



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Deputy Headteacher: **Mrs J Thawley** BSc (Hons)
Assistant Headteacher: **Mr M Kirkland** BSc (Hons)

8th February 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

I am delighted to have been appointed as Interim Executive Headteacher until a permanent replacement for Mrs Walton is appointed. Previously, I was the Headteacher of The Joseph Whitaker School in Nottinghamshire.

I have spent my first four weeks in the role understanding how each school operates and meeting staff and students. It has been a highly enjoyable experience and I have been very impressed by both schools.

Although I am an interim appointment I wanted to reassure you that school improvement will remain a central focus. The school has made great strides in the last couple of years and I am determined that this will continue at pace.

We will be focussing upon the basics in terms of punctuality, uniform, equipment and expectations in lessons. You will receive a letter from Miss Scattergood relating to a change in punctuality systems this week and I would ask that all parents support these changes. In the first instance by ensuring that students arrive inside the school gates at 08:37 to enable students to be in registration at 08:40. The new system will begin after half-term.

For our Year 11 and Year 13 students this is the 'business term' as they prepare for their final examinations and the first national examinations for two years. Further information from the examination boards was released yesterday for each subject. This is available on the examination board websites but we will be communicating this directly to students at subject level and to parents in due course.

I look forward to meeting you during the remainder of this academic year and please do not hesitate to contact either myself or my staff if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

David Bell
Interim Executive Headteacher

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