

# RIPLEY ST THOMAS

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Dear Parents and Carers

We come to the end of another busy half term which seems to have whizzed by!

## **Year 11 and Year 13**

Well done to our students in Y11 and Y13. Their GCSE and A level exams have started and it is the first time sitting formal exams for them all. They have conducted themselves very well so far and we are proud of how they are approaching this busy and important time.

## **Exam study room**

A reminder that there will be a supervised quiet study space with computers available in the Sixth form during the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of half term. This will be open to all Year 11 and 13 pupils from 9.00am to 3.00pm who wish to do some quiet revision in a different environment. Pupils will not need to wear school uniform but will need to wear their lanyard and sign in at Sixth form reception. They can attend for any period of time on any of the days.

## **GCSE English Exam 8 June**

Please note that the GCSE English exam will begin at 9am on 8 June, not 9.15am. Pupils have been made aware of this, but please do add it to your calendars as well.

## **Anti-social behaviour in Lancaster**

We have recently been made aware of some very disappointing behaviour in town from pupils from a number of different schools. We believe this is part of the latest TikTok craze called 'Primark Borrow Hole'. This is where young people are encouraged to rip off bar codes, whilst standing under a security camera, and then fill their pockets with as much merchandise as is possible.

We are proud of the fact that the vast majority of our young people are wonderfully behaved and represent the school perfectly when in town, however we want parents to be aware of this craze and ask that you ensure your child understands the risks and possible repercussions. We also encourage you to regularly check your children's mobile phones to monitor their social media activity.

## **Uniform after half term**

Please could I remind you all that false lashes, nail polish, false nails and fake tan are not allowed in school. Please ensure your child does not return wearing these after the holidays. In addition, any half term haircuts should be in line with our policy: [Uniform-and-Appearance-Policy-September-2021.pdf \(ripleystthomas.com\)](#). Thank you for your support

with this matter.

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We wish you all a restful half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 6 June.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Walmsley

Principal