



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

Executive Headteacher: **Mrs L Walton** BA (Hons)



www.ripleyacademy.org
01773 746334
enquiries@ripleyacademy.org

Head of School: **Mr J de Rijk** BA (Hons)
Deputy Headteacher: **Miss J Scattergood** BEd (Hons)
Deputy Headteacher: **Mrs J Thawley** BSc (Hons)

Friday 19th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Leavers' Prom 2020

I am writing to you with an update concerning the Leavers' Prom we had originally booked for Thursday 25th June. As you are aware this will no longer take place due to the recent government regulations regarding the current Covid-19 pandemic. I apologise for the unavoidable delay in writing to you but due to the venue being closed I have had considerable difficulty in communicating with the manager.

I have now been in communication with the venue, Blackbrook House, who were able to offer an alternative date of 17th September. However, they are unable to guarantee that government restrictions will have been lifted at that time to allow a gathering of approximately 100 people. Under the new 2 metre social distancing guidelines they can accommodate 28 people in their large room where the prom is usually held. With the level of uncertainty regarding whether hospitality settings will be able to open in the near future, we have made the very difficult decision to cancel the Leavers' Prom for our current Year 11 students.

This has clearly not been an easy decision to take and naturally this will be disappointing for our students as well as ourselves. All payments made will be refunded in full via Parent Pay by the end of term.

We are fully committed to holding a leavers' event for our students once we are able to do so safely.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Scattergood
Deputy Headteacher

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