

Message from Mr Daniels, Principal:

A huge thank you to those parents that responded to our request for help with cars for our motor vehicle students, we now have a number of vehicles for them to work on. It was wonderful to see the community supporting the Academy.

On the theme of community, I have been fortunate enough this week to visit most of our local primary schools and meet with some of the students. It was a great opportunity for Rivers to build those links with other schools and ensure that we are working collaboratively in the best interests of our community.

I am looking forward to my first Open Evening at Rivers and greeting potential new students next week. Just a reminder that the Academy will close at 1.50pm on Thursday to facilitate this.

Key Events Next Week:

- Thursday - Year 7 Open Evening - **Please note that the academy will close for students at 1.50pm**
- **ORA Community moment - Carnival week:** This year we have launched ORA Community moments. These are events once each month that will allow our school community to come together and have some fun, whilst raising money to support local and national causes. Our first ORA Community moment will celebrate carnival week in recognition of the local tradition of Burnham-On-Crouch carnival. There will be a special carnival themed menu running all week in the canteen (you can view the menu here: [Carnival Week Menu](#)) and carnival-based activities in tutor time. To add to the fun each lunchtime there will be carnival games to play in the hall. Each game will cost just 20p for one go with some great prizes available. Please support our community initiative and encourage students to join in - they will need cash to play the games. Money raised will be donated to Burnham Carnival to support keeping this local tradition running.

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday 1 October - Year 7 Parent/Carer information evening @ 3.45pm
- Monday 5 October - Student Flu Vaccinations
- Tuesday 6 October - Rivers Sixth Form Open Evening 5pm-7pm

Key Messages:

- **Catering Cards:** Please can you remind your child(ren) that they should have their catering card ready when making purchases in the canteen. Having cards ready helps to keep the queue moving smoothly and ensures all students can be served food as quickly as possible. If your child's catering card has been lost or damaged, a replacement can be purchased via ArborPay for £1. **From Monday 28 September, students who arrive at the canteen without their catering card will be asked to rejoin the queue.** We appreciate your support in helping students get into the habit of bringing their card with them every day.
- **Homework:** We are undertaking a review and overhaul of our approach to KS3 and KS4 homework in order that we can ensure it is effective, accessible and well communicated to students and parents/carers. We have produced a very short survey for parents/carers to allow us to review how students are accessing online provisions. This will help us ensure any changes are inclusive and provide all students with the ability to achieve. We would be most grateful if, when you receive the survey, you could take 2 or 3 minutes to complete this.