



The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



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

Attendance Matters – Supporting Your Child in the Final Weeks Before GCSE Exams

As we return from the Easter holiday, we are now entering the final and most important phase of your child's secondary education, with GCSE examinations beginning imminently.

This morning your child received an assembly about how crucial this time is in the run up to their exams, **attendance is more important than ever**.

Every lesson between now and the start of exams is carefully planned to consolidate learning, address gaps in understanding, and build confidence. Even a small amount of missed time can have a significant impact on your child's readiness and performance.

We are therefore asking for your full support in ensuring that your child:

- Attends school every day, on time
- Is fully equipped and ready to learn
- Avoids any unnecessary absences during this period

Students with strong attendance are far more likely to achieve their target grades and approach their exams with confidence. Conversely, absence at this stage can lead to missed revision, reduced subject knowledge, and increased anxiety.

In school, we are continuing to provide:

- Structured revision and intervention sessions
- Targeted support for key subjects
- Guidance on exam preparation and study skills

Our shared goal is to ensure every student leaves Year 11 with the best possible outcomes and opportunities for their next steps.

Thank you for your continued support during this vital time. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance or require further support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Alice Brashaw
Head of Year 11

