

RIPLEY ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



new
CLASS
FRESH
FACES

USEFUL
INFORMATION
TO HELP YOU TO

BE
READY!
FOR
SCHOOL

OUR VISION

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)

HOW WE REALISE OUR VISION

At Ripley, we realise our vision through our Christian values of faith, hope, love and service. Pupils’ commitment to their faith through these values creates our harmonious, kind and considerate school.

‘And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.’

(1 Corinthians 13:13)



Faith



Hope



Love



Service

WELCOME

I am delighted you have chosen Ripley St Thomas CE Academy as your secondary school.

Your transition from your primary to secondary school started with a visit from a member of staff from our transition team which is led by Mrs Potter.

I hope that you enjoyed the visit and this transition day before you join us in September.



Mrs H Best

Acting Headteacher



Mrs K Potter

Head of the Transition

Assistant Headteacher: Christian Distinctiveness

The information in this booklet will support you in answering any questions you may have between now and September.

We understand that leaving primary school and starting secondary school is a big change but we will support you every step of the way.

I too am looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our Ripley family.



MEET THE TEAM



Mrs J Timperley, Progress Leader Year 7



Hello, I'm Mrs Timperley and I'm very excited to be your Head of Year 7. Starting secondary school is a big step, and I'm here to help make that transition as smooth and positive as possible.

My job is to support you in settling in, making friends, and feeling confident in your new environment.

I'll be working closely with Miss Barmstone and Miss Stainsby, Assistant Progress Leaders, and your form tutors and teachers to make sure you feel safe, happy

and ready to learn. If you ever have any worries or questions, my door is always open; no problem is too big or too small.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know each of you and seeing all the brilliant things you'll achieve this year.



Miss J Barmstone
Assistant Progress Leader



Miss B Stainsby
Assistant Progress Leader

OTHER KEY MEMBERS OF STAFF



Michael Reynolds

School Chaplain

The Chaplaincy within school is also a lovely space, which is available to Year 7 pupils at lunchtime to help you get to know new people within a calm and quiet space.



Mrs C Bottomley

First Aider

We are incredibly fortunate to have Mrs Bottomley, First Aider, on site to support you during your school day.



Mr P Wilson, Acting Deputy Headteacher

Behaviour, Inclusion and Attendance
Senior Attendance Champion

My role in school is to ensure the Academy remains safe and calm with high expectations from all.



Mr J Quarry, Acting Deputy Headteacher

Behaviour and Personal Development,
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss L Johnson

Safeguarding & Well-being Lead

As the day to day Safeguarding Lead, I provide vital support ensuring your welfare and safety, while nurturing your personal development and resilience.

SUBJECTS

At Ripley you will get to discover a wide range of subjects, taught by subject experts.

We make sure that you experience a broad and balanced curriculum so that you will build a strong knowledge and skills to equip you for your chosen career and life after Ripley.

As you will have discussed during your transition visit, you'll have lots of different teachers at Ripley, and instead of staying in one classroom, you will move around the school carrying your books and equipment.

Organisation is key!



English



Maths



Science



Agriculture & Horticulture



History



Geography



RE



French & Spanish



Computer Science



Art



Music



Food technology



Design technology



Drama



PE



PSHE

We hope that you will enjoy learning some exciting new subjects as well as building on from what you have learnt at primary school – perhaps you'll discover a new favourite subject? We can't wait to see you flourish.

EQUIPMENT

Being organised, packing your back the night before, and remembering all of your equipment for the school day is an important part of being a Ripley student and there are several items that we expect you to bring to school with you every single day.

- ◆ Journal (provided by school)
- ◆ Black or blue pen
- ◆ Green pen
- ◆ Pencil, ruler, rubber
- ◆ Highlighter
- ◆ Glue stick
- ◆ Whiteboard and whiteboard pen (the first one is provided by Ripley)
- ◆ Calculator – Casio fx-83GT CW or Casio Fx-85GT CW
- ◆ Exercise books and textbooks required for your lessons each day
- ◆ Reading book
- ◆ Refillable water bottle

Subject-specific **essential** equipment

- ◆ PE kit
- ◆ A pair of compasses and a protractor (for Maths lessons)
- ◆ Black fine line pen (Technology)
- ◆ Apron (Food)

Don't worry if you need to get some equipment, our stationery shop is open on a Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

At Ripley, being prepared is essential for success, both academically and in life. Talk to your form tutor if you are worried about not having the right equipment, they will be able to help you.



SCHOOL DAY



The School Day

Registration	8:40 – 9:10
Period 1	9:10 – 10:10
Break	10:10 – 10:25
Period 2	10:25 – 11:25
Period 3	11:25 – 12:25
Lunch	12:25 – 13:10
Period 4	13:10 – 14:10
Period 5	14:10 – 15:10
End of school day	15:10

On arrival at school, you will make your way to your form room to meet your Progress Tutor; they will register you and share any notices and information with you that you need to know.

Each morning you will then engage in different activities.

Monday	– Form worship
Tuesday	– Assembly
Wednesday	– Form reflection
Thursday	– Form reflection
Friday	– Chapel worship

We also participate in guided reading every day.

EXPECTATIONS

The way we do things
around here



**We wear our
uniform with
pride**



**We are polite
and courteous**



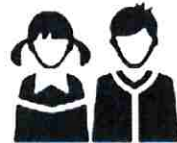
**We respond
promptly to
instructions**



**We are
respectful of
others**



**We walk calmly,
yet purposefully**



**We are role
models**



**We look after
litter**



We eat sensibly



**We safeguard
and look after
others**



UNIFORM



How you should dress.

- ♦ Royal blue blazer *
- ♦ School tie (clip on style) *
- ♦ Grey skirt – any grey wide pleated skirt. Please note skirts must be of an acceptable length. The school skirt with the logo * is optional
- ♦ Black tailored school trousers. Please note that fashion, tight, flared, cotton drill, jeans-style or styles with patch/combat type pockets are not acceptable.
- ♦ White shirt / blouse (to be worn with tie)
- ♦ Black tank top (optional) *
- ♦ Black opaque tights, black knee high or black ankle socks (with skirt) or black socks (with trousers).
- ♦ No bows or frills
- ♦ Black shoes
- ♦ Black or blue hair bands / bobbles

P.E. and Games Equipment

- ♦ Red mid-layer (optional)
- ♦ Red polo shirt
- ♦ Reversible rugby shirt * (boys curriculum only)
- ♦ Navy blue P.E. Skort or Navy shorts with logo *
- ♦ Leggings with logo (optional) *
- ♦ Blue tracksuit bottoms with logo * (optional)
- ♦ Red hockey or red football socks
- ♦ Football boots (or rugby boots for boys curriculum only)
- ♦ Trainers (no canvas shoes)
- ♦ Swimsuit (1 piece) / swimming trunks
- ♦ Swimming hat
- ♦ Towel

It is expected that all pupils bring their full PE kit and get changed for PE lessons whether they are taking an active part in the lesson or not. You will also need to remember your lanyard every day. You will be given this in September.

CO-CURRICULAR

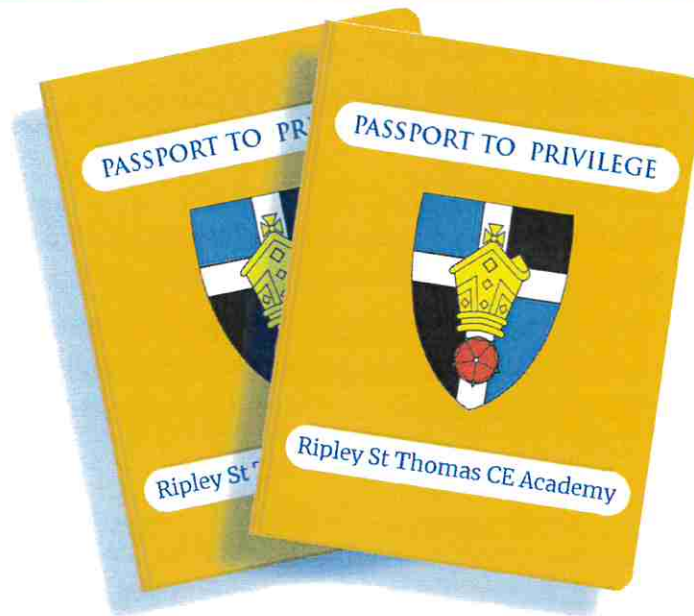
Here at Ripley St Thomas we believe that school is much more than five lessons each day, and therefore our school day does not finish at 3.10pm but continues beyond with the vast array of co-curricular activities which are available to all pupils.

Listed below are some of the many clubs and societies you can join that are run at various times; during lunch or before and after school.

We hope you will get involved.

Athletics	Electronics	Rounders
Choir	Saxophone	Dodgeball
Computing	Christian Union	Game Design
Football	Wellbeing	Eco
Maths	Rugby	Jazz band
Woodwind	Science	Running
Drama	School band	Shakespeare
Hockey	String group	Dance
Swim	Code	Running
Samba	Quiz	Soft ball
Trampolining	Fantasy football	Chess
Cookery	Farm	History

PASSPORT TO PRIVILEGE



At Ripley, we believe in offering a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom. These are rewards for students who show a positive attitude, work hard and make good choices.

Participation in these activities is by invitation only – it is earned, not automatic.

What is the Passport to Privilege?

A school-wide system designed to:

- promote clear expectations in learning, behaviour, attendance and managing your canteen and library accounts
- highlight the rewards you can earn by meeting expectations
- provide a fair and consistent way to reward students who demonstrate a strong attitude and sense of responsibility.

What Does This Mean for You?

If you meet expectations, you may be invited to:

- Co-curricular and end-of-year trips. **Year 7 - cinema trip**
- Celebration events
- Year 11 Prom
- Other exciting rewards throughout the year.

Remember: Passport to Privilege isn't about being perfect - it's about making the right choices consistently.

READING

The Reading Room is the name of our library which provides a welcoming atmosphere and a positive learning environment for you to read, research, do homework and print your work.

It is open before and after school as well as during break and lunch.

Monday to Thursday - 8:00am to 4:00pm

Friday - 8:00am to 3:30pm

The Reading Room offers a variety of resources including magazines, newspapers, computers, a printer/photocopier, and an extensive collection of both fiction and non-fiction books. You are welcome to borrow books for study or to read for pleasure.

The Reading Room is used by the English department for your library lessons, you will have two per fortnight.

We also organise author events that provide an opportunity for you

to meet successful authors, discover what inspires them to write and get your book signed.

We hope you'll make good use of all our resources and we look forward to seeing you in September.

If you need any help or would like to request a particular book please don't hesitate to ask Mrs Bracey at the library desk.





WHAT HAPPENS IF

What happens if I get lost?

You will have a map given to you on your first day, but if you are not sure, just ask! Everyone has been new at some point and everyone has got lost!

Try and be organised and pack your bag the night before. If you do realise that you have forgotten something, don't worry, tell your form tutor in the morning and they will be able to advise you on the best thing to do.

What happens if I forget something?

What happens if I am worried about something?

There are plenty of people that you can talk to at Ripley! Your form tutor, Mrs Timperley, Miss Barmstone or Miss Stainsby and Michael our Chaplain. The most important thing is to tell someone if you are worried about something and we are always happy to help.

We know that there are lots of you who are coming from very small primary schools where you are the only person coming to Ripley. Don't worry – you are not the only one in that situation and there will be lots of opportunities for you to meet new people.

What happens if I don't know anyone?



WHAT HAPPENS IF

How can I make new friends?

Talk to people! Make friends in your form, your classes, your house and join some clubs! Remember, the chaplaincy is available every lunchtime should you need somewhere to go.

We hope that you will be in school as much as possible. If you just feel a little under the weather or have a little sniffle, try your best to carry on. If you feel really unwell during the school day, you can go to the First Aid Room to see our First Aider, Mrs Bottomley.

What happens if I don't feel very well?

What happens if I can't do my homework?

Look on Firefly and see what support is available. You could also go to homework club for some extra support. If you are really stuck, get in touch with your class teacher and ask for some extra support. They will want you to do your best.

If you need to tell someone something serious, we hope that there is a trusted adult that you feel able to speak to. If not, please feel free to text our welfare phone 07935 029 991.
There is always someone that can help you.

What happens if I need to tell someone about something serious?



ALL ABOUT ME



Draw a picture or add a photo here.

Name:

Age:

My current school is:

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My favourite colour is:.

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My favourite food is:

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My favourite animal is:

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My favourite sport is:

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What people like and admire about me.

What's important to me.

What's important for me to admire.

My aspiration for the future.