

RIPLEY ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



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Dear Parents

The end of term approaches and I am writing to let you know the arrangements for the end of term and the beginning of next term.

Term ends on Wednesday 20th July at 12.30 pm. We will be attending services as usual on the last morning; the arrangements for these are as follows:

Year 7 and 8 should meet at The Priory church at 8.50am. Year 9 should meet at school as normal from where they will walk up to Christ Church. Year 10 will remain in school and have their service in the chapel. Year 12 should meet at St Thomas's. Pupils will all be accompanied back to school by tutors.

At 12.30pm the following buses will be available outside school: 500, 501, 502, 504, 935, 487, 567, 581, 503. Pupils wishing to travel south on buses will need to go to the A6. Pupils wishing to go north on buses will need to go to the bus station.

Our next academic year starts on Friday 2nd September for Year 7 and Year 13 and on Monday 5th September for all other year groups. Our term dates for next year are on the website.

Attached to this letter are our Uniform and Appearance Policy and our Mobile Devices Policy. Please do ensure you are familiar with these so you can support us in maintaining good order at Ripley.

We have had a very hectic end to term; I do hope those of you who saw Beauty and the Beast enjoyed it as much as I did. This week we celebrated the magnificent achievements of our sportsmen and sportswomen at our Sports Presentation Evening, hosted by the PE department – a great affirmation of the Christian value of Perseverance which we have been focusing on this term. Our musicians have returned from a successful trip to Germany and our first South Africa trip has landed safely with pupils and staff having arrived in St Andrew's school. We look forward to their chaplain, Deon, returning to Ripley for a second visit in September with some pupils.

So, we approach the end of another rollercoaster year in the life of Ripley St Thomas! We have had much to celebrate and many challenges to face but we are in good shape and looking forward to the future.

I wish you all a relaxing and restful summer – please do encourage your children to escape into some good books over the 6 weeks! There are recommended summer reads for each year group on the website.

Thank you for all your support over the year, it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Nicholls
Principal

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