



Student Bulletin

Issue 2

Home Learning

This week we launched our Home Learning with students. At River, we are committed to providing the very best outcomes for students – and Home Learning is evidenced to support this. Evidence shows that repeating, rehearsing and practising after lessons improves results, but we also know that Home Learning helps support students to become better organised, more independent and increasingly responsible for their own progress.

Home Learning is in the form of Booklets – aligned to our Curriculum Booklets used in school. Parents will be able to find a Knowledge Organiser in each of these which will support you to know what is being taught in lessons, and also provide a reference to support with the homework tasks.

Separately, students will complete their Maths Home Learning on Sparx Maths, an online platform. All students have now logged onto Sparx and their first tasks have been set. Already, we have been blown away by the commitment and determination of students to succeed in this area. As well as setting tasks on Sparx, students can access additional tasks and resources, so that they can practise and develop skills in areas of their choosing. Our Sparx Leaderboard shows that many students are already accessing these modules, with some having completed over 5 additional hours of Maths practise this week! Keep up the hard work!

A reminder that we take responsibility for supporting students with this part of school life. Each student has a weekly timetabled lesson of 'Study Support'. Students are expected to bring Home Learning tasks to this lesson. They will work independently but will have access to a member of staff who can support. Additionally, our Homework Club runs after-school every Tuesday and Thursday in 1.26, our IT room. If students have issues accessing IT at home, then this is a great way to ensure that they can still access online platforms and complete their Home Learning.

Curriculum – An update on English and Maths groups

We are pleased to say that we were finally granted access to Key Stage 2 data in the latter stage of this week. This, combined with transition information and our knowledge of students in situ, has allowed us to create our new groupings for English and Maths. These groups will be in place for Monday morning and Bromcom/My Child at School will be updated before then.

Whilst we have considered both the students' skills in English and Maths, we have prioritised the current Maths ability. This will ensure that the Maths Team can use the most appropriate pace to guide students. Meanwhile in English, in the same groupings as Maths, there will be a broader range of skill and current ability. It is very common to find mixed-ability groupings in English, and so our 'banded' rather than 'set' approach will ensure that the English Team can stretch and challenge all students, no matter their starting point.

Our English and Maths Teams will continue to monitor and review the groupings of students as we build our own evidence base of assessment. Where progress shows that students would benefit from moving a group, we will look to make these changes.

Student Leadership Roles:

Students must write a letter of interest to the relevant member of staff by Wednesday 23rd September if they are interested in the Student Leadership Roles.

Sports Ambassador- Mr Clare

Science Subject representative- Mr Duckinfield

History/ Geography or RPE Subject Representative- Ms Angell

Technology/ Art Subject Representative- Ms U'ren

English Subject Representative- Ms Myres

Maths Subject Representative- Ms Strong

Student Council- Miss Moore

Also students need to collect a letter from their form tutor/ HOY if they are interested in being part of our Open Evening.

River Open Events:

If you know anyone who would be interested in our Open Evening, please pass on the information in this and direct them to the website for more information.

This will be an opportunity for parents and students to visit the school and talk with students, teachers, staff and subject leaders. Headteacher presentations will take place in the main school hall at 5:30pm and 7pm. There is no booking required to attend the Open Evening but for more information please visit our website [here](#).

We will also be hosting a series of open mornings, starting at 9:30 am and concluding by 10:45am. These will be an opportunity for parents and students to hear a presentation from myself, before being taken on a student led tour of the school. **Booking is required to attend open mornings** which are taking place as follows:

- Monday 23rd September—FULLY BOOKED
- Thursday 26th September
- Wednesday 9th October

To book onto an open morning please click [here](#):



RIVER ACADEMY

Open Evening

Wednesday 02 October
5:30pm until 7:30pm

This event will be an exciting opportunity for you to visit the school, talk to students, staff and subject leaders.

There will be lots to do and see including a presentation by the **Headteacher, Mr Andy Hartley**, subject and enrichment information, hands-on activities and tours of the school led by students.

Headteacher Presentation

Presentations are in the Main School Hall at 5:30pm and 7:00pm

No Booking Required

No booking is required, so please come along and find out what our school has to offer.

For parents and primary school pupils moving to secondary school in September 2025.

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What's on this week?

23rd–27th September

School timings:

Please be reminded of our school timings below:

Mon, Tues & Thurs		Wed		Fri	
09:10-9:35	Tutor	09:10-09:35	Tutor	09:10-09:20	Tutor
09:35-10:35	Lesson 1	09:35-10:35	Lesson 1	09:20-10:15	Lesson 1
10:35-10:55	Break	10:35-10:55	Break	10:15-11:10	Lesson 2
10:55-11:55	Lesson 2	10:55-11:55	Lesson 2	11:10-11:30	Break
11:55-12:55	Lesson 3	11:55-12:55	Lesson 3	11:30-12:25	Lesson 3
12:55-13:35	Lunch	12:55-13:30	Lunch	12:25-12:55	Lunch
13:35-14:35	Lesson 4	13:35-14:30	Lesson 4	12:55-13:50	Lesson 4
14:35-15:35	Lesson 5	14:35-15:30	Lesson 5	13:50-14:45	Lesson 5
		15:30-16:30	Elective	14:45-15:15	Celebration Assembly

Canteen Menu:



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WEEK TWO



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Meat Ball Pasta Garlic Bread Carrots	Chicken Tika Masala Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables	Lasagne Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Chicken Fajita Wrap Salad	Chip Shop Friday
Vegetarian	Vegi Meat Ball Pasta Garlic Bread Carrots	Vegetable Korma Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables	Vegi Lasagne Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread Salad	Vegan Sausage Roll
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 Crumble Custard	Syrup Sponge Custard	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce	Jam Sponge Custard	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.



