



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



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

8th September 2025

Re: Year 11 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:

- **Adult Health** – Students will learn about abortion and the impact of parenthood.
- **Sexual Health** – Students will be able to define and understand “child on child bullying”, what affects fertility and how alcohol can impact on decision making. Students will revisit learning about sexually transmitted infections and contraception.
- **Staying Safe** – Students will revisit learning about “party drugs” and begin to learn about their online footprint and reputation.
- **Your Future & Beyond** – Students will learn about time management and CV writing and they will look at writing personal statements.

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with the content of specific RSE lessons, we understand and respect your right to request that your child be withdrawn from those sessions.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 7.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs L Tollervey
Head of Personal Development

