



# Ripon Grammar School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

As we reach the end of this academic term, I would like to take a moment to commend our students for their hard work and dedication. This term has been particularly significant for many of our students as they made important decisions regarding their GCSE options. These choices will play a key role in shaping their future studies and career pathways, and we hope they feel confident in the subjects they have selected. Making these decisions requires careful thought, as students begin to take ownership of their education and work towards their aspirations. It has been wonderful to see them approach this process with maturity and enthusiasm, demonstrating a keen interest in their futures.

I am incredibly proud of the way our students have engaged in their studies, demonstrating focus, determination, and a strong drive to achieve their full potential. Their commitment to learning and personal growth has been inspiring, and their resilience in overcoming challenges continues to impress.

## Form Time Activities

Throughout the term, students have participated in various form time activities designed to support their personal and academic development. These sessions have included in-depth discussions on option choices, where students explored the subjects available to them and considered how their selections align with their strengths and aspirations. Career aspirations have also been a key focus, with students engaging in activities that encourage them to set ambitious yet achievable goals for their future professions. As part of this, students completed a career task where they explored a chosen career in depth and presented their findings to their form, allowing them to develop their research and presentation skills.

Additionally, students have taken part in sessions on role models, where they analysed the qualities of inspirational figures and reflected on how these traits can help guide their own personal development. Effective revision techniques have also been emphasised, ensuring students are equipped with strategies to enhance their learning and prepare effectively for upcoming assessments. These activities have provided valuable opportunities for self-reflection and skill-building, helping students to develop both academically and personally.

## Ski Trip to Italy

This term, some of our students had the exciting opportunity to participate in a ski trip to Italy. This experience not only allowed them to develop new skills on the slopes but also helped build confidence, teamwork and resilience. Students challenged themselves with a range of slopes, from beginner to advanced, and worked together to support and encourage one another. Beyond skiing, they also had the chance to immerse themselves in Italian culture, enjoying local cuisine and experiencing the stunning mountain scenery. The trip was a fantastic opportunity for students to develop independence, step out

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of their comfort zones, and create lasting memories with their peers. It was wonderful to see them embrace this challenge and enjoy such a rewarding adventure.

## **Sporting Success**

Our students have also excelled in sports, achieving impressive results:

The Year 9 Girls' team finished as runners-up in the County Indoor Cricket Cup.

The Year 9 Girls' team were crowned State School Hockey Winners.

The Year 9 Boys' team finished as runners-up in the State School Hockey competition.

The Year 9 Rugby team have enjoyed success on the pitch throughout the season, putting in impressive displays against Harrogate Grammar School and Ilkley Grammar School.

We are extremely proud of their dedication and teamwork, and we look forward to seeing them continue to thrive in their sporting endeavours.

## **Looking Ahead to Next Term**

Next term promises to be just as exciting, with a variety of enriching experiences planned:

Bewerley Park Residential. Mon 07/07/2025 to Fri 11/07/2025: Students will have the opportunity to develop essential outdoor skills and take part in a range of adventurous activities designed to challenge and inspire them.

Year 9 Trip to Eden Camp and York Museum. Wed 30/04/2025: This educational trip will provide valuable insights into history and bring learning to life outside the classroom.

Year 9 Exams. Mon 23/06/2025 to Thu 26/06/2025: Students will be sitting important exams next term, which will help assess their progress and prepare them for future academic challenges. We encourage them to continue developing their revision techniques and approach their studies with confidence and determination.

We thank you for your continued support and encouragement, which plays a crucial role in our students' success. Wishing you a restful break, and we look forward to another term of learning, growth, and achievement.

Kind regards

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