



PARTNERSHIP LEARNING
RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

Excellence for All



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been yet another exceptional year at Riverside School. Last year's GCSE exam cohort come top of the borough schools' results and received national awards for Progress 8 at +0.91 (top 1.5% nationally). Riverside School is delighted to be chosen by the MAYOR OF LONDON as one of his 'Schools for Success', selected as an exceptional London school to share our knowledge and experience across the capital, please see the school website for more details. Ofsted inspected the school in January 2019 and wrote a very pleasing letter that captured the excellence of the school.

We look forward to another year of excellent results and we will publish these on the website on Thursday 22nd August. The school will open 10:00am-12:00 noon this day for year 11 students to collect their results and enrol for Riverside Sixth Form College. Year 13 can collect their A-level results at 10am on Thursday 15th August.

In addition to last year's superb results there are many other brilliant achievements to celebrate: year 7 boys won the borough championships in indoor football, indoor athletics, and are the east London 5 a-side tournament winners; year 7 girls won the borough indoor football; we retained the U14 boys basketball borough championship and are now also U16 borough basketball champions; our year 9 girls were crowned as the borough netball champions and U15 girls handball champions. Over 100 students completed the Duke of Edinburgh Award, including 13 sixth form students who achieved the gold standard, six were invited to Buckingham Palace to receive this prestigious award from the Duke of Wessex. Just as impressive, our 90 sports leaders led events across the borough throughout the year, receiving huge compliments wherever they went. We're very proud of the way young leaders represent Riverside School, together with all our sports teams that participate with commitment, respect and pride.

Riverside School now leads the community school cultural arts and has formed an Arts Hub to work with other local schools, while continuing our wonderful partnerships with the English National Opera (ENO) and Bow Arts. Summer was marked with an Arts Fair held outdoors at the Rivergate Centre, a truly wonderful day of theatre, music and poetry performed by Thames Wards' young people. The Young Community Action Group (YCAG) have been active in making the community a better place for all to live. Their first two actions are to increase the number of bins around the school and at bus stops and to begin work on a community garden located next to the school. This action is led by the Thames Ward Community Project (TWCP), please continue to support their excellent work.

End of year attendance is on track to place Riverside as one of the best attended secondary schools in England. Thank you again for your continued support in ensuring your son or daughter is at school *on time* every day to give them the best chance of success.

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. Targets will be reviewed in September once we have a full set of results from the new GCSE examinations.

The first day of autumn term with students **arriving at 8:20 for an 8:40 start:**

- **Year 7:** Wednesday 4th September 2019
- **Years 8-11:** Thursday 5th September 2019
- **Year 12:** Friday 6th September 2019
- **Year 13:** Monday 9th September 2019

The final day of this summer term is **Friday 19th 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 2019/20 are published on our website should you wish to plan future holidays.

From all of us here at Riverside School may I wish you and your family an enjoyable summer break.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr A. Roberts
Headteacher