



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Students

Welcome back to school...remotely!

I hope that you managed to have a good rest over the Easter holidays and that you and your family remain in good health. I managed to switch off a little and spend some time enjoying the sunshine in my back garden but I am now raring to get started again, as I am sure you are, albeit in a different way to what we are used to.

You may have heard in the news that the national 'lockdown' whereby we have to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives is set to continue for at least another three weeks. It is very important that we continue to do what the Government is instructing us to do however frustrated we may feel. In terms of your education, this means that you will now be expected to work on your studies at home as we begin the summer term.

Like we did before the Easter break, we must now adopt a routine so that we are working a school day but from home. Your teachers will continue to set work on a lesson by lesson basis using the online homework platform and they will also continue to use their work email addresses to provide feedback (a grade) and an area for further improvement.

If you are in Years 7-9, you may find that your work becomes more 'project based' as we try to develop more effective ways of teaching you remotely. However, your teachers will continue to be in touch with you during the week through the homework platform. You will also be pleased to hear that your scheduled exam weeks will continue when we shall assess you on what you did whilst at school from September until we had to close. For Year 9 students, option choices will be released once we have looked at your assessments. Your Heads of House will be touch with further details about these assessments shortly.

If you are in Year 10, please rest assured that we have plans to provide you with some intensive catch up teaching should you return to school before the end of term. We are committed to ensuring that you at least cover the same amount of content that you would have done during a typical school year.

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I am so proud of how you have all managed your school work in the two weeks leading up to the Easter break and I know that you will do your very best to get going again now that the new term is about to begin. Please do get in touch with your Head of House via email studenthelp@ripleyacademy.org should you need any support. For example, you may find that you have too much or too little work; it's very important that you let us know so that we can adjust our plans accordingly.

On a personal note, I am missing each and every one of you and I can't wait until we can all be back together again.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L J Walton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Mrs L J Walton

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