

Rivers

Education Support Centre

Dates for your diary:

21st October – Break up for Half Term (normal finishing times)

31st October – Pupil Progress Day (someone from the office will contact you to book a time for this)

8 & 9th November – English Speaking & Listening assessments

Week beginning 14th November – Visits for Year 11 to Herts Regional College

23rd November – Food Aid

5th December – INSET day (no staff or pupils to attend)

6th December – Mock exams start for ALL pupils (timetables will be sent out for each pupil)

7th December – Xmas meal

8th December – Xmas Jumper Day

20th December – Last day for pupils and staff

READ ABOUT RIVERS

Welcome Back!

As we near the end of Half Term 1, I thought it would be good to let pupils, parents and carers know what has been happening in Centre and also what events are forthcoming.

A reminder that if you require any further information about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01992 534841 or Miss Traynor directly on 07923 257747

Role of Honour – Half Term

Each half term, staff nominate the student they feel has made the most progress in their subject. Below is our role of honour for Half Term 1



Art – HG

Biology – MW

Core Plus English- JW

Core Plus Maths- BG

Employability - ON

English - MW

Enterprise – BW

Fire & Rescue - DM

Food – ON & RBAR

Imedia - AH

Maths – LPo

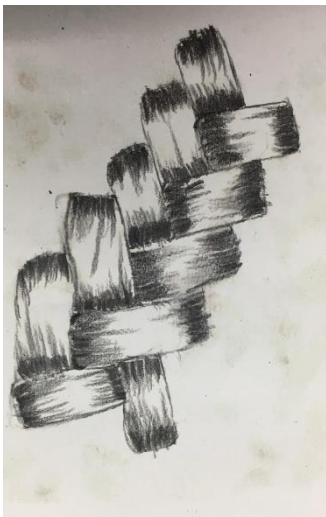
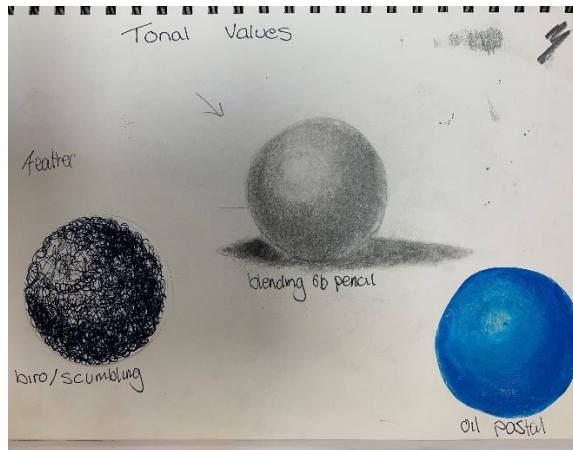
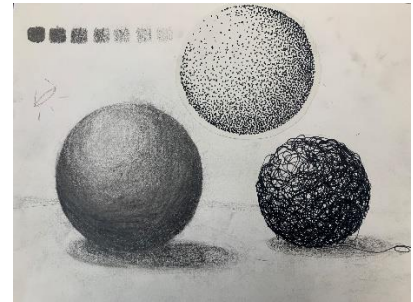
Personal Development - HG

Princes' Trust – MM

Btec Sport – BG

Teambuilding – AWH

Half Term 1's featured subject: ART



This term at Rivers, for component 1, our GCSE art pupils have been working on the formal elements in Art. This is a small project which teaches them the techniques to enable them to move onto their personal project 'Human Forms.'

Our pupils will be researching figurative and portraiture artists and responding to their work. They will be experimenting with their own ideas, materials and media showing developmental work leading them to their final piece in December when they sit their Mocks for Component 1.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Students can take Home Learning with them every week. There is a folder in the Social Area containing work and all students are encouraged to take this work home to consolidate what they are doing in lessons. If you would like this work to be emailed to you as a Parent/Carer, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Extra-curricular activities are now running (1:40pm-2:40pm)

Monday – Science, DofE

Tuesday – Fitness, Hair & Beauty

Wednesday – Maths, English

Thursday – Art

Included in this newsletter are details provided by the English & Maths Department of sites students can use from home to help improve their knowledge and learning.

Revision sites to support Maths GCSE (1-9)

Edexcel.

Maths genie - <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html>

- Simply Go on 'Maths genie' (free website)
- Click on GCSE Revision
- Select a topic and click on the third column

Below are topics which typically appear in your Summer GCSE maths papers.....well worth a visit.

Grade 1 topics:

- Negative numbers
- Factors, multiples and primes
- Powers and roots
- Pictograms

Grade 2 topics:

- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Collecting like terms
- Solving one step equations
- Angles
- Area and perimeter
- Probability
- Mean, median, mode and range

Grade 3 topics:

- Substitution
- Estimation
- Fractions
- Sharing ratio
- Percentages
- Best buys
- Solving equations

Grade 4:

- HCF, LCM
- Indices
- Expand and factorise
- Surface Area
- Sequences (Nth term)

ENGLISH SUPPORT

A letter with these details was sent out last week

We have invested in a literacy improvement tool called Bedrock Learning, which teaches students the language they need to succeed at school.

As your child progresses through the curriculum, they will study hundreds of words, whilst reading fiction and non-fiction texts regularly.

As their guardian, you can see their knowledge organiser, and you will receive weekly progress reports on your child's progress via email when you create your Bedrock account.

To create your Bedrock Guardian Account: Step 1: Visit
app.bedrocklearning.org

Step 2: Click on the 'Guardian/Teacher' tab.

Step 3: Complete the parent sign-up sheet and enter your access code:
[INSERT ACCESS CODE]

Step 4: Check your email for your password, and then log in. Be sure to check your junk folder if no email arrives.

You will find a helpful parent guide via this link: <https://bit.ly/2TrdZ4h>

If you have not received your letter regarding this and require assistance, please contact Mrs Demetri on lisa.demetri@riversesc.herts.sch.uk

McMillan Coffee Morning

On 5th October, students and staff prepared cakes to be sold at breaktime, raising money for the cancer charity, McMillan. As this goes to print we have currently raised £86; if you would like to donate to this charity, please contact Sue or Laura on reception.



