



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Parents / Carers

It really has been fantastic to welcome Year 10 back this week; it has truly lifted the spirits of everyone who works at school. Teachers are relieved to be returning to classrooms and the job that they love to support our students with their learning face-to-face. For the rest of this term, students will remain in their current teaching bubbles and will continue to attend school on their allocated days. They will be supervised by a rota of subject specialist teachers who will be able to offer students specific support with their online learning.

Year 10 Provision 22.06.20 – 17.07.20

The day will have a staggered start and finish at the following times:

D17 groups: 9.05am – 13.20pm

D18/20 groups: 9.00am – 13.15 pm

D13 groups: 8.55am – 13.25pm

At the start of the day students are to make their way directly to their classroom. They will then take part in four teaching sessions which will be delivered by subject specialists to groups of no more than 8 students. We have grouped students as far as possible in similar options groups and so they will have some access to an option subject specialist teacher as well as a Maths, English and Science specialist.

I would like as many Year 10 students as possible to take advantage of our in-school offer. If your child hasn't attended this week, please feel free to contact us if your situation has changed and you are now in a position to send your child on their assigned day.

Food and drink

Students will be given a 30-minute break from 11-11.30 am. A polite reminder that from next week students should ensure that they have credit loaded onto ParentPay if they intend on ordering food and drink from our canteen. Alternately, students may choose to bring in their own packed lunch and water bottle.

Support for students and families

During this first week back, students have been offered opportunities to share their experiences of lockdown and we recognise the ongoing need to focus on pupils' emotional wellbeing as well as their

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return to learning. In the weeks ahead, we can support students who have require additional pastoral care. Please let us know if you need further support or have concerns that you feel we should be aware of.

You may wish to seek support from the following sources:

- Qwell – an online counselling and emotional wellbeing service for adults
<https://xenzone.com/qwell/>
- Kooth – an online counselling and wellbeing service for young people <https://www.kooth.com/>
- Samaritans – call free 24 hours a day on 116 123
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline – call for free and confidential advice, 24 hours a day on 0808 2000 247

Online Learning

When they are not in school, students should spend the rest of the week completing their online learning. Please do get in touch via enquiries@ripleyacademy.org.uk if you feel that your child requires any general or specific support in completing their work.

Many thanks for your continuing support in the education of your child.

Yours sincerely

Mr J de Rijk



Head of School

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