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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank you for your continued support during this academic year. I feel that the school is on track to continue to make accelerated progress over the next academic year and once we have all recharged our batteries, I can't wait to get going again next academic year. It really is a privilege to serve the Ripley Academy community and I am confident that we will deliver on our promises to build a school that is one that the community can be exceptionally proud of.

Staffing Changes for September

I am sure that you will join me in thanking Mrs Barson (SENCO) and Mr Kestas (Public Services) who are leaving us after many years of committed service. Additionally, Mrs Barlow is going to work at John Flamsteed School for a year in the first instance. From our support staff, Mrs Critchlow (Admin/Examinations), Mrs Durose (Admin) and Mrs Bradder are leaving us too. I wish them all the very best in their new ventures.

From September, we eagerly await the arrival of Mr W Brown who will become the Second in Charge in Science and we have further strengthened our Mathematics and English teaching teams through the appointments of Mr O Evans and Mr S Pearson in Mathematics and Ms L Bottomley and Ms H Vardy in English.

Involving Parents and Carers

I intend to continue with the practice of holding half-termly information evenings for parents and carers next year. I have found these meetings invaluable in shaping the future direction of the school and I have been extremely grateful to those of you who have given up your time to join us. All meetings will take place from 6-7pm in our new building, 'The Suite' and the proposed dates for next academic year are as follows:

- Thursday 27 September 2018
- Thursday 22 November 2018
- Thursday 7 February 2019
- Thursday 4 April 2019
- Thursday 23 May 2019
- Thursday 20 June 2019

For our first meeting on Thursday 27 September, you will have the chance to listen to plans for the next academic year and to hear from our Heads of House and Heads of Mathematics, English and Science

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about their plans for further developing teaching and learning. I hope that lots of you will join us but may I offer a particularly warm welcome to our new parents and carers of Year 7 students.

The Sixth Form at The Ripley Academy

I have been particularly impressed with the quality of our Sixth Form offer this year which I say having been a Head of Sixth Form for many years in an outstanding setting. However, I have decided to change the name from 'The Amber Valley Sixth Form' back to 'The Sixth Form at The Ripley Academy'. This is because we have a Sixth Form that we can be quite rightly proud of and I would like everyone to know where it is! On Wednesday 19 September from 6pm in the Sixth Form Centre, there will be an information evening for parents and carers of students in the Sixth Form lead by the Head of Sixth form, Mr S Richardson. Once again, we welcome all of you to this meeting, which we hope will be the first of many. Parents and carers of Year 11 students who may be considering post 16 options early next year are equally welcome to attend this meeting.

September 2018

Students return to school on Tuesday 4 September for our usual 8.40am start. Please ensure that they have everything that they need including a full pencil case with a proper blue or black handwriting pen. Our school uniform suppliers are Stevenson's (www.stevensons.co.uk). Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform as described in our uniform policy. May I ask you to pay particular attention to trousers and skirts where we only permit certain prescribed styles for both. Please also remember that students are only permitted to wear one pair of studs (one in each ear) and that nail varnish or other embellishments are not permitted.

Finally

I wish you all a wonderful summer and I hope that you find some time to relax. May I thank you once again for putting your faith in me and the school and I look forward to another exciting year of building one of the best schools in the country, here at The Ripley Academy.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L J Walton

Headteacher

Summer Safety – Please take a moment to look at these websites:

www.nspcc.org.uk

www.safetynetkids.org.uk

<https://schoolsnet.derbyshire.gov.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-education/summer->