

Message from Mr Daniels, Principal:

Another busy week here at Rivers with students engaged in exploring the Solar System through Virtual Reality, staff and students battling each other over games of chess and the phenomenal support from the community through our Harvest Festival Community Moment. Such activities highlight the commitment of staff to provide not only effective learning in lessons but also support our students through enrichment and character-building activities.

Key events next week

Friday:

- Club Zero Non-Uniform day for students with 100% attendance or zero negative behaviour points this half term
- Break-up for half term holiday (usual finish time)

Key Messages:

- **ORA Community Moment – Harvest Festival:** Thank you to everyone who supported our October ORA Community Moment - Harvest Festival. The contributions from the school community to support the Dengie Food Pantry have been amazing! All together we have had 935 items donated. These will really help to support families in our local community. The winning tutor group will be announced next week.
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- **Club Zero:** On Friday 23rd November will have our first Club Zero day of the year. Students who have had 0 absences or 0 negative points are invited to attend school in non-uniform on this day. You will shortly receive an ArborApp message if your child is included in Club Zero this time.
 - **Black History Month House Competition:** To help celebrate Black History Month, we are running a creative writing house competition. This is open to all students in Year 7 to 9 and students are asked to write a story, a poem or create a piece of artwork that honours Black people in our community. Entries should be submitted to their history teacher, and all entries will receive a point for their house. Please encourage your child to get involved (see poster with further details below).

Upcoming Events:

- **Monday 26 October to Friday 6 November:** Half Term Holiday (2 weeks)
- **Monday 9 November to Friday 21 November:** Year 11 Mock Exams. *Click below to view timetable:*
[Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable November 2026](#)
- **Tuesday 10 November:** Year 8 HPV vaccinations
- **Wednesday 11 November:** ORA Remembrance Service
- **Friday 13 November:** Children in Need





HONOURING OUR COMMUNITIES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026

YEAR 7 – 9

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Honouring Our Communities

This year we celebrate the Black people who strengthen our communities every day — volunteers, teachers, nurses, carers, community leaders and local role models whose care, leadership and service often go unseen, but make a lasting difference.

YOUR CHALLENGE:

 Write a story, write a poem or create a piece of artwork that honours Black people in our community.

PRIZES AVAILABLE FOR:



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



EACH ENTRY WILL EARN A HOUSE POINT!



OPEN TO:
Year 7 – 9
Secondary School Students



DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 23



SUBMIT TO:
Your History Teacher

Your voice matters.
Let's celebrate our communities!