

# RIPLEY ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of another week; it seems unbelievable that we are approaching the last week of this half term. I have certainly appreciated the lighter mornings and evenings and the signs of spring around us this week.

### Parent Feedback on Remote Learning

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our remote learning survey. The majority of parents appreciate the introduction of live lessons and also our blended approach of tasks on Firefly and live teaching. We will use the feedback given to improve our provision over the coming weeks.

### Y11 and Y13

The consultation on the proposed changes to how grades will be awarded this year finished last week. We await the outcome and will keep parents informed.

The calendared mocks for Year 11 will not be able to go ahead as planned due to the extended lockdown, however as soon as we know more, we will revise our plans and communicate these with parents and our pupils. I realise this is an anxious time for those in Y11 and Y13 especially. Our advice is to continue to concentrate on what they can control: working hard on their remote learning and completing all the work to the best of their abilities.

### Sixth Form Open Evening

Our open evening went live yesterday at 5pm and can be accessed on our website. Do have a look at what we have on offer: <https://ripleystthomas.com/sixth-form/open-evening/>

### KS3 Consultation

Thank you for sending in your views on our KS3 curriculum. We will be writing to parents next week regarding this matter.

### Ripley Reads

As many of you will know, reading is very close to my heart and something we place great emphasis on at school. I hope that our young people are taking the opportunity during lockdown to get stuck into a great book. If you are on Instagram, I suggest you have a look at our libraries page - 'ripleyreads' - to view book recommendations for our young people. #escape #imagine

We also have a subscription to 'The Day' which can be accessed from the Firefly dashboard. I would highly recommend this for all age groups – it's full of interesting articles on a range of subjects and current affairs.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Walmsley  
Principal

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