



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Pastoral System

At The Ripley Academy we take great pride in our comprehensive personal development programme delivered by a highly skilled team of form tutors, Heads of House and Student Support Coordinators.

You will be aware that in July we re-organised the vertical tutor groups to a year group model to help meet the restrictions placed on the school by the current Coronavirus pandemic. Over the last few weeks we have been able to reflect on this model in practice and have decided that in the best interests of our students we now need to move our current Heads of House into Heads of Year role from Monday 21st September for the remainder of the academic year.

Our aim is that **all** students receive the best possible pastoral support during their time with us and we believe that a Head of Year 'figurehead' will be able to focus on issues that arise specifically for different year groups. E.g. Year 7 and their transition to secondary school, Year 9 and their GCSE options choices and Year 11 exam skills and preparation.

The revised Head of Year structure for this academic year will be as follows;

Head of Year 7 – Mrs Forster

Head of Year 8 – Mr Kingsland

Head of Year 9 – Mrs Fidler

Head of Year 10 – Mr Lipton

Head of Year 11 – Mrs Saccaggi

The Student Support Team will also be revised; Mrs Pitt will be supporting students in Year 7,8 and 9 and Mrs Morton working with Year 10 and 11 students. These members of staff will be parents/carers first contact point at school.

The new Heads of Year will be making contact with parents/carers within their year group over the next week to introduce themselves and provide you with contact details should you have any questions.

Please be reassured that the Heads of Year are experienced members of staff and I will continue to oversee the work of the school's pastoral team to ensure the high quality support for each and every individual child.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Scattergood
Deputy Headteacher

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