

RIPLEY ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Ripley Transition Orchestra

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to Ripley in September and hope that they will take the opportunity to get involved with our extensive extra-curricular programme, especially here in the music department.

In this pack you should find a leaflet explaining how our instrumental and vocal lesson system works and this will be a good opportunity to try something new or to continue lessons on an instrument from Primary school. More information on this will be provided at the Parents' Information Evenings in June.

To aid the transition to secondary school, we would like to invite those pupils who have been playing orchestral and band instruments (strings/brass/woodwind) for a while to join us for rehearsals here at Ripley after half term. This opportunity is suitable for pupils working at Grade 2 standard or higher.

Sessions for the Transition Orchestra will be held in the Music Department on Friday evenings from 3.15pm to 4.15pm, beginning on Friday 9th June and working towards a performance at open evening on Thursday 6th July (times TBC). Year 6 pupils who join us for this will be playing alongside Ripley pupils who will guide them through the rehearsal process and make them feel welcome.

If your child would like to take part, I would be grateful if you could return the attached reply slip at your earliest convenience (by Wednesday 8th June, please). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Don Gillthorpe
Director of Music and Performing Arts

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Ripley Transition Orchestra

Please return by Wednesday 7th June to Mr Gillthorpe in the Music Department

Pupil name: _____

Primary school: _____

Instrument(s): _____

Current teacher: _____

Please list any examinations which your child has passed on this instrument (if applicable):

My child will attend the following rehearsals (please tick):

9th June 16th June 23rd June 30th June Thurs. 6th July

(Details for the performance on Thursday 6th July will be circulated nearer the time.)

Please tick one of the options below before signing the form:

I give permission for my child to attend rehearsals of the Ripley Transition Orchestra and I or someone else will collect them from the Chapel lawn at 4.15pm on rehearsal days.

I give permission for my child to attend rehearsals of the Ripley Transition Orchestra and they have my permission to walk home unsupervised.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)

Emergency contact details (for use during rehearsals)

Contact name: _____

Relationship to pupil: _____

Telephone: _____