



# The Ripley Academy

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12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of this academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support. I feel that this year has been a very successful one with many improvements in teaching and learning as well as other aspects of the school such as behaviour, attendance and punctuality. What is most pleasing though is the change that I have seen in our students in terms of their confidence, their efforts and their progress. It really is a privilege to serve The Ripley Academy community and I am confident that the improvements made this year will continue into the future.

## Staffing Changes for September

This summer a number of staff are moving on to pastures new. I would like to thank Mr Richardson (RE), Mrs Allen (Science), Mrs Millington (Geography) and Mrs Vardy (English) for all of their hard work and I wish them all the very best in their new ventures. In September we welcome a number of new staff including Miss Hunter (Geography), Mr Hawksworth (MFL), Miss Murfin (English), Miss Eatoe (RE), Mrs Satchwell (Psychology), Mr Leatham (Photography) and Miss Dye (Science). I am sure that they will be made to feel very welcome here and will have a successful time working with our students at The Ripley Academy.

## Arrangements for The Last Day of Term

School finishes this year on Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> and students will be leaving the school site at 1.20 pm. There will be a small amount of cold food available for students at lunchtime. Should any parents wish for their children to stay in school until 3 pm on the final day, then they would need to notify student services and we will provide supervision for any students up until the normal end of the school day.

## September 2019

Students return to school on Wednesday 4 September for our usual 8.40am start. Please ensure that they have everything that they need including a full pencil case with a proper blue or black handwriting pen. Our school uniform suppliers are Stevenson's ([www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk)). Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform as described in our uniform policy. May I ask you to pay particular attention to trousers and skirts where we only permit certain prescribed styles for both. Please also remember that students are only permitted to wear one pair of stud earrings (one in each ear) and that nail varnish or other embellishments are not permitted.

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

**Finally**

Finally, may I wish you all a restful and relaxing summer. I look forward to welcoming our students back in September for another exciting year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr J de Rijk', written in a cursive style.

Mr J de Rijk

Head of School

**Summer Safety – Please take a moment to look at these websites:**

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

[www.safetynetkids.org.uk](http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk)

<https://schoolsnet.derbyshire.gov.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-education/summer-safeguarding/summer-safeguarding.aspx>