



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



Executive Headteacher: **Mrs H Frost-Briggs BA (Hons)**
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and that you are all looking forward to a restful and enjoyable break over the holiday period.

As we prepare to welcome students back for the start of the new term in January 2025, we are excited to continue our work together in supporting your child's academic and personal development.

The start of a new year offers an excellent opportunity for all students to reflect on their achievements and challenges and set fresh goals for the months ahead. We are confident that, with renewed energy and determination, every student will be ready to engage with their learning and make the most of the opportunities available.

When we begin the term, I would like to take a moment to remind you of our expectations, which are designed to help every student thrive:

- Attendance and Punctuality:** School commences at **8:40am**. Please note that the school gates are closed promptly at **8:38am**, and any student arriving after this time will be marked as **late**. It is important to remember that late marks contribute to your child's overall attendance record. Any student who arrives after **9:00am** without a valid reason will be marked as an **unauthorised absence**. A reminder that **10 unauthorised absences** will result in an automatic **penalty notice**. We encourage all students to arrive on time, ready to start their day.
- Uniform Expectations:** We want to start the year off with our high expectations and standards being met. This means that **school uniform must be worn at all times**. The required uniform includes **school shoes, trousers or skirt** (no leggings), a **shirt, blazer, and tie**. We ask that you ensure your child is fully equipped with the correct uniform before returning to school. Please refer to our website for clarification on our uniform policy. Parents and carers of students who do not present at school in the correct uniform will be contacted and asked to bring in the correct items for their child to change into.
- Respect and Responsibility:** We expect all students to treat their peers, staff, and the school environment with respect. This includes adhering to our school's behaviour policy and contributing to a positive and supportive school community.
- Effort and Engagement:** It is important that students approach their studies with enthusiasm and dedication. We encourage all students to participate actively in lessons, complete homework to the best of their ability, and seek help when needed.



5. **Well-being and Support:** We are committed to supporting students in every aspect of their school life, including their well-being. If your child is experiencing any challenges or needs additional support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance.

We are looking forward to a productive and successful start to the term ahead, and we greatly appreciate the partnership we share with you in supporting your child's education.

We are here to help your child reach their full potential, and we thank you for your ongoing support.

Wishing you all a well-deserved break, enjoy the festivities with family and friends, and we look forward to welcoming your child back to school in January 2025.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "L Crowder".

Mrs L Crowder
Deputy Headteacher