



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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7th May 2020

Dear Student / Parent / Carer

Year 7 – 9 Exams

I am writing to you regarding arrangements for the Year 7- 9 exams which were originally scheduled to take place in school over the first three weeks of June.

We would still like these assessments to take place as we feel they are invaluable in informing parents, students and teachers about pupil progress so far. This has never been more important than at this time of extended school closure, where significant gaps can open up in pupil learning.

The obvious sticking point is that school is currently closed to the vast majority of students and so we have decided to continue with these assessments online. We are asking students to complete these assessments at home during a set assessment window as detailed below:

Year 7: Monday 1st June (assessments available on SMHW) – Friday 5th June (Deadline for submissions)

Year 8: Monday 8th June (assessments available on SMHW) – Friday 12th June (Deadline for submissions)

Year 9: Monday 15th June (assessments available on SMHW) – Friday 19th June (Deadline for submissions)

Please note that these arrangements are, of course, liable to change should there be a full or partial re-opening of school during this timeframe.

It is impossible to fully replicate exam conditions but we would like to ask parents to help supervise their children during these assessments. We would like to appeal to students to enter into the spirit of things, sticking to time limits, attempting these assessments to the best of their ability and not seeking outside help! After all, the value of these assessments is only in how far they give a true picture of pupil progress.

The content of these assessments will be communicated to students by Heads of department prior to the half term break. Instructions for taking and handing in your exams will be available through Show My Homework each Monday listed above. It's up to you when you complete these exams but the deadlines for submission are for Friday 3pm of each assessment window

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If you have any queries then please contact the school at enquiries@ripleyacademy.org for the attention of Mr J de Rijk or if it's a subject specific question for the attention of the relevant Head of Department.

As always, many thanks for your continued support with the education of your child.

Yours sincerely

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

Mr J de Rijk

Head of School

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