



Ridgeway Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Name Change

We have communicated recently about the many changes and updates we are doing to the school over the summer. We are updating our suite of science labs, we are carpeting all of the corridors, we have ramp access and automatic doors and we are replacing all of the doors and alarm systems within the school. In fact, the list goes on to the changes we are making to the fabric of the school and we will proudly show this all when it is complete towards the end of the summer break. We are very excited about the changes we are making for the students and local community of Ridgeway.

Another change that we are making is to our name. We have always been known as Ridgeway. Previously as Ridgeway County Secondary school then as Ridgeway Middle School, more recently as Ridgeway Academy and now we will be known as Ridgeway Secondary School.

We are proud to mirror the primary and secondary settings that are the norm nationally (as highlighted during the pandemic when the government referred to schools as either primary or secondary). We have had secondary status since 2016 and have been an exam centre since 2014, we felt now is the time to consolidate this standing.

We are proud of the primary years that we have on roll and our emphasis and commitment to these year groups will not change. Indeed, we have been teaching primary year groups all of the time that we have been an exam centre and legally a fully-fledged secondary.

Therefore, there will be no change of emphasis for the current Year 5 and 6s that the school teach. We still have staff that are primary trained and experienced.

The majority of our staff are secondary trained and experienced and are excited to offer the local community, students and families all of the experiences that a normal secondary school can. Why not check out our website and social media platforms for a brief a flavour of the school? We hope to see you soon where we would love to show you around.

Kind regards

Mr M Bennett
Head Teacher