

RIPLEY ST THOMAS

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Ripley+ Award for Leadership and Service

At Ripley we offer pupils in Year 11 the chance to gain our Ripley+ award in recognition of the service they have shown to the school and the leadership skills they have developed throughout their time in Key Stage 4. Despite the difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are keen to maintain this important tradition. This award has its roots in the history and faith of our school when our Founders used to award gold medals to pupils who showed the qualities which 'make the finest man and woman'. Today it is an important part of developing our young people and helping them to flourish.

Our pupils take part in a wide range of activities from sport and music to the Duke of Edinburgh's award and charity work; the Ripley+ award recognises those who have demonstrated commitment to developing themselves beyond the requirements of timetabled lessons. All pupils who have met the criteria for the award will receive a Ripley+ silver medal and we will select a boy and a girl to receive the Principal's gold medal for outstanding service to the school.

To ensure they are eligible for the award, please encourage your child to fill in their Ripley+ application form on Firefly, stating the activities they have been involved in and giving a short supporting statement. Pupils have all been sent a link to the form today and the deadline for submission of forms is Sunday 16th May.

Please do contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Gillthorpe'.

Mr D. Gillthorpe
Assistant Principal (Wider Curriculum)

Believe.....

Principal Mrs C Walmsley
Chair of Governors Mrs J Garnett

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