

Year 7 information evening, 2026



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Welcome

Mrs H. Best, **Co-Headteacher**

Ms A. Barnes, **Co-Headteacher**

Mr J. Quarry, **Deputy Headteacher**

Mr P. Wilson, **Acting Deputy Headteacher**

Mrs K. Potter, **Assistant Headteacher**

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

Mr J Bithell, **SENCO**



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Mrs H. Best and Ms A. Barnes

Co-Headteachers

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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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Pastoral care

Pastoral

Deputy Headteacher: Mr P. Wilson & Mr J. Quarry

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

Safeguarding Lead (non-teaching): 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 school students walking on a paved path. Three girls and one boy are dressed in blue blazers, white shirts, and grey skirts or trousers. They are walking towards the camera. In the background, there is a large stone building with Gothic-style arches and windows. A wooden fence runs along the path, and there are lush green plants and flowers on either side.

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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 2nd July

All other schools

Friday

3rd

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”

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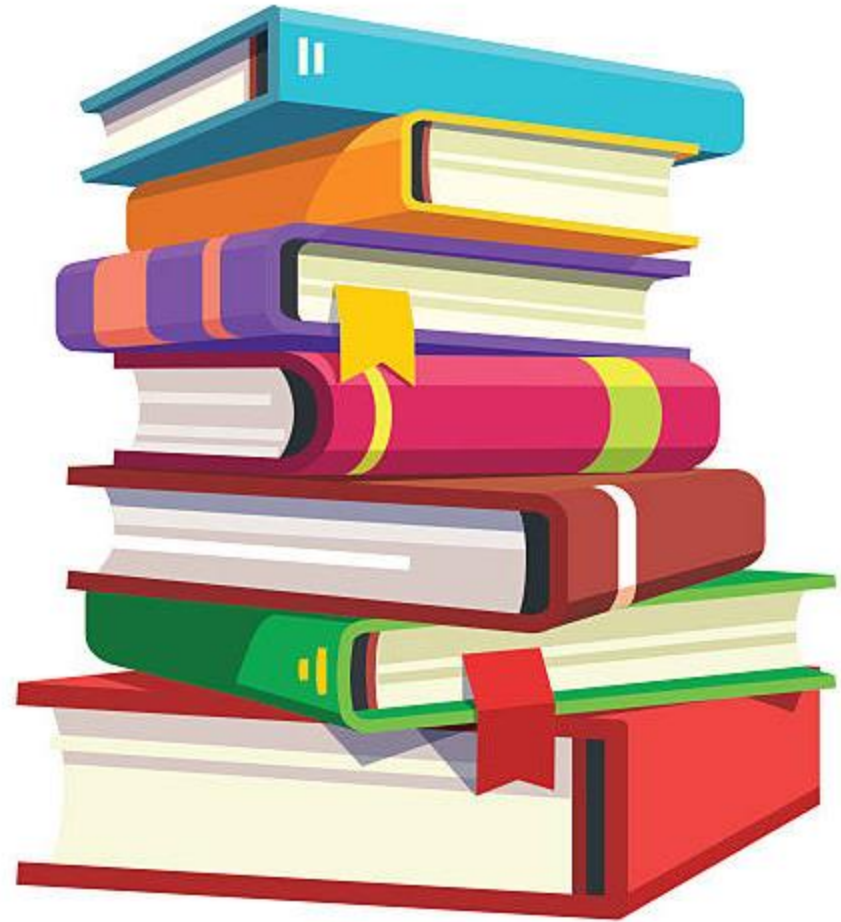


new CLASS FRESH FACES

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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A photograph of four school children walking on a paved path in front of a large, historic stone building with Gothic architectural features, including pointed arches and windows. The children are wearing blue blazers, white shirts, and grey skirts or trousers. The scene is surrounded by lush greenery and a wooden fence in the foreground.

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Mrs J. Timperley

Progress Leader, Year 7

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First day: Thursday 3rd September

- Only Year 7 pupils are in school on both Thursday and Friday this week.
- 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 (logo)
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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935 502 504
55a 503 847
501 55b

Co-curricular Clubs



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Technology

Phones / Fitbit / Apple Watches

Responsibility

Sleep

Social Media / Relationships

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SEND – Mr J Bithell, Assistant Headteacher- SENDCO

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

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Identification of Need- Pupil Voice, Parent Voice, Teacher feedback, and Data

SEND Register- all pupils with identified SEND need arrive on M code

Communication – 'SEND Drop Ins', phone line to SEND department, Parentline, transition meeting, Y7 Parents Welcome Evening



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Mr P. Wilson

Acting Deputy Headteacher
Behaviour, Inclusion and Attendance

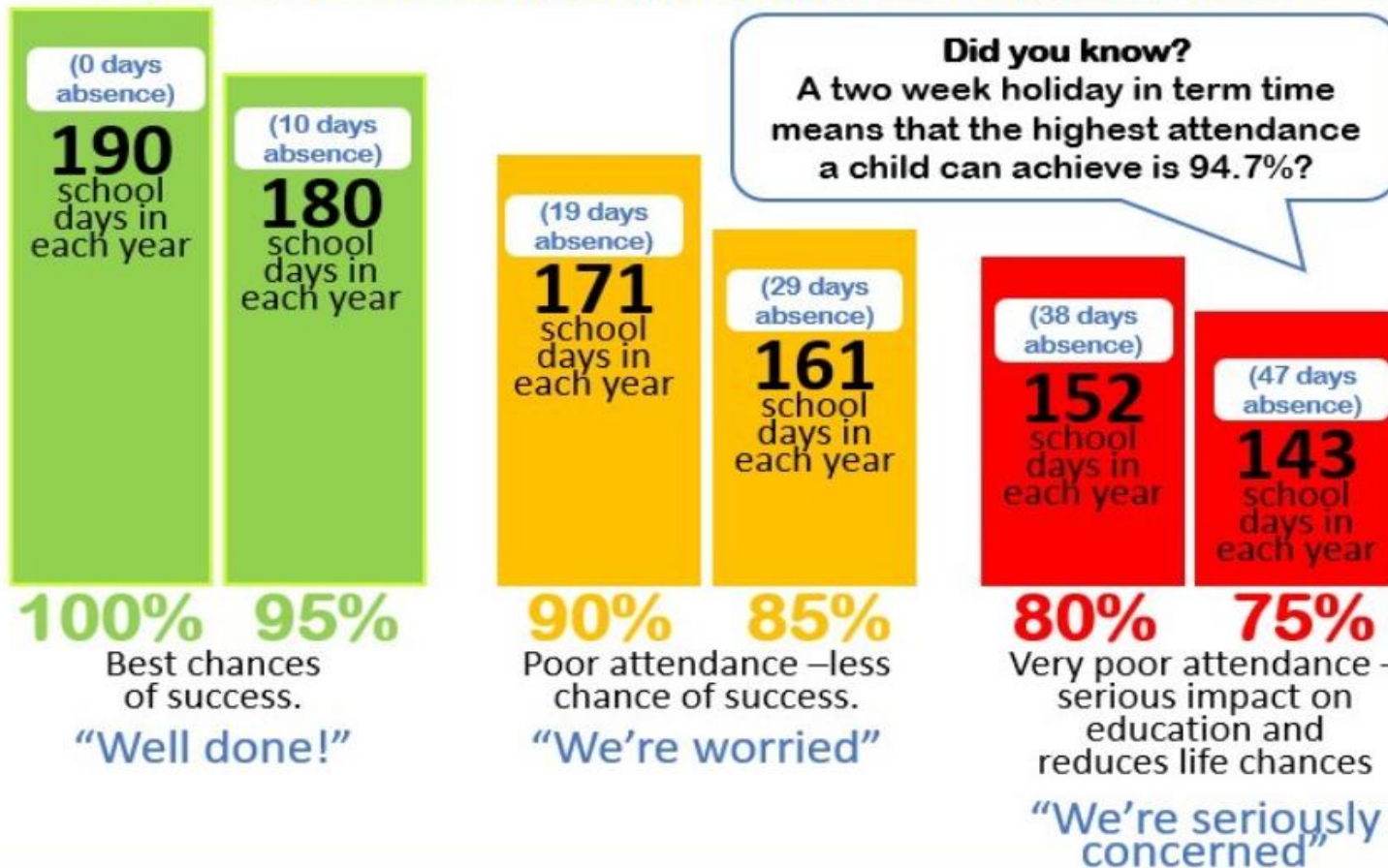
Good attendance means...

being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

175 days not at school!

All this time for shopping, holidays and appointments

365 days in a calendar year



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Mr. M Vause

Director of Music



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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

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Name of child

Year

Form tutor

Message



Your IP Address: 212.219.81.100

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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