The Faculty System

At Rivers Academy the pastoral care of our students is of the utmost importance. Academic Mentor groups comprise of students from the same year and each tutor group is linked to a faculty, each with its own strong identity

The faculties help to develop a sense of belonging and to create a community for students to support each other, engage in friendly competition, and make positive contributions to the school and local community.

The four faculties are:

Arts	Maths and Wellbeing	Communications	Science and Technology		
Latest Aspiration Points Total *Aspiration points totals are updated at the end of each full term (latest points totals December 2023)					
26,653	23,073	27,608	22,515		

When joining Rivers Academy West London, each student is allocated to one of the four faculties, becoming a member and benefiting from the guidance of the other students within their faculties as well as our experienced pastoral teams.

Throughout the year, students compete for the Aspirations Cup, the current Champions are Arts. Every student can make a contribution to the overall points total by achieving aspiration points, having good attendance and getting involved in the numerous inter faculty activities throughout the year.

The structure of the faculty system means that each student has a chance to shine, to discover their own talents, enjoy some fun and excitement and to make a genuine contribution to their school community. As faculty members, all students have a wide range of opportunities to work together and to compete against other faculties in a variety of events. Some of these take part as part of lessons; some run during lunchtimes and after school.

Each faculty is divided further into 2 halves, who are named after a hero. The heroes were chosen by the Student Leadership Team in 2022/23 to be a diverse group of role models for students to aspire towards. The students made their choices based on individuals that they felt represented the core values of the school and had achieved greatness in their field.

Maths & Well-being		Communications		
Ellie Simmonds	Alan Turing	Tim Berners Lee	David Attenborough	
Science & Technology		Arts		
Lewis Howard Latimer	Rosalind Franklin	Maya Angelou	David Bowie	