

# Welcome to Year 13



Congratulations on making it this far on your two year journey, you have been a really positive and hardworking year group and I have high hopes and optimism for your success as you begin Year 13.

We have achieved lots of positive changes this year that have all been designed to aid your academic success. Going forwards there will still be positive changes that are designed to improve your success in making those Next Steps to University, Employment or Apprenticeships.

I just want to set out our expectations for the remainder of the year and the beginning of next year:

## **Lessons & Learning: Being successful**

Lessons are valuable learning opportunities that should not be missed, attendance to all is imperative to your success. Learning should also take place outside of your lessons and I would recommend at least two hours independent study per subject which should increase towards exam periods. Do not solely rely on your teachers; become independent and read ahead; use the exam board websites and research around your subject.

## **Role Models: Inspiring & Leading the way**

You are a full member of the Radcliffe community and as such must be smart, polite and lead by example in all that you do. You all know the uniform policy, it is on the school website, you must stick to it. It is not optional and nor should it become the focus of repeated conversations. I want you to act smart, look smart and be smart!

## **Tutor Time: Volunteering, Next Steps & Better Communication**

As a result of various consultations/reflections over the year and a struggle to communicate effectively with the current Y13 cohort we have decided to make full day attendance compulsory for all Y13 students. This means that all students have to attend school from 8.20am to 3.00pm (or 3.50pm if you have a period 7 lesson). This change will allow us to integrate the Y13s into lower school tutorials as peer mentors and support you further with 'ready for life' skills. The change will also hopefully ensure that more effective independent study takes place with the added benefit of additional support from teaching staff. The additional time in school will also allow you to hone your personal statements, UCAS/Employment/Apprenticeship applications with the help of your tutor and 6<sup>th</sup> Form team. You will be allowed to leave site at break and lunchtimes only.