

# An Education For Life

RIPLEY ST THOMAS  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



# Mrs H Best

## Acting Headteacher



## 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)

**Faith**



**Hope**



**Love**



**Service**



# A place of faith

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The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Ripley St Thomas as a Church of England school are outstanding.

SIAMS Report

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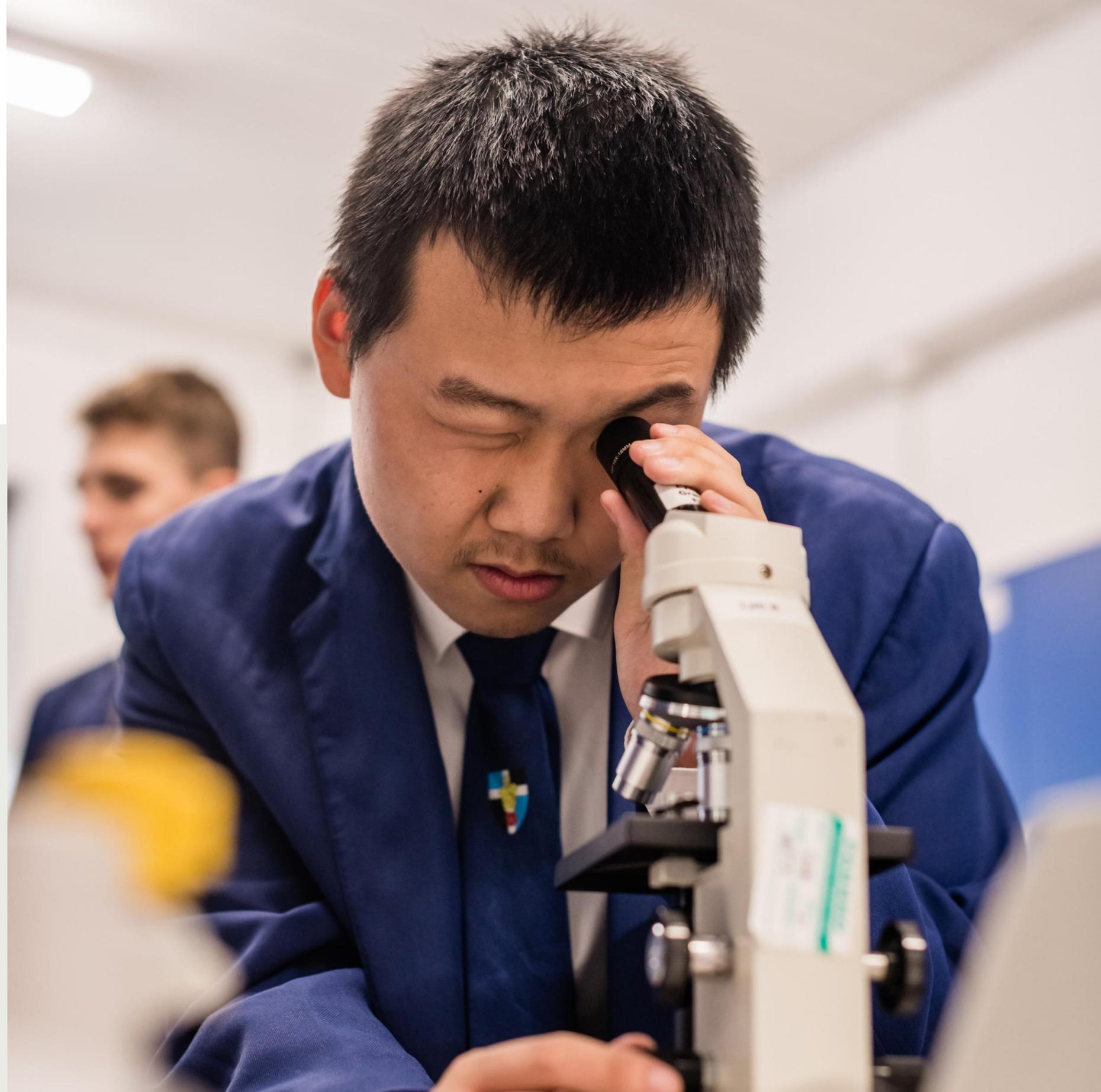
# A place of hard work

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**Pupils and students  
are highly articulate,  
self-motivated and  
determined to succeed.**

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Ofsted



# A place of achievement

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**Pupils and students benefit from an extremely high-quality education, including an aspirational curriculum.**

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# A place of opportunity

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Leaders have designed an ambitious curriculum that motivates and enthuses pupils.

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**Mrs J Rees**  
**Admissions Officer**



# **Application Process**

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- September 2025 – Application process begins
- Online Common Application form – search **School Admissions** on [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://lancashire.gov.uk/schools) by 31 October 2025
- Equal preference system

# Application Process

**270 places available**

Criteria in order of priority

**1**

Looked after /  
previously looked after  
children

**2**

Children of staff  
based at the school

**3**

Points system  
(Church attendance)

# Applications on Church Grounds

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## Trinitarian Denominations

Baptist Union of Great Britain

Church of England

Congregational Federation

Elim Pentecostal

Free Methodist Church

Methodist Church

Religious Society of Friends

Roman Catholic Church

United Reformed Church

## Other approved churches

Capernwray Evangelical

King's Community Church

Morecambe Community Church

Morecambe Full Gospel Church

Full lists available at  
[cte.org.uk](http://cte.org.uk)  
[freechurches.org.uk](http://freechurches.org.uk)  
[eauk.org](http://eauk.org)  
[northwestpartnership.com](http://northwestpartnership.com)

# Applications on Church Grounds

- Points for regularity and period of attendance at public worship
- Forms required for all churches regularly attended in the last 2 or 3 years
- Forms to be returned by 31 October

Child's Surname ..... Child's Forename(s) .....

Date of Birth .....

**Address** (ie where the child wakes up for the majority of Monday to Friday mornings. Please refer to the Admissions policy for guidance around shared parenting):

.....  
 ..... Post Code .....

**Name and address of Primary School child currently attends:**

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**Parent/Guardian with whom the child normally resides:**

Surname ..... Forename(s) .....

Is the parent a member of staff based at Ripley St Thomas CE Academy **YES / NO** .....

**Please give the name(s) and tutor group(s) of any brothers or sisters who currently attend Ripley St Thomas Academy in Years 7 to 12**

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION TOGETHER WITH YOUR VICAR, PRIEST, MINISTER ETC. You must refer to the Admissions Policy before completing this part of the form. Please note that supplementary forms should be completed and attendance claims verified by the appropriate incumbent or church authority for all churches that you have attended on a regular basis over the last 2 to 3 years.**

Name & address of place of worship .....

Name of vicar / priest / minister / faith leader / church officer .....

How often has the parent or child attended **public worship\*** at this church or Sunday school on average? Please tick the appropriate box. *NB. \*Do not include attendance with school where this is part of the normal school day, or attendance at mid-week youth groups, prayer groups or bible study groups. Please complete for EITHER the parent OR the child (not both). Please tick one box only.*

AT LEAST TWICE PER MONTH

ONCE PER MONTH

How long has this pattern of attendance been maintained? *(Please ensure that these dates are accurate as this will determine the number of points awarded)* **From** (MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ **To** (MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to send an additional form from another church? **YES / NO**

**Signed** ..... (Parent) **Contact Tel No** ..... **Email** .....

**Clergy:** I confirm the information provided above is correct. (Please add your signature next to any amendments made)

I confirm the above church is a member of the following *(please tick appropriate box)*

Churches Together in England  cte.org.uk      Free Churches Group  freechurches.org.uk      Evangelical Alliance  eauk.org      North West Partnership of Churches  northwestpartnership.com      None

**Countersigned** ..... (Vicar/Priest etc) **Date** .....

..... Office held **Contact Tel No.** .....

**Email** .....

**The clergy member/faith leader should return this original form to Ripley St Thomas between 1 September and 31 October 2025. Emailed forms are not accepted.**

# Points Allocation

How often has the parent or child attended **public worship** at this church or Sunday school on average? Please tick the appropriate box.

*NB. Do not include attendance with school where this is part of the normal school day, or attendance at mid-week youth groups, prayers groups or bible study groups. Please complete for EITHER the parent OR the child (not both). Please tick one box only.*

Church Attendance	Over 2 years	Between 1 and 2 years
At least twice per month	30	20
Once per month	15	10

Attendance at any Church of England Primary School: 5 points

Attendance at a CE Primary School which is a member of the Bay Learning Trust: additional 5 points

If there are siblings who are on roll in Years 7 to 12 at the point of application: 5 points

This is a one-off allocation regardless of the number of siblings currently on roll.

**Distance from home to school is only used as a tie-breaker for otherwise equal applications**

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**4**

Others

## **Key Dates**

### **1 September 2025**

- Apply from this date

### **By 31 October 2025**

- Common Application Form to be completed online or paper applications to be returned to Primary School
- Supplementary forms detailing pattern of worship of parent or child to be returned to Ripley St Thomas

### **2 March 2026**

- Parents informed by the Local Authority of the allocated secondary school online or by letter

# Further Information

Visit [ripleystthomas.com](http://ripleystthomas.com)

- Admissions Policies
- Supplementary Form
- Prospectus

[admissions@ripley.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@ripley.lancs.sch.uk)

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Year 7 intake

Non Routine (In-Year) Admissions

Admissions Policy and Supplementary Forms (combined documents)

[Download Prospectus](#)

**Admissions**

Year 7 intake

Applications for September's Year 7 intake should be made via your home Local Authority. Lancashire residents should apply online between 1st September and 31st October via the Local Authority website [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools).

A supplementary form must be completed for all applications wishing to be considered for a place at this school on faith criteria.

Our Admissions policy and Supplementary form are available for download here:

ADMISSIONS POLICY and Supplementary Form 2026-27 September 2026 intake

Letters/emails informing parents of whether or not their child has been allocated a place will be sent out by the Local Authority on 1st March (or the first working day after this date). Parents of children not admitted will be offered an alternative place by the Authority. The school is not able to offer places beyond its admission number.

In view of the Christian foundation of the school, the governors expect that in choosing the school parents thereby commit their