



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Parents

I am writing to share our curriculum plans for the first half term. I'd also like to take this opportunity to share our lesson structure. Our diamond lesson structure is designed to offer a consistent approach to teaching and learning across the school, and give students the best possible environment within the classroom to achieve their potential.

Each lesson at The Ripley Academy includes the following elements:

- **Connect/Reflect**
An opportunity to link the lesson to prior learning. This time could also be used to respond to teacher feedback.
- **Big Picture**
A chance to share the lesson objectives and discuss how the lesson fits into the wider curriculum.
- **Activate**
This is where the new learning begins; it can be teacher-led or student-led.
- **Demonstrate**
The middle of our diamond structure and the most important part of the lesson. This is where students are active within the lesson, completing tasks and demonstrating their learning with the teacher supporting and guiding.
- **Progress Check**
An activity to check the lesson objectives have been understood. This may take place on more than one occasion.
- **Consolidate**
A round up of the learning that has taken place during the lesson and a review of whether the objectives have been met.

Attached to this letter is a brief summary of topics to be covered in our Year 9 curriculum during the Autumn term. I hope both you and your child find this information useful. Should you have any queries or concerns then please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

As always, many thanks for your continued support in the education of your child.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Thawley

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Year 9 Curriculum Autumn Term 1

English	Engaging with a range of crime fiction texts and exploring the writer's craft.
Maths	Rounding, approximating and estimating Number properties Fraction and fraction arithmetic Percentages and working with percentages
Science	Sets 1-3: Cells & Atomic Structure Sets 4-5: GCSE Foundation & Cells
Computer Science	Advance use of Python programming
PE	Football and Hockey
History	Russia from 1900
Geography	Cold environments - location, climate, landforms, glaciation and animal/plant adaptations.
RE	The Holocaust
MFL - Spanish	Somos así (Hobbies and interests)
MFL - French	Ma vie sociale d'ado (My social life)
DT and Art	Product Analysis, Nutrients, Electronics, Landscapes, Work of others.
Drama	Exploring a script - devise and improvise scenes from the play in a naturalistic way using their understanding of the naturalistic practitioner, Stanislavski.
Music	Pop ballads - learning and identifying key musical features in popular styles. Performing popular style songs.
PSHE	Consent. In this unit we explore the law on consent and strategies / support agencies to help young people understand their rights and how to avoid pressure and coercion.