

Dear Parents

General Letter Number 13

15th April 2016

Can I take the opportunity to welcome back all the students for what will be a busy term. GCSE and AS level examination begin in four weeks (16th May). Year 13 have a couple of extra weeks before their examinations begin. I would like to thank all staff for their hard work supporting the students, especially those who gave up their own time in the Easter holidays.

Date for your Diary

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| Monday 18th April | - Friends of Lightcliffe Academy Evening 6pm |
| Thursday 5th May | - Year 8 Choices Evening |
| Monday 16th May | - GCSE and AS Level external exams begin |
| Tuesday 14th June | - Year 9 Parents Evening |
| Tuesday 21st June | - New Intake Parents Evening |
| School Closed | - Bank Holiday Monday 2 nd May and Tuesday 3 rd May Training Day |

U13's Rugby Success

On Monday 21st March one of our under 13's girls rugby teams competed in the County Qualifiers at Baildon Rugby Club. The team showed fantastic skill, determination and desire to win while representing their school. They won 4 out of their 5 games and qualified for a place in the Yorkshire Cup Final in Wetherby on Thursday 21st April. A brilliant achievement for the girls!



Sports Relief

Students raised over £1000 for Sports Relief on Friday 18th March- Thanks to everyone who took part and donated.

Well done to our Yr13 Higher Sports Leaders who helped the Ravenscliffe High School students walk a mile for Sports Relief.



School online Payments.

If you have not already set up to pay for items via the cashless system we would appreciate it if you could do so at your earliest opportunity. Codes have been issued to all students however if you need a replacement please contact school to request a student link code. Your child can request it from the office, alternatively you can telephone school or email finance@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk . As we are moving towards being a cashless school this account will need to be set up. If there are any issues setting up this account please do not hesitate to contact school.

Also as you may be aware replacement ties and planners now need to be paid for online. Please forward your receipt of payment to finance@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk we will not be able to issue the item until we receive the receipt.

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

We are still collecting vouchers and they are still available until 3rd May in all Sainsburys stores. Can you please bring these into school, there is a collection box in the main reception area.



PHSCE Day

The fourth PHSCE day saw an increase in the activities covered to address specific needs of the students that this time of the year bring.

The students from Year 12 and 13 had a talk from current undergraduates, and a lecturer from Huddersfield University. The rest of the day alongside, the Year 11 students had activities that covered study skills and coping with stress that exam time might cause.

Year 7's had work which covered the body, its image and how others see us, as well as how we communicate. The Year 8's had input on finance and how we see others, to try and break gender stereotyping. However the highlight was the work that Ahead Partnership did with us on Resilience and Mental Health. A number of excellent guest speakers addressed the students on a range of activities from how to overcome adversity, developing a 'can do' attitude, to breaking the mental health stereotypes and labelling that some people of their age can become involved in. Overall an excellent day achieved with a lot of hard work and effort from both staff and students alike.

Battlefields visit

We had to postpone the Battlefield visit to Belgium as it coincided with the incident at Brussels airport. This will now take place in July. Many thanks to parents for their patience and understanding while we were trying to sort arrangements on the day. A letter will be coming home shortly with the new details.

Year 11 and Year 12/Year 13 Apprenticeship Seekers

The Careers Advisers, Lindsey Woodward and Glyn Ellis, are running Employability Workshops in school on Thursday 21st April. The workshops are for students who have expressed an interest to the Careers Advisers in doing an Apprenticeship at the end of their GCSE or A level/BTEC course.

Any Year 11 or Year 13 student who would like to attend and has not received an invite to a workshop needs to call into the Careers Room in E2 Block to speak to a Careers Adviser before 21st April.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'T. Rothwell'.

Thomas Rothwell
Principal