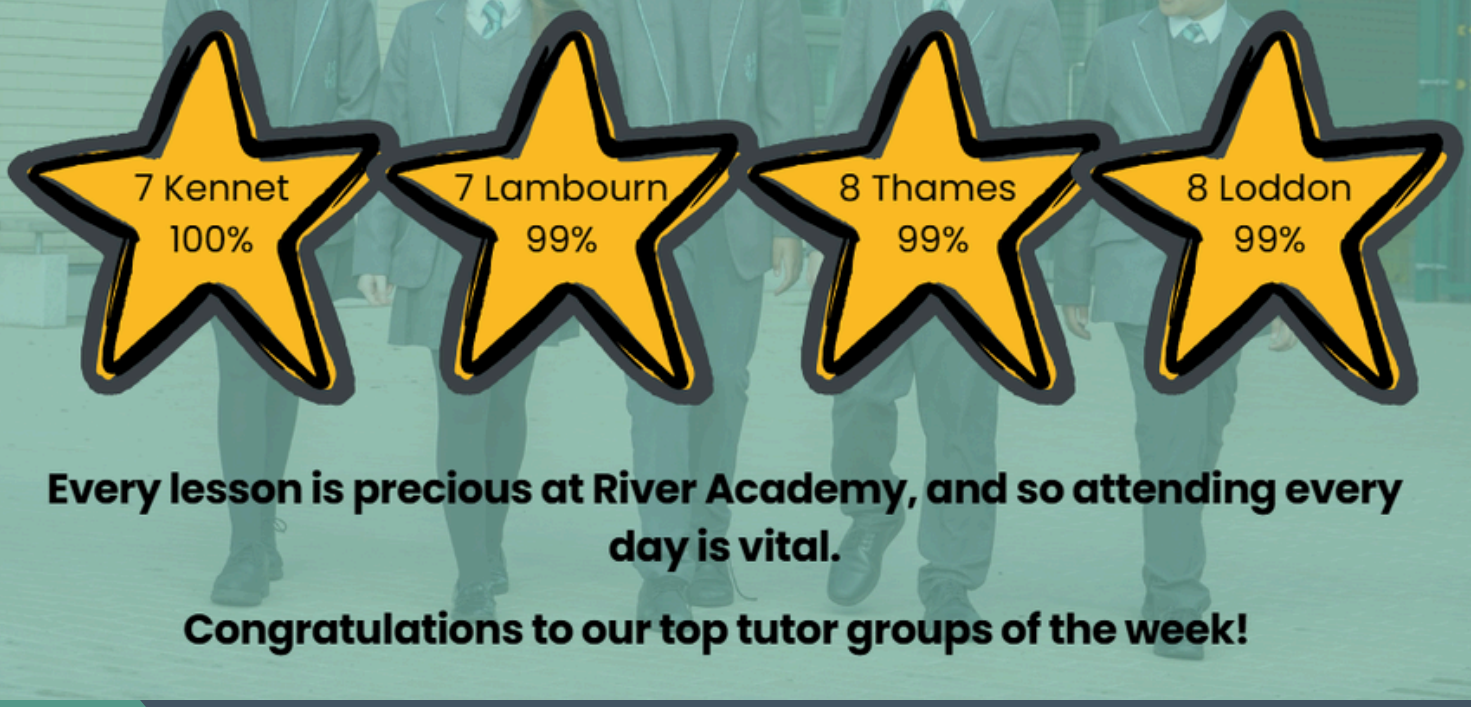
W/c Monday 28st September

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Before School		Early Bird	Early Bird		Early Bird
During School		CS Python Club - breaktime	EARLY FINISH: 12:50pm	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 Linguistics Club

Wednesday 30th September	
9:05-9:30	Tutor time
9:30-10:25	Period 1
10:25- 11	Extended break
11- 11:55	Period 2
11:55-12:50	Period 3
12:50	End of day

River Top Attenders!

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

Congratulations to our top tutor groups of the week!

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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?

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What's on?

This week's Menu

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WEEK ONE

MAIDEN ERLEGH TRUST CATERING

	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.

All of our meat is Halal




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
RIVER ACADEMY

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday	
Time	Activity
09:05– 09:30	Tutor
09:30 – 10:30	Lesson 1
10:30– 10:50	Break
10:50 – 11:50	Lesson 2
11.50 – 12.50	Lesson 3
12:50 – 13:50	Lunch
13:50– 14:45	Lesson 4
14:45 – 15:40	Lesson 5

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09:05– 09:30	Tutor
09:30 – 10:30	Lesson 1
10:30 – 10:50	Break
10:50 – 11:50	Lesson 2
11.50 – 12.50	Lesson 3
12:50 – 13:50	Lunch
13:50 – 14:45	Lesson 4
14:45 – 15:40	Lesson 5
15.40 - 16.30	Elective

Friday	
Time	Activity
09:05 – 10:00	Lesson 1
10:00 – 10:55	Lesson 2
10:55 – 11:15	Break
11.15 – 12.10	Lesson 3
12:10 – 13:10	Lunch
13:10 – 14:05	Lesson 4
14:05 – 15:00	Lesson 5
15:00 – 15:20	Celebration Assembly

Association for Language Learning

writing competition

Newcastle University

Write a message that matters in a language you are learning

Your entry must:

- include words in a language or **languages other than English**
- **inspire**, **support**, or **connect** with someone, showing how carefully chosen words help us express ideas that truly matter
- be **A4** or smaller
- contain your first name, age, languages used, class, teacher and school on the back.

Your entry can:

- be a poster, blog, advert, letter, narrative, or other text
- have imagery / illustrations
- be typed, but **handwritten** is preffered
- use **AI** - this must be **disclosed** to your teacher

Full competition outline will be shared in the student bulletin

Prizes include vouchers and certificates

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

Parent Corner

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Information to parents

After September 25th 2026, our office staff will be unable to accept any forgotten equipment/lunches/messages from parents.

Forgotten lunch

Students can get food from the canteen, parents/carers can top up on Parent Pay later. Our canteen staff will never deny a child a meal deal.

Forgotten Equipment/Uniform/PE Kit

Students can go to Student Services before school and during breaktimes. Student will get a detention, this is a consequence for missing equipment and to deter them from forgetting it again.

Messages

Parents/carers can contact the student on their mobile phone afterschool, only emergency messages can be relayed (family emergency, medical etc).

After School Clubs

Students will need to arrange with parent/carer before school. Students can contact parents/carers on their mobile phone afterschool outside of school grounds. Otherwise, students will have to miss the club that day.

Parent Corner

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Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

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.

Slough Borough Council

Please apply for Free School Meals via:

FSM Eligibility Checker

ParentPay

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

Padlock Link

Sparx Learning

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.

Sparx Learning

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.

Sparx 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

READING RFC
Girls Rugby

Under 12 to U18

SUMMER IS OVER

WHICH MEANS RUGBY IS BACK!



We are looking for new players from U12 to U18, with or wthout experience, to join our rugby programme

Please contact Suzie Marks:
suzie.marks84@gmail.com

Reading Rugby Football Club,
Holme Park, Sonning **RG4 6ST**

Sessions run on
Wednesdays, 6:15pm to 8pm

FREE TASTER SESSIONS - give it a go!

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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!

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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!

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MUSIC LEADERS

Lead
Support
Inspire

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
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
Real customers. Real experience. Real skills!
Year 8 & 9 students only
Work as a team
Build valuable skills
Be creative
Make a real impact
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?

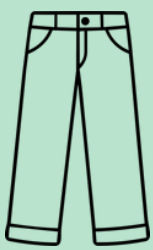
Donate good quality school uniform to help other students get the uniform they need!

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