

# RIPLEY ST THOMAS

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Dear Parent/Carer

## The Ripley+ Award

At the end of last term, Mrs Walmsley and I spoke to Year 11 in assembly about the opportunity to gain the distinguished Ripley+ Award, an award which recognises pupils for the service and leadership skills that they have developed during the past few years at Ripley.

This award has its roots in the history and faith of our school when our founders used to award gold medals to pupils who had shown the qualities which make the 'finest man and woman'. Today it continues to play an important part of developing our young people and helping them to flourish.

Our pupils have the opportunity to 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 be eligible for the award, pupils need to complete the application form sent to them on Firefly. Pupils can access this by clicking on the following link: <https://ripley.fireflycloud.net/set-tasks/46575>. Here, pupils have an opportunity to tell us about the activities that they have been involved in, along with providing a short supporting statement, detailing any further commitments made to service and leadership.

The deadline for submission of the form is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

We know this year group have missed out on such a lot in the last couple of years, so we want to ensure they get the chance to receive this special award which we hope will be a keepsake for them to treasure in future years. Please do encourage your son or daughter to apply.

We look forward to reading the many wonderful and inspiring examples of service and leadership both at Ripley and beyond. If pupils have any questions or need help completing the form, they can contact Mr R. Wilson (Year 11 Progress Leaders) or myself.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Quarry  
Assistant Principal – Behaviour and Personal Development

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