

RIPLEY ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID update

It was reassuring to receive the news of the negative PCR tests in our Y8 and Y11 bubbles and to be able to welcome pupils in these groups back into school.

Please do continue to take the lateral flow tests twice a week and inform us of any positive results. Thank you also for your continued support regarding face coverings in school.

Pupil Survey

The Bay Learning Trust, our multi academy trust, has commissioned a pupil survey across all four of our schools. This has been sent out to all Ripley pupils in Years 7 to 13 via a Firefly task. We would like to hear their views about school and their learning so please do encourage your child to complete this.

Parents of Year 11 and Year 13

I have attached for you the JCQ Student Guide to Awarding in Summer 2021 for information. This guide outlines the arrangements in place for awarding grades in summer 2021, and where you can go for additional information if you need it.

Autumn assessment arrangements

We have been informed that students who receive a teacher assessed grade this summer will be eligible to take GCSE, AS or A level exams in the same subject in autumn 2021.

Ofqual has also decided that:

- exam boards will have to offer exams in all GCSE and A level subjects and AS exams in biology, chemistry, further maths, maths and physics; exam boards will be able to offer AS exams in other subjects if they wish
- exams will be in their normal format, with no adaptations made
- grades will be determined by a student's performance in an exam for all subjects, except for art and design qualifications
- AS and A level exams will be held in October, while GCSE exams will take place in November and December

We don't have any further details at this point but will provide more information when we receive it.

Final week of term

It's hard to believe we are coming to our final week of this half term and the last week that Year 11 and Year 13 will be with us! We look forward to sharing their leavers' breakfasts and chapel services with them as we mark their time with us at Ripley and wish them well for the future. Details of the last day will be shared with parents of Year 11 and Year 13 directly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Walmsley
Principal

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