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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

You will have received notification that your child has been offered a place at The Ripley Academy from September 2021. May I offer you my congratulations and warmly welcome you and your child to our wonderful school community.

Your child will be joining The Ripley Academy at a most exciting time in the school's history; all of our standards are on the rise and I have been thrilled to see the difference in the school since my arrival in June 2017. I am absolutely committed to ensuring that every child thrives in our school and I hope that over the coming months the school's transition team will ensure that there is a smooth and reassuring transfer from Primary to Secondary education.

Induction days this year for our new Year 7 will be held on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July and we will write to the Headteacher of your child's primary school to inform him or her of this. The aim of induction is to ensure that your child can become really familiar with our school, our expectations and our routines before he or she begins in September. For parents and carers, may I also invite you to an **information evening on Monday 5th July from 6-8pm** where you will have the opportunity to meet me, Mr de Rijk (Head of School), Miss Scattergood (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Thawley (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Forster (Head of Year 7) and your child's form tutor.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for applying to The Ripley Academy. I give you my personal pledge to continue to drive standards up even further so that your child will be happy, fulfilled and aptly skilled so that he or she is able to follow whichever future path they hope to pursue.

Finally, I look forward to meeting with you and your child in the summer. I enclose letters written by our Head of year 7 and Head students and I hope that this will give you a flavour of our vision as we drive this wonderful school forward.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L J Walton
Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers

I feel truly honoured to be writing to you all. I hope this letter will provide you with an insight to what the start of your journey at The Ripley Academy will look like.

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Laura Forster and I am the Head of Year 7. My main role is to provide the guidance and support which will encourage students to grow both academically and personally during their first year with us at The Ripley Academy. I have high expectations of our new year 7 students and I have no doubt that with hard work, patience and the right support, all Year 7 students can succeed together.

My journey at The Ripley Academy started five years ago, as a Drama teacher. Since then I have progressed into different roles: Assistant Head of both Kinder and Monsal house groups and now, the Head of Year 7. During my time at The Ripley Academy I have been a part of the development and growth of the school. During this time The Ripley Academy has seen many positive changes that have been focused around the most important people – the students. A child's education is something that is precious and needs to be handled with great care, so I would like to say thank you for trusting us with your child's education.

As the Head of Year 7, it is my job to ensure that all students feel supported. The transition from primary to secondary can be difficult, filled with lots of new emotions, challenges and experiences. I am here to reassure you that I will be there to support your child through their journey at The Ripley Academy. Your child is in good hands – I promise.

However, I cannot do my job alone and I have the pleasure of working alongside Mrs Pitt who is our Student Support Co-ordinator for all our students in Years 7-9. Mrs Pitt helps me to ensure that student expectations, standards and achievements are all met and acknowledged positively. Alongside myself and Mrs Pitt, we have a skilled team of teachers who make up the Tutor Team. When your child arrives for their first day, they will be placed in a form group. They will meet with their form tutor every morning at 8:40am till 9:00am. This is such an important part of every child's school day, as it provides our students with the necessary support from their dedicated and experienced form tutor. This includes emotional support, career guidance, academic/behaviour monitoring and exploration of a range of topics, which are linked to Citizenship.

We also have a mantra that all of our year 7 students follow, this is to ensure that our students start their day on a positive –

“You cannot have a good day with a bad attitude”

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My ethos is linked to **praise** and **positivity**. These are two of the most powerful tools for any child's education, helping to truly engage and motivate them to be successful. Effective praise can provide every child with the kind of positive reinforcement that helps to build on success.

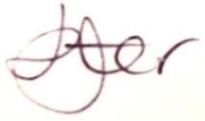
As a parent/carer you play an important role in ensuring that your child gets the education they deserve. I would like us to work closely together to ensure that your child has the determination and perseverance to have a bright and successful future, which all starts at The Ripley Academy.

Your views and thoughts on how we can work together positively will always be well received. If there is anything that I can do for you or your child prior to September, then do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or Mrs Pitt. My email address is lforster@ripleyacademy.org and Mrs Pitt's email address is cpitt@ripleyacademy.org. Alternatively, you can call us on 01773 746334.

I would like to leave you with a statement from one our current year 7 students-

"The Ripley Academy has provided me with a lot of structure and all the help that I need"

With my very best wishes,



Mrs L J Forster
Head of Year 7





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Dear Students,

We are Alex Scott and Evie Wood – two Year 11 Prefects at The Ripley Academy – and we would like to offer you a warm welcome to the start of an exciting journey at your new school.

We have been students at this school for five years now and would certainly not change a thing. Throughout these five years, we have made a multitude of everlasting memories. Your time at The Ripley Academy will also offer you lots of new opportunities and topics of interest too. You will be given the chance to take up a wider variety of subjects that you may find intriguing and by the end of your experience, you will certainly have a greater knowledge of the workings of the world around you. You will also enjoy the social interactions that you will receive from being part of our wonderful school community.

Now, we would like you to imagine your future, where you see yourself at the end of these five years, and what you want to have achieved through being at this school. At the end of your experience you may have uncovered truths about yourself that you do not yet know about; you may also form new bonds with your fellow classmates and could discover new peaks of interest within extracurricular activities.

We know that the last year of primary school has been unpredictable, and maybe even quite tough, but when you come up to The Ripley Academy, you will be faced with new opportunities and a warm and welcoming new community in spite of the current situation. Circumstances may mean things are still slightly different when you enrol, but we can assure you that the staff and your fellow pupils of the school will do everything they can to support you, especially as this is such a big step to take. The thought of this change may seem daunting, but we can promise that, as long as you are resilient and take pride in your achievements, you will go very far – not only through the school, but through your life entirely.

We hope that you have a wonderful, exciting, memorable experience here at The Ripley Academy.

Yours faithfully,

Alex and Evie

Year 11 Prefects

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Uniform



Parent, Carers.

The majority of uniform items can be purchased locally. Only the blazer, tie and specific PE items (hoodie/PE polo shirt) need to be purchased from our online supplier Stevensons. Further details are available on our website under the parent section. (www.ripleyacademy.org)

Dates for your Diary

Parent Information Evening

Monday 5th July 2021 6pm – 8pm

Induction Days

Tuesday 6th July

Wednesday 7th July

Thursday 8th July

