



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Parents and Carers

I find myself writing to you today in quite different circumstances to those which I may have anticipated. I intended to introduce myself to you all as the new Executive Head Teacher of the Ripley Academy and to celebrate some of the achievements we have seen here in the first week of the students returning to school. I wished to outline to you my vision for the school and how I plan to move the school onto further excellence. Given the sad news on Thursday evening, however, I feel a different message is now appropriate which will delay my proposed message.

I wish to express our sadness here at The Ripley Academy upon hearing the news of the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As our longest-reigning monarch, she was a constant source of continuity which has united us all in an ever-changing world. As sovereign to the UK and Head of the Commonwealth for more than 70 years, she leaves an extraordinary legacy of service and dedication. Our thoughts and sympathies are with the Royal Family at this sad time.

Whilst we enter into a national period of mourning, we will cease social media posts and any non-urgent communication to parents until the day of her Majesty's funeral. This week, we will be holding assemblies for the children to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II and explore the impact of her passing on our country, including a minute's silence in her honour. After the national mourning period is over, I look forward to writing to you all again and sharing how the start of term has begun and how I wish to steer the school to further success.

Until then, with my very best wishes at this difficult time for many.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Frost-Briggs
Executive Headteacher

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