



# YEAR 11 APPLICANT NEWSLETTER

**Get ready for Ripley's Virtual Sixth Form Induction Day on 22nd June!**



## Welcome from Mrs Blundell-Roberts, Head of Year 12

We are disappointed not to be able to offer a face-to-face induction this year and to meet you all in person. However, we hope that this newsletter will help you feel connected to Ripley Sixth Form and reassure you that the Sixth Form team is here and ready to guide you through this exciting journey every step of the way. We have included some hints and tips which may be helpful in preparing for Year 12 in general, as well as some ideas and information to get you ready to study your chosen subjects. If you have any questions, you can email us on [sixthform@ripley.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@ripley.lancs.sch.uk) We look forward to you being part of our amazing Sixth Form and to meeting you all properly in September.

## Getting ready for your courses

The Bridging Units for each subject will be available on our website from June 22nd.

The work will support you to make a successful transition from GCSE, giving you a good grounding in each subject and providing a flavour of the type of work you will be studying, allowing you to make a successful start to your sixth form courses.

You will need to bring all completed units to your first lessons.

<https://www.ripleysthomas.co.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-bridging-units>

## Preparing for Sixth Form study

Sixth form study requires an excellent set of study skills to help you organise and master your own learning. Hopefully you've all become experts at independent learning during lockdown! For those of you who might like to explore the types of study skills you'll need for A Level and BTEC study, have a look at the links below.

BBC Learning offer lots of good videos accessible on YouTube which cover a wide range of useful study skills including [listening and taking notes](#), [preparing for assignments](#) and [managing your time](#).

Additionally, there are lots of [useful vlogs](#) offering advice and guidance from students who have recently been through the sixth form experience.

### Why Ripley Sixth Form?

We are a distinctive and close knit community, and we pride ourselves on [guiding](#) all our students to thrive academically and to grow personally.

Not only will you be taught by staff who are passionate about their subjects, but you will have access to our unique, extensive enrichment programme and our bespoke Career Planning Journey, giving you all the tools you need to secure your chosen destination after sixth form.

### Coming Soon...

#### Virtual Year 12 Induction

Keep your eye on our website and social media pages for further details of how to access our virtual induction day on 22nd June 2021!

### Developing Your Interests Beyond The Curriculum

Now is the perfect time to be exploring and developing your own interests in particular subject areas or career pathways.

Many of our sixth formers complete **MOOCs** (Massive Open Online Courses) during their enrichment time as a way of doing just this.

There are lots of online platforms where you can search for MOOCs, but one of the best is **FutureLearn**. You can sign up for free and enrol on short online courses on everything from an Introduction to Cyber Security to A History of Royal Fashion, from Forensic Psychology to The NHS Explained ... and everything in between!

These types of short courses are an excellent way for you to demonstrate your passion and enthusiasm for a subject area to universities and employers when you come to make applications a little further down the line.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses>

## Top Tips from our Senior Students

*"Do some extra reading around the subjects you are taking so you have some knowledge of the course before you start in September. This is especially important for subjects that you didn't take for GCSE" - Daniel*

*"Use study periods to do school work so that time outside of school can be spent doing things you enjoy and keeping up with hobbies" - Hannah*

*"Try to revise a topic straight after finishing it using methods such as mindmaps and revision cards" - Daisy*

*"Make the most of the study room or JCL after school, even for an hour or so, as then you know you have done your work and can go home and spend time doing what you enjoy" - Millie*

