



The Ripley Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

You will all be aware that The Ripley Academy had a third monitoring visit from Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

Once again, whilst I am not permitted to share the feedback that we received until the formal report is published, I would like you to know that the students have been exemplary, as usual. I am so very proud of them, of how they have embraced a new way of doing things here but most of all, I am delighted with their manners and with the respect with which they conduct themselves around school. They clearly have good role models at home. Thank you for guiding them so well.

Ofsted were once again very impressed with our students but this time they could also see that our teachers have been on their own improvement journeys too and the team saw some truly wonderful lessons. Our task now is to ensure that all lessons are equally fabulous! Next half-term, I will be asking for your support with helping your child to ensure that their written work is as neat as possible so that every piece of work is presented well in your child's best handwriting. If you would like us to purchase a good quality handwriting pen for your child, please do contact Mrs Robson (email below) and we will arrange this for you.

The final report will be ready within 20 working days and of course, I will publish this for you, in paper form, as soon as it is ready.

Please remember that you are a vital part of our school improvement journey and that I value and act upon every comment. Please do attend our parent information evenings and also please remember that Mr de Rijk runs a Headteacher clinic every Thursday should you wish to raise any concerns, however small, with him. Please contact Mrs Robson crobson@ripleyacademy.org for an appointment.

This is such an exciting school to be in at the moment; I am so glad that you are on this journey with me.

With my very best wishes for a restful half-term break

Yours sincerely

Mrs L J Walton
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