



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Year 11 Students

Many congratulations on your GCSE results.

As you would expect, I have scrutinised the final grades that you have been awarded and, as your Headteacher, I want you to know that these results are truly yours, awarded not by the school, but by the examination boards. These, your official results, represent everything you have worked for throughout your time with us. You had mostly completed course content at the point of school closure and you had also completed several school based assessments all the way from Year 10. Consequently, please remember that the grades that you receive today are secure, fair and most crucially, they are yours; you have earned them.

I am sorry that you will have had to deal with increasingly high levels of anxiety, especially over the past two weeks, when the word 'algorithm' seemed to enter everyone's vocabulary. However, today is not about looking back. Today is about celebrating the beginning of your next stage through life. It is a rite of passage that every Year 11 student passes through. Today is about you and all that you have achieved and it is time now to celebrate a group of people marching forward as kind, considerate and exceptionally talented young adults.

I wish you all the very best in your Post 16 routes. If you are not continuing onto the Ripley Academy Sixth Form, I shall miss you dearly – please do stay in touch and let me know how you are getting on as you pursue your dreams. For those of you who are staying with me in the Ripley Academy Sixth Form, I look forward to working with you for another fun packed two years!

Should you have any queries about your GCSE results or about your Post 16 route, please contact Miss J Scattergood (jscattergood@ripleyacademy.org) who will deal with your query in the first instance.

For Ripley Academy Sixth Form queries please contact Miss Scattergood jscattergood@ripleyacademy.org.uk or Mrs Taylor etaylor@ripleyacademy.org; who will be delighted to assist.

Many congratulations and enjoy your socially distanced celebrations.

With my very best wishes for now and for always.

Mrs Lisa Walton

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