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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after our Easter break. I hope you enjoyed being outside and being able to see some friends and family again after so long.

Face coverings

It is very encouraging to see infection rates in the area so low, however we continue to be vigilant in school. The DFE have recommended the use of face coverings in classrooms continue until the next review point in May. It has been encouraging how well students have adapted to this. Please do remind your child about the need to bring a face mask to school each day and to continue to wash these regularly.

Coats in lessons

We continue to have the windows open to ensure adequate ventilation, however now that it is warmer, pupils are expected to remove coats in classrooms. The teacher may decide to let pupils wear them if it is chilly, however this is down to their discretion.

Twice weekly tests

Please remind your son / daughter to continue to do their lateral flow tests twice weekly. We recommend Sunday night and Wednesday night. Do inform us of a positive test via positivetest@ripley.lancs.sch.uk

Symptoms

Please continue to be vigilant regarding symptoms of COVID. If your child is unwell and you suspect COVID (high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste or smell) please do keep them off, let us know on the above email address and book a COVID test.

Hair cuts

Please can I also take this opportunity to politely remind you of our uniform and appearance policy. In particular, now that barbers and hairdressers are fully reopen, haircuts should not be of an extreme nature or colour. Haircuts should not be shorter than a 'grade two' in length. Understanding has been shown during the lockdown periods and we thank you in anticipation of your support with this going forward.

Staffing

We welcomed Mr Ed Goddard, our new Vice Principal - Curriculum, Standards and Achievement, and Mr Riley Rogerson – IT technician to the Ripley staff team this week. We hope they will be very happy in their new roles.

Year 11 and Year 13

I have written to parents of pupils in these year groups separately regarding the Teacher Assessed Grades process. This letter has also been sent to parents of pupils in the Y12 Core Maths and Further Maths groups.

Believe.....

Principal Mrs C Walmsley
Chair of Governors Mrs J Garnett

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Cambridge Language Essay Competition

Key stage 4 and 5 MFL students have been using some of their time during lockdown to learn more about the culture of the countries they are studying. A number of students have entered the Cambridge University Language Collective essay writing competition, in which they are challenged to research a cultural element, for example, a book, film, or TV programme, and write about it. The winners will be selected by Cambridge University academics, and their work will be published on the Cambridge Language Collective blog!

Our students have come up with an eclectic range of titles as you can see below, and we are very proud that they have embraced this opportunity to stretch themselves beyond the curriculum. We wish them lots of luck in the competition!

Bonne Chance à tous! Buena Suerte a todos!

Year 9: Elizabeth F – A review of 'Les Misérables', **Ella P** – Character Personification in 'Les Choristes'

Year 10: Lizzie P – A review of 'Le Petit Prince', **Peggy W** – The Music of Zaz, **Gabriella P** – French Music, **Connie S** – Second Language Acquisition, **Esther I** - The Origins and evolution of the Spanish Language, **Anna T** – Hispanic Festivals, **Alex J** - The Day of the Dead, **Nida A**– Spanish festivals, **Lucie S** - Poem (Day of the dead)

Year 11: Carina E – French Speaking Countries and Colonisation, **Susannah H** – Film Review, **Martha T** – A review of a book on travels through Spain, **Jessica F** - French food, **Anna W** - French sports, **Daisy B** - French film, **Phoebe V F** - Evolution of the French language, **Isabelle S** - Cultural/language difference in South/Parisian France

Year 12: Frieda G: Amélie et la gentillesse

The Duke Edinburgh

As part of the national period of mourning for the Duke of Edinburgh, our chaplain Michael led worship for our pupils. We took the opportunity to remember his life and the contribution he has made particularly to Ripley through the establishment of the Duke of Edinburgh award.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Walmsley
Principal