



The Ripley Academy

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8th January 2018

Dear Dove Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year and extend a warm welcome back to students after the Christmas break.

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Head of House for Dove at The Ripley Academy and Amber Valley Sixth-Form and to say how I am delighted to have been appointed to this new and exciting leadership role.

I have been a teacher at The Ripley Academy for 10 years and have, in this time, taken on a variety of roles – including Director of Learning, joint Head of PE, and Teacher Training coordinator. As the Head of House for Dove it is my role along with Mrs Pitt (Student Support Co-ordinator) to support the welfare of the students in our care, as well as promoting high standards of learning and achievement so each individual student in Dove fulfils their potential.

I have clear expectations that students maintain high standards of behaviour, professionalism and enthusiasm for their learning journey. I will foster a positive atmosphere within Dove House, where students can develop their academic, emotional and social aptitudes, so they can fulfil their potential and mature into successful young adults.

Pride, resilience and ambition are important attributes in achieving success at The Ripley Academy, and to promote this I have created a motto for Dove - (PRIDE).

P – Perseverance (students strive to improve and work through adversity).

R – Responsibility (students are accountable for their actions and future).

I – Integrity (students do the right thing, even when no-one is looking).

D – Determination (students are set challenging goals and do the hard work to achieve them).

E – Excellence (students are expected to be the best they can be).

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As a parent/carer you are a partner in the high quality education of your child and your encouragement and involvement can help your child excel. Your thoughts and views on how we can work together in a meaningful way are always welcome. Therefore, I would like to launch the Head of Dove parents' clinic, every Thursday between 3:00pm – 5:00pm, where you are invited to discuss any matters that arise. Appointments can be made at <https://ripleyacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. In addition, if you should wish to contact myself or Mrs Pitt at any point, please feel free to email skingsland@ripleyacademy.org or cpitt@ripleyacademy.org and we will be happy to help.

I look forward to working with you and your child as they continue on this exciting journey through The Ripley Academy.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S. Kingsland

Head of House – **Dove**, Professional Tutor (Teaching, Learning and Assessment)