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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another brilliant year thus far at Riverside School. Students are, once again, excelling in the classroom, in the arts and on the sports field, the [Riverside Gazette](#) tells the story! With 275 vocational results already in for year 11: BTEC Sport and WJEC Food and Hospitality, with over half the students achieving top grades of distinction/distinction*. A great start to the exam season! Year 13 and 11 have been working so hard and will see much deserved success in the summer when they collect their results on Thursday 14th and 21st August respectively.

This year's sporting successes to-date are really impressive! Year 7 boys are the Essex Indoor Athletics champions. This is a very prestigious competition entered by 50 schools from London, Essex and Kent. The girls team also came a noteworthy 7th place – congratulations to all who participated and those who won individual medals. The year 8 netball team won the Borough League unbeaten all season – quite an accolade – impressively year 7 also won the Borough League and under 14 girls came first in the Borough Netball Rally. In basketball, there is much success to laud: year 7&8 girls are borough champions; year 9 girls are through to the Essex Cup semi-finals; year 8 boys made the Essex Cup final, taking second place, losing by only one point. Year 7 boys are through to both the London Cup final AND the Essex Cup final. Year 8, 9 and 11 boys football teams are still playing in the London Cup and have all made at least semi-final stage. U15 girls are also in the semi-finals of the London Cup. Follow us [here](#) for updates, it is definitely looking like a bumper year for trophies. Superb work by these talented students and a brilliant PE team!

Year 7 have made an exceptional start to their secondary education, in addition to these excellent sporting outcomes. They are about to engage in a whole year 7 choir to perform a piece composed by year 10 music students, with lyrics written by year 7 themselves to raise awareness of air pollution. We will film the final performance and share it with you during the summer term.

It is great to see so many students taking advantage of music lessons and music clubs offered at Riverside. Singing, orchestra and band clubs are really all well attended and the recent recitals from instrumentalists have been a lovely feature of this last term, thank you to Mr Maggio, Head of Music, and Marcello, our resident multi-talented musician who makes these wonderful events come to life.

We now look forward to this summer's examinations starting in 4 weeks' time on Thursday 8th May 2025. Our latest mock examinations for GCSE and A-level are predicting outstanding results, dare I say our best ever! Both students and staff have worked incredibly hard and deserve huge successes. Reports will be sent home with ALL students on the last day of term. If your child is in year 11 or 13 please support them by using these next two weeks to revise well before this year's public examinations begin. All year groups will have work set to complete over the break. In addition, students are expected to read their library books daily for both pleasure and learning.

Friday 4th April 2025 is the last day of term and students will be dismissed from 12.00pm. Students can donate £1 to a charity to not wear uniform. If they do not wish to donate £1, they must come in school uniform. All students return to school on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025** for a normal **8.30am** start (8:20 on school site).

From all of us at Riverside School, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and restful break over the holiday. Happy Easter to our Christian families and Eid Mubarak to our Islamic families. Thank you all for your continued support throughout, what has been, a wonderful year at Riverside School.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Roberts
Headteacher