



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



Executive Headteacher: **Mrs H Frost-Briggs BA (Hons)**
We are **AMBITIOUS**. We are **COMMITTED**. We are **PROUD**.

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Re: Year 10 Personal Development Curriculum 2025–2026

At The Ripley Academy, we believe that Personal Development is a vital part of your child's education and growth. Our carefully planned curriculum is designed to support our students in developing the knowledge, skills, and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy, and responsible lives, both now and in the future.

This year, your child will take part in a range of lessons and activities through our Personal Development curriculum, covering the following key areas:

- **Rights and Responsibilities** – Students will learn about consumer rights and targeted advertising. They will also gain an understanding of marriage and what it means.
- **Mental Health & Wellbeing** – Students will learn how social media plays a role in their mental health. They will understand “screen time” and how this can affect them.
- **Relationships & Sex Education** – Students will learn about campaigns against FGM (female genital mutilation) and they will understand the difference between pornography and real life. Student will also learn about the signs of domestic abuse.
- **Violence, Crimes & Seeking Safety** – Students will learn about honour-based violence, forced marriages and online gambling. They will also learn how to keep data safe.
- **World Issues** – Students will learn how international aid works. They will learn about the “Me Too” movement and women's rights.
- **British Values** – Students will learn what “fake news” is and how to spot this. They will look at the rights in the UK specifically around mutual respect, tolerance and individual liberty.

We fully respect that some parents and students may hold particular personal or religious convictions. If any of these are incompatible with the content of specific RSE lessons, we understand and respect your right to request that your child be withdrawn from those sessions. If you wish to make such a request, please contact the Head of School in writing.

We are also excited to tell you that as a school we are actively working towards obtaining the Derbyshire Bronze BERT Award (Building Effective Relationships Together). This award is designed to support the development of relationships and sex education in accordance with statutory requirements and the Ofsted framework. Accreditation of the award demonstrates the high-quality relationship and sex education within our school which helps to support our children to lead safe, healthy, happy lives.

We also appreciate that you may wish to explore more details about what your child will be learning and we encourage you to visit our school website, where you will find a comprehensive overview of our Personal Development curriculum, including the RSE elements.

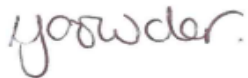


You can access this information at:

<https://www.ripleyacademy.org/curriculum/curriculum/personaldevelopment/>

We look forward to working with you to ensure your child has a successful and enriching Year 10.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs L Crowder
Deputy Headteacher

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Mrs L Tollervey
Head of Personal Development