



The Ripley Academy

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Please find attached the final report from the recent full Ofsted inspection of The Ripley Academy. I am thrilled for all of you to let you know that, for the first time in the school's recent history, The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form has been judged as Ofsted rated '**Good**' in all standards. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating all those involved with the school for such an exceptional outcome.

As you read the report, you will see that the behaviour and attitudes of our students, your wonderful sons and daughters, is a recurring theme: '*Pupils are confident and develop high aspirations*' and '*Pupils behave well in lessons and around the school*' are two examples of this.

In addition to our students, the dramatic improvement in the quality of teaching and learning is also recognised, '*The quality of pupils' work across the curriculum is generally good*' and '*In all subjects, pupils' achievement is improving*'.

May I take this opportunity to publically thank all of you who have supported the school over the past couple of years. Of course, to you the parents and students for staying with me and for having faith in what we were all trying to achieve to members of the Ripley community including local dignitaries who have given so much of their time at evening events, such as our celebration evenings.

Enclosed with this letter and Ofsted report is a letter from the Chief Executive of our Trust, the East Midlands Education Trust. The Trust's support in ensuring that my staff and I have had everything that we have requested – including a beautiful new building – in turning around the school's fortunes must also be recognised.

As always, I give you my utmost assurances that we shall never grow complacent here at The Ripley Academy. A 'Good' Ofsted rating is just a stepping stone to us in our journey to excellence in all that we do.

Finally, may I invite you all to a parent and carer information evening to share my next plans for the school, with a glass of fizz to thank you for your on-going support, on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 6pm in the Performance Suite. I do hope that you will join me, even if you have never attended one of these events before.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Headteacher of The Ripley Academy, an Ofsted rated **GOOD** school

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