



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Student / Parent / Carer

I am writing to you regarding arrangements for the Year 10 exams which were originally scheduled to take place in school over the first two weeks of term.

We would still like these assessments to take place as we feel they are invaluable not only in helping pupils prepare for next summer's GCSEs but also 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 the Year 10 exams online. We are asking students to complete these assessments at home during a set assessment window between 4th and 13th May. 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 cover everything that students have learnt so far in Year 10 in their core English, Maths and Science and their 4 options subjects. Instructions for taking and handing in your exams will be available through Show My Homework from Monday 4th May. It's up to you when you complete these exams but the deadlines for submission are:

- English / History Wednesday 6th May (3 pm)
- All other subjects Wednesday 13th May (3pm).

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

Mr J de Rijk

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