



18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another excellent school year at Riverside School I would like to thank you for your unwavering support; most importantly, getting your child to school on time and ready to learn every day means Riverside's attendance is well above the national average and our young people are thriving as a consequence.

Please note the dates and times of exam results over the summer holidays:

### **Yr13 A-level and BTEC L3 Results Day | Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

Year 13 collect their results between **8am-10am** on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Senior staff will be on site to support students in securing their preferred university places. Students **MUST** bring their UCAS username and login with them.

### **Yr11 GCSE Results Day | Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

Year 11 can collect their results on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and enrol for Riverside Sixth Form College. We will stagger the release times, so please arrive at:

**9am-10am:** **R&I** students to collect their results

**10am-11am:** **V, E&S** students to collect their results

### **Sporting Achievements**

Riverside sports teams played over 200 fixtures this year. Impressively, the under 15 girls football team reached both the semi-finals in the Essex cup and national cup. The year 9 netball team won the borough league with an undefeated record, a superb achievement!

For the first time a Riverside student representing LBBB in the Essex Athletics Championships won gold in the 100m final, congratulations to Shalom in year 7.

Coach Onireti, following his first full year as Director of Riverside Basketball Academy noted: 'it has been an inspiring first year with over 150 students participating'. Year 7 and 8 boys both won the borough leagues, U14s girls basketball won the LBBB tournament. 16+ academy had a good first season under Coach, winning games as the season progressed. The highlight of the year was Pearl (Yr8) representing England in the Tri-Nation tournament, the first basketball player from Riverside to represent their country.

### **Sports Day**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July was Riverside Sports Day. Click below to get a flavour of the activities and the superb sporting spirit! Superbly led and run by Ms Fletcher, Senior Student Leaders and the PE department. And the winners were... [click!](#)

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

166 students completed the Duke of Edinburgh Award this year, including a record 19 students who will achieve the prestigious gold award. Hats off to all those students who passed. Thanks to Ms Reid for leading the programme and her team of volunteer staff who generously give their time to support the expeditions, particularly during a year when the weather has not been camping friendly.

## Cultural Arts

During the first week of July Riverside celebrated [Culture](#) Week, on this day we proudly live one of our strongest values: 'to celebrate our *diversity*'. This celebration gives us a great sense of community, togetherness and pride. Take a look at some of the highlights by clicking the link above.

Also, during July, Riverside Mandarin Excellence Programme students went on a 10 day [immersive trip](#) to Tianjin, China. They practised Mandarin while developing a greater understanding of China's people and culture.

2024 will also go down in history as the year that Riverside's talented drama students and dedicated staff performed the world's first ever school production of 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child'. A resounding success that inspired the visiting West End producers with wizardry, imagination and phenomenal acting!

## Progress Reports | Issued Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

You will receive your child's Progress Report before the end of term, please contact their Head of Year should you wish to discuss their progress in more detail in September.

## New School Year 2024-25

We have a staggered start to autumn term to allow year 7's induction on the first day:

- **Year 7 ONLY:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
- **Years 8-13:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

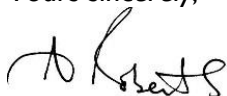
Students should **arrive at 8:15am for an 8:30am start.**

## Final Day of Term 2023-24 | Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

The final day of this summer term is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, when students will be dismissed by 12.00 noon** for staff to attend an end of term review meeting. The final day is non-uniform day for those students who wish to donate £1 to charity. [Term dates](#) for 2024/25 are published on our website should you wish to plan next year's holidays.

From all of us here at Riverside School may I wish you and your family an enjoyable summer break and thank you once again for your continued support of our outstanding school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A. Roberts  
Headteacher