

Riverbank Academy Newsletter

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Facilities Update

Our new provisions, the Wave Centre and Navigator Suite are having a positive impact on the engagement and success of students. It's been great to see our students accessing this provision and enjoy their new indoor and outdoor learning environments.

This week we have also received delivery of our specialist fitness equipment for our new fitness suite which will be open in the later half of next term.

We also expect our soft play equipment to be delivered and installed over the February half term...hopefully!

Our Curriculum

The intent of our whole school curriculum continues to focus on developing Independence and Employment Skills. Every half term we publish a "One Stop Curriculum Shop" which covers the key elements of learning across all subject areas. This is always made available on our website:

https://riverbankacademy.org.uk/?page_id=6622

Each week we also capture and share our favourite learning moments on Twitter: **@RiverbankAc**



Autumn 2021-2022

As we approach the end of the year we would like to share with all our families our main headlines from the Autumn term. Our school has increased in size this year from 166 students to 188 students and we are very pleased with how well our students have settled back into their routines and learning.

Our after-school enrichment clubs have been a big success with 45 students attending! We've also been getting our students out and about in the community visiting local areas and industries to support independence and employment skills. This includes, 14 students that are taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award and another 10 students who are currently away on a five-day residential trip in Wales!



School Survey...

Thank you to all our parents that completed our parent survey. We received 29 responses and from the responses:

100% of parents feel their child is well looked after, happy and safe in our school. 97% of parents feel their child is making good progress in our school. 100% of parents feel our school is well led and managed and helps to prepare students for independent living and employment. 97% of parents feel our school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.



Phonics and Reading

Our students continue to access their communication, phonics or reading interventions every morning, everyday. We continue to use the Bug Club and Rapid Reader programme which has an extensive online library and interactive resource which can be accessed from home. During the first lockdown in 2020, two of our students used this resource to read over 30 online books in 6 weeks! For more information please contact your child's tutor or alternatively:



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Some comments from the survey included:

"Best thing that ever happened to xxxx was going to Riverbank"

"I would recommend Riverbank to any family member whose children have any form of special need. It is a warm and friendly environment"

"keep doing what you are doing, my son loves going to school"

"Can't praise the school enough, all staff genuinely care for their pupils"

We are really pleased with the results from our survey. We value all our families views whether it is positive or developmental and we are always looking at ways to improve our school so that our students receive the very best education and outcomes.



Finally...

Our last day of term is this Friday, finishing at 12:30pm.

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to school **on Tuesday 4th January 2022.** If appropriate, and you are able to support your child in taking a lateral flow test before their return in January 2022 we would appreciate your support with this.

We hope you all have an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing our wonderful students in the New Year!

