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16<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

### **Parent Information Evening**

I am writing to offer a reminder that the next Parents' Information Evening will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in the Gym. At this meeting I will be presenting an Ofsted Progress update along with Mrs Walton and Mr McDonough, the Chief Executive Officer of EMET. For those parents who are unable to attend I am delighted to be able to notify you that our whole school improvement plan has now been approved by Ofsted.

Since the last Parent Information Evening there have been quite a few changes in response to the feedback we received that night. As you are aware, students are now allowed to take their books home and already we are seeing quite a few parents' comments in pupil books, and this is something we very much welcome. Now that you have access to these books I would like to ask for your support in ensuring that your child meets our expectations regarding the presentation of work. These are:

- Dates and titles should be underlined with a ruler
- Students producing extended writing, using full sentences and accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Students responding to anything that a teacher has asked them to do in their marking comments, such as redrafting, correcting errors or answering follow-on questions.

With regards to homework, students should be completing the following as a minimum expectation:

Year 7 and 8: 30 to 45 minutes, 4 nights a week

Year 9: 1 hour, 4 nights a week

Year 10: 2 hours, 4 nights a week

Year 11: 2 hours, 5 nights a week

I would like to thank you for your continued support with the education of your child and should you have any queries or concerns then I am available for appointments every Thursday from 3 pm until 5 pm or I can be emailed at [feedback@ripleyacademy.org](mailto:feedback@ripleyacademy.org)

The Ripley Academy, Peasehill, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3JQ.

Finally, with half term approaching may I offer the following links with things to do over the half-term in the local area:

<http://www.visitderby.co.uk/whats-on>

<https://www.visitderby.co.uk/whats-on/events/october-half-term-holiday-club>

<https://www.visitpeakdistrict.com/whats-on>

I hope you have a lovely break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan de Rijk', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jan de Rijk

Head of School