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Mrs H. Best

Acting Headteacher



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# Welcome

Mrs H. Best, **Acting Headteacher**

Mrs K. Potter, **Assistant Headteacher**

Mrs J. Timperley, **Pastoral Leader – Year 7**

Dr P. Allcock, **Director of Music**



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We share the unique vision of Thomas and Julia Ripley and celebrate their legacy by continuing their work of providing care and education for all.



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## Our Vision and Values

We aim for all members of our Christian community to flourish spiritually, academically and personally so that they can live life in all its fullness.

*'I have come in order that you might have life—  
life in all its fullness.'*

(John 10:10)



# Our Vision and Values

**Faith**



**Love**



**Hope**



**Service**





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## *Pupils must:*

- Do as they are asked by staff at all times.
- Not refuse a reasonable request.
- Arrive on time for lessons.
- Treat staff and other pupils with respect.
- Bring the correct equipment to lessons.
- Listen in silence when someone else is talking to the class.
- Do the work set to the best of their ability.

## *Staff at Ripley will:*

- Seek to maintain and uphold high standards of behaviour in their classrooms, using the Academy Behaviour Policy when necessary.
- Treat pupils with respect and dignity.
- Seek to encourage and reward good behaviour wherever possible.
- Not ignore behaviour which falls short of what is expected at Ripley, whether during lessons or around the school site at any other times.

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# Pastoral care

Pastoral

Deputy Headteacher: Mr P. Wilson, Mr J. Quarry & Mrs A. Barnes

Progress Leader: Mrs J. Timperley

Assistant Progress Leader: Miss B. Stainsby

Progress Tutor Team

SENDCo (Mr J. Bithell) and Learning Support Team



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# Pastoral care (cont'd)

## Pastoral

School Chaplain: Michael

First Aid Room: Mrs C. Bottomley

School Nursing Team

Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead: Miss L. Johnson

School Counsellors, Barnardos, NEST, ACE, Lancashire Mind

Yr 13, Yr 11 Peer Mentors and Year 7 Transition Buddies



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A photograph of four students in school uniforms walking along a paved path. The path is bordered by a wooden fence and lush greenery, including bushes and trees. In the background is a large, historic stone building with Gothic architectural features, such as arched windows and a large arched entrance. The students are dressed in blue blazers, white shirts, and dark skirts or trousers. The text 'Year 7 information evening, 2025' is overlaid in a gold banner at the top left.

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Mrs K. Potter

Assistant Headteacher, Transition Lead



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# Transition days: outline

Day starts at  
**8.40am**

Day ends at  
**3.10pm**

- Two transition days
- Begins and finishes in the Chapel.

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# Transition days: timetable

- Pupils should wear primary school uniform.
- All pupils will follow a normal timetable covering a range of subjects.
- Pens and pencils will be needed.
- Lunch will be served early, £3 will cover the cost of a meal deal which includes a main meal, cake and a drink. Correct change is essential.
- Pupils will also need trainers for a P.E. Lesson.



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# Transition days: outline

- If your child has a brother, sister or friend who catches the school bus they will be allowed to travel with them, as long as they pay.
- We will dismiss all pupils at the end of the day from the Chapel. If you are collecting your child by car please be aware you will not be able to park at school, or in the immediate vicinity.



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Transition day 1: Thursday 3rd July

Bowerham

Castle View

Dallas Road

Great Wood

Heysham St Peter's

Lancaster Christ Church

Lancaster Road

Lancaster Steiner

Moorside

Mossgate

Poulton-le-Sands

Ryelands

Sandylands

Scotforth St Paul's

Skerton St Luke's

St Bernadette's

St Joseph's Catholic

St Mary's Catholic

The Cathedral

Westgate

Willow Lane

*All other schools*

**Friday**  
**4th**  
**July**

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# Transition days: views

*“Essential for both parent  
& child. Puts both at ease.”*

*“Fantastic opportunity to set the  
children’s mind at rest  
over the summer, and see the  
school in action.”*



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“Literacy is the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman and child can realise his or her full potential”

Kofi Anan



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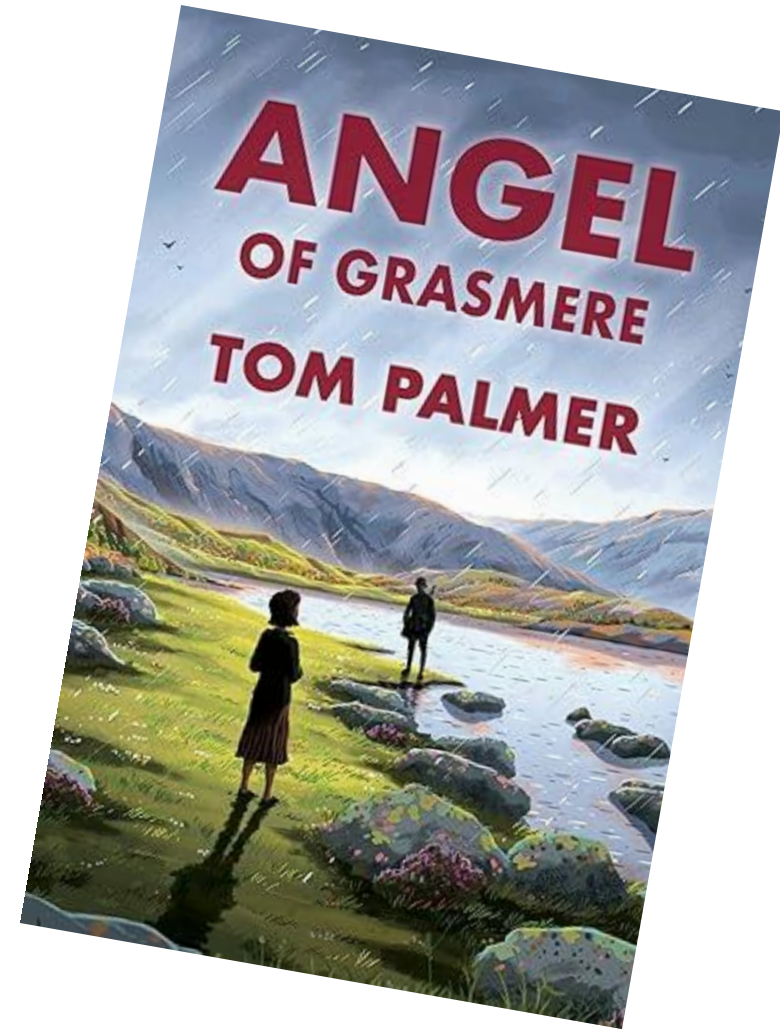


# new CLASS FRESH FACES

USEFUL  
INFORMATION  
TO HELP YOU TO

BE

READY!  
FOR  
SCHOOL



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# Information booklet

Will be online  
next week



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Mrs J. Timperley

Progress Leader, Year 7



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## First day: Wednesday 2nd September

- Only Year 7 pupils are in school on that day.
- Meet in chapel at 08:40
- Pupils will be placed into mixed ability tutor groups.
- Welcome; Journals & timetables; The Ripley Way; Firefly & Synergy computer session; House introduction; Tour of school; Singing.





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On the first day, all pupils will need...

Bus Pass/Fare  
*(if applicable)*

Whiteboard  
& Pens

Pens  
& Pencils

£3  
for lunch  
*or*  
a packed lunch



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# Teaching Groups

- Tutor groups – First 2 weeks.
- Following internal testing, pupils will be taught in teaching groups which will be determined by their academic ability, with the exception of art and technology.
- Teaching groups will be reviewed regularly throughout the academic year.

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# Uniform

### Compulsory Items

School trousers  
School skirt  
Ripley Blazer  
Ripley Tie (clip-on)  
PE kit  
Black school shoes

### Optional Items

Tank top  
PE leggings  
PE tracksuit bottoms  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  zip sports top (only for  
PE)  
Coat (waterproof!)



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# Transport

- Practise your journey. Have a back up plan!
- Bus information in journal
- Keep tickets safe. Have emergency cash.
- Phones charged and with data
- Behaviour expectations

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# Co-curricular Clubs



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# Technology

Phones / Fitbit / Apple Watches

Responsibility

Sleep

Social Media / Relationships

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Dr P. Allcock

Director of Music



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# Music at Ripley St Thomas

- 15 co-curricular music ensembles and activities
- German music exchange
- International music tour
- Performance opportunities in school, in the local area, and further afield
- ABRSM exam centre
- Partnerships national organisations, including the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, Royal College of Organists, and Royal Northern College of Music
- One-to-one music lessons from a team of specialist staff

What are the benefits?



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# Music tuition at Ripley St Thomas

What is available?

- Individual instrumental or vocal tuition
- Ten twenty-five minute lessons per term
- Team of specialist musicians
- A favourable rate compared with private lessons
- Rotating timetable to minimise disruption

Will we need to buy an instrument?

How do we apply?



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*We will work in partnership with you.*



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## Contact us

### PARENTLINE

If you wish to provide information to school please complete the following form. We aim to respond within 5 working days during term time. Messages sent during holiday periods will be dealt with on return to school. For urgent enquiries please telephone school on 01524 64496 during office hours which are from 9am until 4pm. For all other enquiries use the general contact email address below.

Your Name	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Confirm Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Name of child	<input type="text"/>
Year	<input type="text"/>
Form tutor	<input type="text"/>
Message	<input type="text"/>
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#### Address

**Ripley St Thomas  
Church of England Academy**

Ashton Road  
Lancaster  
Lancashire  
LA1 4RS

#### Other Methods

**Telephone** 01524 64496

**Fax** 01524 847069

#### Getting here

**Directions of how to find  
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# Thank you

- For listening.
- For choosing to send your child to our school.
- For the difference your support will make to the lives of young people in this school.

*Welcome to the Ripley family!  
It is a privilege to have you as a part  
of it.*



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