



The Ripley Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have had a lovely summer and that you and your families have had some time to rest and to recharge. May I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 7 parents and carers. I do hope that your son or daughter settles very quickly into their new school. Please do contact us without delay if you have any concerns at all, however seemingly small they may seem.

Examination Results 2018

I am delighted to report that our projections for vastly improved GCSE examination results for 2018 did indeed come to pass. I was so very proud of how our Year 11 students performed especially given the new style GCSEs which are solely examination based with more challenging content. I was particularly pleased to see such excellent performances in our Maths, English, Science and Languages departments, with a significant increase in higher grades achieved in all of these areas. Indeed the percentage of students achieving a level 5 or above in English and Maths has increased by over 10%, and the percentage achieving 4 or above has significantly improved to a pleasing 50%. It was truly wonderful to celebrate our students' success on results day and I was in awe of some of our students who are moving onto our Sixth Form at The Ripley Academy with a string of higher grades to their name. I was also delighted to see a significant increase in the number of higher grades 7-9 awarded across a range of subjects. Of course, our partnership with our parents and carers is a central element of our students' success and I hope that many more of you will continue to feel able to get involved with your child's school as the next academic year progresses.

In the Sixth Form, there were some notable individual successes and the vast majority of our sixth formers gained a place at their chosen university or on a higher apprenticeship, following some excellent results in both "academic" and more "vocational" subjects.

Dates for your Diary

Forthcoming dates for the next half-term that may be of interest to you:

Tuesday 18 September and Tuesday 25 September

Year 6 open mornings

Wednesday 19 September – 6pm – Sixth Form Centre

Parent and carer information evening for students in Y11, Y12 and Y13 plus UCAS information evening (applying to University) for Y13 students

Tuesday 25 September - 6pm – The Performance Suite (new Sports block)

Parent and carer information evening for Year 10 and 11 students– Achieving grades 7-9 at GCSE

Thursday 27 September – 6pm – The Performance Suite

Tours of the school with senior staff plus Ofsted information evening for parents and carers. Heads of Maths, English, Science and Heads of House will also be presenting

Wednesday 3 October

INSET day and The Ripley Academy Open Day/Evening for Y5, Y6 and current parents and carers and their children

Tuesday 9 October – 6pm – The Performance Suite

Parent and carer information evening for Year 7, 8 and 9 students – Achieving grades 7-9 at GCSE

Thursday 18 October

Celebrating Success evening – by invitation

Wednesday 24 October

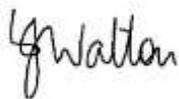
Sixth Form Open Evening at The Ripley Academy for parents, carers and students in Years 10 and 11

29 October to 2 November – Half-term break

Finally, please remember that Mr de Rijk runs a 'Headteacher's Clinic' every Thursday from 3.15pm. Please contact Mrs Robson crobson@ripleyacademy.org to book an appointment.

I look forward to another hugely successful year at The Ripley Academy where we continue to deliver on our promise to ensure that our school is one in which we are all immensely proud. Of course, we will never rest on our laurels and this academic year will see further improvement in all areas of school life. I am extremely confident that your child will continue to thrive here at The Ripley Academy and sincerely hope that you will be part of the journey.

With my very best wishes



Mrs L J Walton
Headteacher