



30<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is so much to celebrate this year: it's wonderful seeing young people enjoy and perform incredibly well in sports once again; the planned summer theatre performance of *Oliver* is progressing well; and the music and arts curriculum has once again blossomed. We've simply had one of the best years ever! Students are really enjoying school and working so hard to catch-up on any missed learning over the past two years. We must commend students in all years for finding the resilience to thrive given the setbacks they've faced. I must also salute the work of teachers and support staff who go above and beyond daily to ensure students can do their best. And thank you, parents and carers, for being an outstanding partner of Riverside, supporting us so your child gets the best possible start in life. Impressively, school attendance is already above the national average in a normal year!

Riverside's sporting successes this year have been remarkable, thanks to a combination of our talented and dedicated students together with an incredibly committed PE department led by Ms Philips. Congratulations to the following teams who have excelled this season: Yr7 boys' football for winning the LycaMobile Cup regional final; Year 8 boys football London and Essex Cup semi-finalists and national quarter finalists; 3 football teams (7, 8 & 10) in the semi-finals of the London Cup; and Yr8 are also in the semi-finals of the Essex cup. Yr7 girls' netball won all their games this year, won the borough league and represented LBBB in the London Youth Games. In basketball the elite 16+ squads have had a phenomenal season: Men's 1<sup>st</sup> team LBA league finalists; Women's team AOC league winners and LBS league champions; Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> team AOC league winners; U13s on track to qualify for the Jr NBA playoffs. Please follow Riverside PE on Instagram to support their continued success: <https://www.instagram.com/stories/riversidepedept/>

Building on our prestigious Platinum ArtsMark status awarded in 2021 we're beginning a creative cross-curricular project on air pollution with Yr7 in partnership with Studio 2909. In addition, we are hosting a creative careers fair this week at Every One Every Day for year 10 students who follow a creative curriculum and we have just completed our second year of the wonderful smiling boys project: <http://universoulartist.com/smiling-boys-project/> Please follow Riverside Campus on Instagram to keep up-to-date on all developments and see the students' superb creations.

We now look forward to the first examinations for two years this summer. Our recent mock examinations for GCSE, vocational and A-level qualifications all predict results to be the best Riverside students have ever achieved. This would be an extraordinary accomplishment to perform even better than usual during such a difficult period. It is, once again, a reflection of how hard students and staff have worked this year to not only catch-up but exceed everyone's expectations. Reports will be sent home with students on the last day of term. We will publish all examination results in August on our website and report the destinations of year 13, of which an incredible 60% attended a Russell Group University (UK top 20) in 2021.

Friday is the final day of this term, a non-uniform day whereby students donate £1 to a charity to not wear uniform. Students must come in school uniform if they do not wish to donate £1.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 is the last day of term and students will be dismissed from 12.00pm.** All students return to school on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022** for a normal **8.40am** start (8:30 on site). May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and restful break over the holiday from all of us at Riverside School as we look forward to summer term. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Roberts  
Headteacher