Student Bulletin

We would like student taken photos of our building, school, nature or surrounded areas. If you would like to submit a suitable photo please email it to Rivbulletin@maidenerleghtrust.org



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WORK HARD, PLAY HARD!

I AM THE CAPTAIN OF MY SOUL

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FUN FRIDAYS!

EVERY FRIDAY COUNTS!



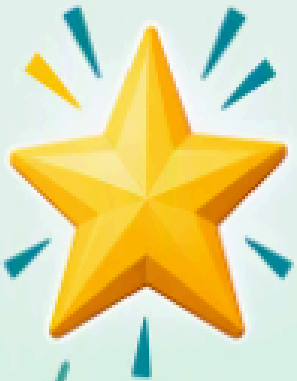
DOUBLE MERIT FRIDAYS

All merits awarded on Fridays will be worth **DOUBLE.**



PIZZA FRIDAYS

Pizza available at breaktime every Friday!



ATTENDANCE HERO

Students with 100% attendance for the week will be entered into a prize draw and could receive a sweet treat during Celebration Assembly!



FRIDAY ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAW

Attend every Friday after half term and be entered into a prize draw for:

- Cinema Tickets
- Shopping Vouchers
- Special Prizes

#FunFridays

COMMUNITY • RESPECT • EMPATHY • EXCELLENCE • DETERMINATION

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Maths Through Stories

Young Mathematical Story Authors Competition

FREE after-school event

open to all Year 7, 8 & 9 students



Dr Natthapoj Vincent Trakulphadetkrai

Principal Investigator (England, UK)

Associate Professor of Mathematics Education
Institute of Education, University of Reading

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Founder of MathsThroughStories.org

Creator of the world's first international mathematical story-writing competition

No need to register – just turn up!

EARN 5 MERITS from Mrs Gopalan!

Meet the founder & ask questions!

Monday 23rd November

3:40 - 4:30pm

School Hall

Could YOUR story be the next international winner?

- Show maths in a whole new way
- Build your creative writing skills
- Represent River Academy globally
- 7,000+ students from 40+ countries
- Win prizes & international recognition
- No experience needed – just imagination!

Any questions? Speak to Mrs Gopalan

Aim High Be Inclusive Work Together

University of Reading

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COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

UK BEBRAS CHALLENGE 2026

Are you as clever as a beaver?

9–20 NOVEMBER

45 minutes of brain-bending puzzles. No coding needed. No revision. Just clever thinking.

45 min
online, in a lesson

Free
for ages 6 to 19

526,000+
UK students last year

Why take part?

1

Everyone gets a certificate

Top 10% in the UK earn Gold.

2

No experience needed

It tests how you think, not what you have memorised.

3

Train your brain

Skills that help in every subject, not just computing.

Patterns · Logic · Algorithms · Debugging · Problem solving

TRY A PRACTICE ROUND

bebras.uk

Click Practice. No login needed.

Ask Mr Raza

Head of Computer Science

Your teacher will give you your username and password.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

W/c Monday 9th November

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Before School		Early Bird	Early Bird		Early Bird
During School	Yr9 Extension Maths – Lunchtime	Yr9 PSHE Workshops	Remembrance Day Commemoration	Keyboard Club - breaktime	Children In Need Non-school uniform and fundraising Yr7 and Yr9 Celebration Assembly
After School	Rowing Club Yr8/9 Girls' Football Fixture	Yr 7 Basketball Band Club Drama Club Champions' Hour Yr 8 and 9 Axiom Maths (by invitation) Yr7 Girls' Football Fixture	Electives	Yr8/9 Basketball Yr 7 Axiom Maths (by invitation) Champions' Hour Yr8/9 Girls' Football Fixture Girls' Netball	Band Club Reading Rockets Linguistics Club

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100%

Sparx Reader

Sparx Maths

Sparx Science

#The100%Club

All 3 year groups finished the week with 100% of compulsory Sparx Home Learning completed!

An outstanding effort in the last week of half-term!

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!

w/c Monday 9th November

FIRST UP!

RIVER LUNCHTIME

MONDAY	Zone 4
TUESDAY	Zone 5
WEDNESDAY	Zone 1
THURSDAY	Zone 2
FRIDAY	Zone 3

Dead Poets School

Performing *poetry*,
in **Your Classroom**.

What: Session led by professional actors asking

What is Poetry?

When? Monday 9th November Lesson 5 (missing your usual lesson)

Where? Main Hall

Why? To start thinking about poetry prior to learning more about it later in Year 7 and beyond

- You will come to the Main Hall at the start of Period 5.
- You will be seated in your tutor groups (like you would in assembly).

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What's on?

This week's Menu

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WEEK THREE

MAIDEN ERLEGH TRUST CATERING

	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.



AL-HAQ-HALAL

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Halal Slaughtering & Control Organization

Halal Certificate

Based on the audit conducted by **AL-HAQ-HALAL** and the completed report dated **11/04/2026**, AL-HAQ-HALAL hereby certifies that the company:

Zakłady Drobiarskie Farmio Sp. z o.o.
ul. Lesna 1, Golina, 63-200 Jarocin

meets the requirements of the **AL-HAQ-HALAL program** for Halal slaughtering and Halal production (including Halal raw meat products).

The Halal production at the above-mentioned plant is carried out in controlled sectors and is under continuous supervision by AL-HAQ-HALAL. Halal products are provided with a **Halal Mark**. Certain selected products may also receive an **additional Halal Export Certificate**, according to the signed contract.

This certification is in conformity with the international standard OIC/SMIIC 1:2019 – General Requirements for Halal Food.

This document represents a **general Halal certification** for companies. For specific categories of products, an additional certificate may be required.

Validity: until April 2, 2027

Kotlin, 11.04.2026

Please note that all of our chicken, lamb, turkey and beef are Halal.

حلال
HALAL

We are a nut free school

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CHAMPIONS' HOUR
#EXCELLENCE
Every Tuesday and Thursday 3:35-4:30pm
In the LRC
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THE EARLY BIRD
#DETERMINATION
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings
8:30-9:00am
In the LRC
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Someone tries to sell you something in the street?

Be informed. Be safe.

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Some people may try to sell you things in the street that aren't safe, legal or may be linked to criminal activity.



If this happens, you can:

Say no
You don't have to buy anything. It's OK to be firm and walk away.

Keep your distance
Move away from the person and don't feel pressured.

Tell a trusted adult
Report it to a teacher, parent, carer or member of staff as soon as possible.

If you feel unsafe
You can also contact the police on 101 (or 999 in an emergency).

If it feels wrong, walk away!

Your safety matters.
Look out for yourself and your friends.

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"HELP" NEED HELP?

"Who can I speak to?"



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Tuhy


Mr Hartley


Mrs Billingham


Mrs Clarke


Miss Hinton


Mr Rosser


Mx Bowler


Mrs Ceesay


Mrs Lambourn

Teacher, Tutor, TA... Anyone

Maths Problem of the Month – November 26

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor or Mrs Strong by the end of Friday 27th November . You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

The sum of half and a quarter of a number is 18. Work out the difference between a quarter and half of the same number and multiply this difference by the number. What is the result?

October Answer:

18 animals, 6 chickens (with 2 legs), 6 cows (with 4 legs) and 6 horses (with 4 legs).

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YEAR 9 STUDENTS ONLY

MATHS EXTENSION CLUB

STARTING WITH A MATHS ADVENTURE!

1 PRACTICE: UKMT INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE

Prepare for the prestigious maths competition and develop advanced problem-solving and logical thinking skills.

- ★ CHALLENGING QUESTIONS
- ★ TEAMWORK
- ★ CRITICAL THINKING



2 AFTER THAT: GCSE FURTHER MATHS FOCUS

After the UKMT preparation, we will gradually introduce you to GCSE Further Mathematics topics to deepen your mathematical understanding and develop your ability to tackle complex problems.

- ★ ADVANCED CONCEPTS
- ★ GCSE FURTHER MATHS FOCUS

$f(x)=ax^2+bx+c$

$x=\frac{-b\pm\sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a}$

KICKSTART YOUR MATHS JOURNEY!

EVERY MONDAY LUNCHTIME | **12:50 PM – 1:20 PM** | **ROOM 2.47**

★ THIS CLUB IS OPEN TO YEAR 9 STUDENTS ONLY. ★

EXPLORE ADVANCED MATHS AND BOOST YOUR PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS!

CONTACT MRS GOPALAN FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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Looking for something?

Have you lost part of your uniform or equipment that you need for school?

Come to Student Services and have a look in Lost Property!

We encourage students to put their name on their uniform and equipment, it helps us get the missing items back to you quicker!

Mrs Cotterell is always happy to help.



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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!**

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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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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.

Please include your childs name, year group and tutor to all emails to River@maidenerleghtrust.org

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Reminder:

Flu Vaccinations

27
November

Deadline to receive your flu vaccination form

Yes
or No

We **must** receive your response on the form, even if you do not want your child vaccinated

Nasal
Vaccination

Flu Vaccination form nasal

https://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=BK150728

Injectable
Vaccination

Flu Vaccination form injectable

https://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/FluIM?schoolcode=BK150728

Protect your child	Protect family & friends	Simple nasal spray available	Better than having flu	Less time off school

Parent Corner

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HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE

If your child is absent, you **must report the absence each day by 8:30** a.m. using the Class Charts app.

If you are unable to report the absence through Class Charts, please email riverattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org.
Any attendance-related queries should also be directed to this email address.

Where possible, you should arrange medical appointments outside school hours. If this is not possible, we ask that you book appointments either early in the morning or towards the end of the school day to minimise disruption to learning. Your child should attend school before or after their appointment, even if they are only able to attend for part of the day.

ClassCharts

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UNDER THE WEATHER FORM

Please complete the following Under the Weather Form – Fill in form if your child will be attending school while feeling a little unwell, so that we are aware and can offer support if needed.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

When reporting a medical appointment on Class Charts, please include the appointment time and whether your child will arrive late or need to be collected early. You should also upload evidence of the appointment using the evidence section in Class Charts.

If your child is unwell, please refer to NHS guidance when deciding whether they should remain at home.

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REQUESTING LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Following changes in legislation, schools can no longer authorise leave during term time unless exceptional circumstances apply. If you need to request an absence of more than one day, you must complete the following absence request form RIV Absence request form 2026/27 – Fill in form at least 15 days before the proposed absence.
Approval will only be granted at the Headteacher's discretion. Please note that family holidays taken during term time are not considered exceptional circumstances. If your child will be absent for a single day, you should report the absence through Class Charts rather than completing an absence request form.

riverattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org

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