



Upper School



world prep

LEARNER-CENTRED, WORLD-ORIENTED EDUCATION

What does it mean to be a
world prep school?



It means we prepare our students
for world-class universities, and how
to lead in a global society.



To become a Ridleian means that you will be a part of an unparalleled school community that spans the globe. It means you will discover the potential you didn't even know you had, and it means you will gain the knowledge and confidence to realize any future to which you aspire.

It means you will have a unique educational experience that is exciting, fun and meaningful.



WELCOME TO A
world prep SCHOOL.



personalized **PREP**

**EDUCATION IS MASSIVELY PERSONAL,
NOT SOMETHING MASS-PRODUCED.**

We believe your school years should be the happiest and most memorable time of your life. Ensuring each student enjoys their educational experience is a collaborative endeavor between student and school. Each student embraces and engages in the tremendous opportunity Ridley provides in his or her own way. We place emphasis on this student-centred approach and encourage students to consider what their unique experience will entail.

“Ridley prepares you to face global challenges and to overcome them in a unique way. It gives you the opportunity to push your limits and know what you are really made of. I've learned how to see the world from another perspective and to enjoy it. Ridley has taught me that hard work, teamwork, and discipline are the keys to success. Thanks to Ridley I am now a step closer than I was before to becoming the successful person I want to be.

— Mariana V., Mexico



MARIANA

Gooderham
West



a student's **SUCCESS IS** **THE SCHOOL'S** success.

At Ridley, there are no limits to learning. We have structured our Upper School programme to help students tap into their potential. Students choose how they will challenge themselves in our 150+ course offerings.

Our academics are made up of challenging curricula; a combination of the Ontario secondary school requirements (OSSD), the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (Grades 9 and 10), and an optional IB Diploma Programme (Grades 11 and 12).

This combination prepares students to meet the challenges of higher education at the most selective colleges and universities around the world, while they participate in a unique inquiry-based learning experience.



SAMPLE AREAS OF STUDY:

- Computer and Business Studies
- Classical and International Languages (French, German, Mandarin and Spanish)
- Dramatic Arts
- English
- Geography
- Health and Physical Education
- History and Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Music
- Science
- Visual Art and Design Technology



accomplished PREP

Beyond the ambition and challenge of our academic programme is the diversity of co-curricular activities in which Ridley will push you to be self-motivated.

YOU WILL LEARN TO DEVELOP SKILLS YOU DESIRE, AND THOSE OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE.

You will learn to lead and inspire your peers as a teammate, School Prefect or Chapel speaker. You will learn to commit your time and talent in service to your school, your community and those in the world who need your help. It's a life that is exhilarating and rewarding. It's a life that will lead you to become the person you most want to be.

“ Ridley offers students everything they could ask for and more. It makes sure that you are fully engaged in every aspect of life, whether academic, athletic, social, or spiritual. It keeps you busy from the moment you wake up until the moment you go to bed. Apart from the excellent education, Ridley challenges you in ways that go beyond the classroom. The teachers try to push you to be the best version of yourself. The people working here want to be here and do everything they can to make your Ridley experience an unforgettable one. I couldn't imagine myself anywhere else because of the relationships I have built during my time at Ridley.

— Michael S., Canada ”



MICHAEL

Dean's



Global Co-Curriculars

In Upper School, students can choose from over 75 activities that allow them to explore hobbies, cultures and more.

With different options each term—falling into categories like service, skills and arts—students can pursue their passions, forge new friendships and learn about important topics with their peers.

ATHLETICS

Boys

Basketball (three levels)
Golf (two levels)
Ice Hockey (two levels)
Rowing (two levels)
Rugby (two levels)
Soccer (three levels)
Tennis (two levels)

Girls

Basketball (two levels)
Field Hockey (two levels)
Golf
Gymnastics
Ice Hockey (two levels)
Rowing (two levels)
Rugby
Soccer
Volleyball (two levels)

Co-Ed

Badminton
Cross Country (two levels)
Swimming (two levels)
Track and Field (two levels)
Triathlon

Recreational Sports

Bootcamp
Cross Fit
Field Hockey
Futsal
Flag Football
Running
Soccer
Skating
Squash
Swimming
Table Tennis
Tennis
Teaching Games for Understanding
TRX Suspension Training
Triathlon
Ultimate Frisbee
Yoga
Zumba

THEATRE

Fall and Winter Play
Musical productions

ACTIVITIES

Acta Ridleiana (yearbook)
Art in Public Spaces
Athletic Therapy Clinic
Board Games
Cadet Band
Cadet Star Programme
Card Sharks
Chapel Choir
Cappies (Theatre and Journalism students are trained as critics)
Cooking Club
Core Training
Chinese Calligraphy
Debate
Deconstructing and Reconstructing Fashion
Drill Team
Drivers Ed
Equestrian
Figure Drawing
Film Clubs
Film Making
Garage Band
International Cooking Club
Jazz Band (two levels)
Learn to Knit
Martial Arts
Math Contest Club
Meditation
Model United Nations
Outdoor Club
Origami
Origin (mathematics publication)
Orchestra
Politics Club
Pursuit of Excellence in Music
Private Pilot Ground School
Ridley Singers
Sixty Minutes (campus issues discussion)
School Reach (interscholastic academic competition)
Science Club
Skeet Shooting
String Ensemble
Student Committee
Tai Chi
Tiger Post (newspaper)

SERVICE

Admissions Assistants,
Student Escorts, Tour Guides
Alzheimers (volunteering with seniors)
Amnesty International
Art Monitors (art studio care)
Athletic Monitors (athletic centre care)
Athletic Therapy Clinic
Bethlehem Place (volunteering with children)
Big Bunch (Big Brother/Sister programme)
Biomonitors (bio lab care)
Burgoyne House Counsellor
Campus Watch
Community Care (food bank)
Grad Committee
Green Tigers (environmental)
House Captains
Library Assistants
Library Monitors (library care)
Music Monitors (music studio care)
Officer and NCO Training
Prefects
Servers Club (assisting Chaplain)
String Ensemble
Student Committee

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Ridley is also proud to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which gives students international accreditation for accomplishments in community service, personal development, athletics and outdoor adventure.

Expeditions include dog sledding, leadership and team building.

(TRAINING, BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD)





life PREP

Parents often say what they want most for their kids is for them to be happy. So what makes you and your friends happy? The answers might surprise you. An MTV/Associated Press poll found that close connections with friends and family are key. Experts on teen development also say it's not only **CONNECTIONS** with people who care, but also developing **CAPABILITY AND CONFIDENCE** that will **LEAD TO HAPPINESS** as a teen and into adulthood.

“ I really admire the house system at Ridley. I believe that it gives every student a heightened sense of belonging to the school and through it they learn, share, and bond together. I can confidently say that I have made friends at Ridley that I will keep for a lifetime. Students here aren't just Ridleians, but also Knights of Deans, Lady Bugs of Leonard, Strong Men of Merritt South, and Beasts of Arthur Bishop East.

— O.J. O., Nigeria ”

O.J. & B.J.

Arthur Bishop
East



CREATING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Experience every imaginable opportunity to develop your capabilities—in big and little ways—from directing a play to doing your own laundry. The confidence that comes with sometimes succeeding and sometimes not, but always learning, is an integral part of the experience. We call that 'grit.'

A Ridley boarding education is designed to give you a close community of friends and mentors that feels like **ONE BIG FAMILY.**

THE HOUSES

Girls

Gooderham East
Gooderham West
Leonard
Mandeville

Boys

Arthur Bishop East
Arthur Bishop West
Dean's
Merritt North
Merritt South

Junior Boarding

Burgoyne





TERAR DUM PROSIM

Words We Live By

On and off campus, Ridley promotes the role of service in a flourishing life. The idea is embodied in our motto—Terar Dum Prosim (May I be Consumed in Service)—and it is infused in our culture.

Students are encouraged to participate in service to others. They learn the importance of contributing to the flourishing lives of others through local fundraising campaigns and service trips to developing countries.

Being consumed in service is about realizing one's connection to others and having the confidence and the compassion to act on it.



TEN HOUSES, ONE COMMUNITY

At Ridley, each House has its own personality driven by its community of closely-knit students, Heads of House and Residential life team.

Living in a House gives students the opportunity to shine in their own ways. They grow in independence and have a great sense of satisfaction as they develop their particular skills and talents. Students become contributing members, by helping to run their House, leading service initiatives, excelling in House competitions, mentoring younger students, performing in House arts events and representing their House school-wide.

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AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE

97
FACULTY MEMBERS
34% HAVE
ADVANCED DEGREES

8:1
STUDENT :
FACULTY



CORE VALUES

- Integrity
- Knowledge
- Respect for Community
- Personal Growth through Perseverance



90+
ACRE CAMPUS

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Prefects, House Captains, House Councils, Burgoyne House Counsellor, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Cadets.

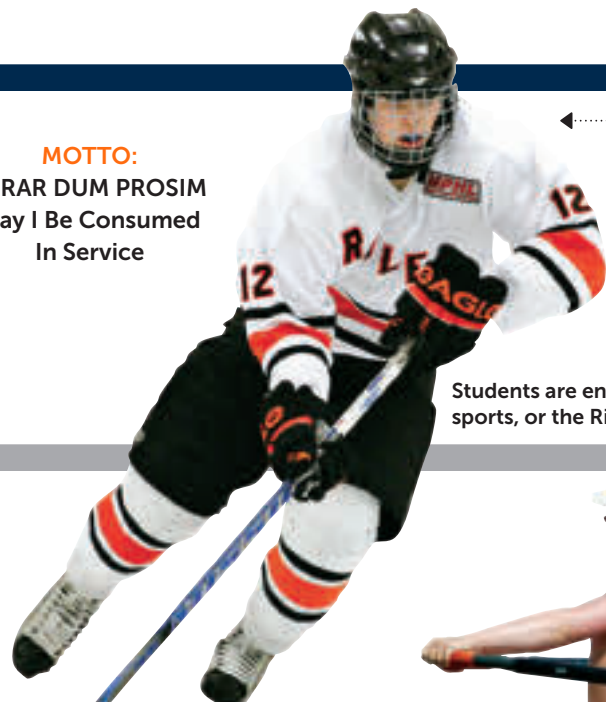
Canada's only IB Continuum day and boarding school



Complete competitive athletics programme including hockey, basketball, soccer, rowing and more.

Students are encouraged to participate in three terms of competitive sports, or the Ridley 'Sport For Life' (RS4L) programme.

MOTTO:
TERAR DUM PROSIM
May I Be Consumed
In Service



“ Doors have been opened that would never have been opened for my children. Opportunity. Confidence. That's huge when they go out into the bigger world. Each year as they move ahead, they know where they need to be. They want to excel and they do. I love this school. ”

— DALE, FATHER

Ridley College Cadet Corps No. 162 RC(A)CC:

- largest co-ed Corps in Canada
- longest-running school tradition



TEN BOARDING HOUSES: Upper School day students are assigned a House where they have study and storage space.

\$2.8M
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
AWARDED

30%
OF STUDENTS RECEIVE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



Two theatre productions per year and other, smaller productions

Lower School

McLaughlin Resource Centre and Williams Dining Hall

JK–Grade 8

THEATRES: Mandeville and Ross Morrow

VISUAL ARTS: darkroom, sculpting studio, drawing room with natural lighting, art studio, design and technology workshop

Upper School

Matthews Library and The Great Hall

Grade 9–12

ATHLETICS FACILITIES: Arena and Fieldhouse complex (completed 2010) • two gymnasiums • fitness room • ergometer room • sports therapy clinic • swimming pool • five tennis courts • Outdoor Education Centre (BOERC) located in Vineland, ON

ACADEMICS: Robotics Lab • Classrooms are SMART Board equipped • Wireless campus



future PREP

Ridleians have been offered admission to the most selective colleges and universities around the globe.

Ridley provides the tools and resources students need to open the doors to whichever future they envision, explore all the opportunities available, and realize their full post-secondary potential.

We emphasize inquiry-based and student-centred learning, whereby students are challenged to take charge of their own learning. We believe in developing balanced, happy individuals who have a firm academic foundation and can see things from a wide and varied perspective.

“ Being away from home and leaving everything familiar behind might seem a bit difficult, but this challenge is worth facing. Coming to Ridley was the best decision I’ve made in my life so far. It is not a regular high school; it is a community that respects tradition, teaches you to stand up for your beliefs and for what is right, and helps you to grow as a person in many different ways. Ridley has become my second home, and through exposure to different cultures and interaction with people from all over the world, I have become a citizen of the world. Self-development and multicultural friendships are what Ridley is all about and to me they are the most important. I am very grateful to be a part of this community.

—Anastasia G., Russia ”



ANASTASIA

Mandeville

Global Academics

Ridley is a genuine blend of respect for its great traditions and for the best of modern progression. Founded in 1889, Ridley is a Canadian school of the world that prepares students for the world. We have forged a global identity among independent schools by bringing together influences from Great Britain, the United States, our own prestigious Canadian heritage and a multinational student body and faculty.

students from
50 COUNTRIES
(2017)





lasting PREP

Joining Ridley is about so much more than being a member of a school.

IT MEANS BEING PART OF A COMMUNITY THAT LINKS YOU TOGETHER FOR LIFE.

For well over a century Ridley has shaped the lives and futures of graduates around the globe. Ridleians feel a pride of connection that begins in our history and traditions. They feel a sense of community, having shared life and learning together on this extraordinary campus. They feel a kinship with remarkable people—a worldwide Ridley family of students, alumni, faculty and parents.

“Ridley gives you many opportunities to perform, both academically and athletically, at a very high level. The teachers and coaches always push you past your comfort zone in order to reach your true potential. Ridley allows you to make connections with people from around the world through its global diversity. You get to learn about different cultures and make friends from many different countries. Ridley prepares you for and shapes your future.

— Jonas G., Germany

Ridley opens the door to a life full of spirit and inspiration and is a school where you are encouraged to follow your passions. Living in this international community away from home makes you independent, builds your confidence, and prepares you for the life you want to live. Throughout my time at Ridley, the saying, “If you never try, you’ll never know” has really spoken to me; this school has given me the opportunity to try many new things in order to find myself and discover what I want to do in the future.

— Jana G., Germany ”

JONAS & JANA

Merritt South &
Gooderham West





next-step PREP

Ridley prepares students from over 50 countries to succeed in the universities and colleges of their choice. Many of our faculty members have taught in schools around the world. They understand school systems from many countries and what it means to prepare you – for a seamless transition to life and learning anywhere in the world.

To help students navigate through the many choices they will have beyond graduation, Ridley offers bespoke guidance and university counselling by a team of dedicated professionals.

WHERE HAVE RECENT GRADUATES STUDIED?

Canada



U.S.A.



International





A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO PARENTS

From Headmaster J. Edward Kidd

One of the favourite times of my day is when I have the opportunity to walk the halls, drop in on classrooms and watch active learning in action. At Ridley, you will find that students are engaged in exploring new ideas, debating eternal questions and solving relevant problems. Learning is student-centred and exciting to witness!

In our Upper School, you will meet young adults who confidently pursue their passions—academic inquiry, athletic endeavour, or artistic expression. You will see focused and disciplined students leading a Socratic seminar in a literature class, singing a solo in Chapel or persevering through a two kilometre time trial in our indoor rowing tank.

Cultivating the full potential in each student requires a caring, committed and world-class faculty. The task also requires intimate relationships that are built day by day, year after year. At Ridley, you'll find a community of adults who are excited to build those relationships. As a boarding school, Ridley provides students with a 24/7 experience that will help you cultivate those life-long bonds with peers and adults alike—in the classroom, in the House, on the ice or in the theatre.

The reality is that one cannot be certain what children and young adults can do until we challenge them to be their best. At this school, students are surrounded by peers who share their sense of purpose, who believe in the value of hard work and who are building the courage to pursue their dreams. Add to this the experience and care of a community of adults who are dedicated to nurturing their potential, and you have the Ridley formula.

I hope this book offers you a glimpse into the life of our unique community of learners and that you are inspired to look deeper into the Ridley experience. I invite you to visit the school, to soak in its idyllic setting, to witness classes in action, to meet teachers and Heads of House, and to talk with students. We warmly welcome you and your family to Ridley.



Boarding School Facts

Beyond the distinctive advantages of Ridley as Canada's largest, original boarding school, we are part of the great boarding tradition. Recent research conducted by the Art & Science Group has found that the benefits of boarding school are significant and extend throughout a student's life.

- Boarders spend more time on co-curricular activities and homework, and less time watching television, than do their non-boarding school peers.
- Significantly greater percentages of boarding school students and alumni report academic satisfaction and academic challenge and feel better prepared for all aspects of university from their studies to social life, time management and readiness for independence.
- By mid-career, more former boarders in the study had achieved top management positions compared to non-boarders.
- Boarding school graduates attribute their independence, adventurousness and love of learning for learning's sake to their boarding school experience.
- Research boils the advantages of boarding school down to five things: academic promise, learning to lead, 24-hour learning, college ready, getting ahead.

PARENT TO PARENT

"Our son Colin entered in Grade 9 two years ago and has flourished. Confident, happy, actively involved in all aspects of the school programme — he is a different boy than he was before he came here. He can't wait to come to school each day. During the summer he asks his dad to 'just drive by' so he can look at Ridley. Now his sister is applying."

— GRACE



"We are very happy with the care and education our son is receiving at Ridley College. The teachers are excellent and they know how to motivate him. The house experience is very valuable as it helps to develop maturity and independence. With all the activities and companionship available at Ridley there is more time to focus on self development and less time for computer games and television. Our son is doing very well in all his subjects and has all the support that he needs to excel."

— CAT



"High school? I hated it and so did my husband. My son came home after the first month in Grade 9 at Ridley and said, 'I love it.' That's worth every penny to me because you don't do anything in life unless you love it. And you will not succeed unless you love it. And he loves it."

— KIM

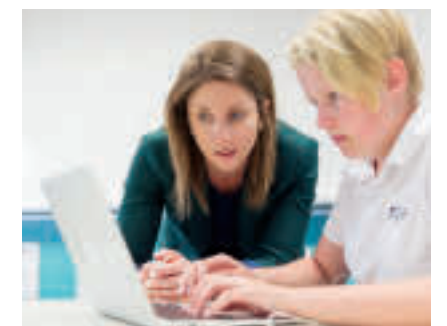
"Ridley really prepares them for university. My daughter has been taught since Grade 5 here, and she's just excelling and wants to excel. When she moves ahead she knows where she needs to be, and what she needs to do to make her better. I love this school."

— GAIL



"What strikes home with me is the international aspect of Ridley, the opportunity to meet people from all over the world who have had an amazing variety of experiences that they can bring to not only the classroom, but to the personal lives of our children, the opportunities to develop lifelong relationships with these people. In a global world it's a wonderful advantage."

— TOM



"You need good education and good morals—a whole rounded type of education—not only good academics, but sports, arts, values. Those all play an important role into creating a child who is going to succeed in the world today. Ultimately it also means getting accepted into the best universities in the world because they're well-equipped. Knowing down the road that my kids have gotten the best education I could possibly offer them is what's important to me."

— JAMES





VISIT RIDLEY

Contact us to arrange a visit that can be tailored to your interests.

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We look forward to meeting you in the near future.



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