



22 March 2024

Dear Parent

RE: Year 13 Information Letter

I would like to take this opportunity to communicate a few key messages as Year 13 are approaching the final stages of their exam preparation.

Year 13 Photo: Monday 15th April 2024

The final year group photo will be taken during lesson 4. This will be an opportunity to create a lasting memory of a student's journey here with us at the Redhill Academy.

Easter Revision: Tue/Wed 02-03 April 2024

Secondly, just a reminder that Easter revision sessions are running on Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 April. Students should have been informed by subject staff if a session is being offered for their A Level.

Formal Exams: 01 May 2024 – 26 June 2024

The formal examination period is between 1 May and 26 June. There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2024 exam timetable – the afternoon of 6 June and 13 June and the full day of 26 June. Students need to stay available on all three dates even if they do not have an exam. These dates have been set by the exam boards in case of any unforeseen circumstances. With formal exams it is not possible to reschedule exams due to any personal circumstances as this is a national timetable with all schools around the country following the same schedule to ensure quality assurance. Attendance is therefore crucial throughout this period.

UCAS guidance

Following their mock results, once students have received all their university offers, they will need to decide on their firm and insurance choice. These are based on when we get the last decision in from your universities or colleges. **Check the application to see a student's personal deadline.** If they receive their last decision on or before **16 May 2024**, the reply date is **6 June 2024** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).

Firm acceptance – this is your first choice. If it's an unconditional offer, the place is not subject to A Level results so that course provider will expect your son/daughter as their student. If it's conditional, the place is subject to the student meeting the offer conditions. So just in case they don't, students can pick a second offer as a backup – their insurance acceptance.

Insurance acceptance - If you're choosing an insurance, students should choose a university course with lower offer conditions. That way, if results are lower than expected, your son/daughter might still meet the conditions at the insurance choice; then they would have a place confirmed there. A student will only attend their insurance choice course if they don't meet the conditions of their firm choice, but they do meet the conditions of your insurance. Students can't choose between your firm and insurance on results day.

Decline – students will need to decline any other offers they receive.

Continuing applications for Apprenticeships

The sixth form team alongside Mrs Jane will continue to support all students applying for apprenticeship placements. April is often a key time that new opportunities are advertised so please encourage your son or daughter to look out for new adverts via ask apprenticeships site: <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/browse-apprenticeships> and the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Student Finance

It is recommended that students' applying for student finance apply for this before 16th May 2024 to guarantee this being in place for September 2024.

Guidance for student finance can be found via the UCAS website. The quickest and easiest way to apply is online at www.gov.uk/studentfinance once applications open. The university or college sets the student tuition fee. You should check with them how much each student will be charged for their course, so they can apply for the right amount of Tuition Fee Loan. The Tuition Fee Loan needs to be paid back, but not until a student has finished or left the course, and their income is over the [repayment threshold](#).

Sheffield Hallam University are also offering an online event to guide students and parents through student finance.

Student Funding Online Webinar

Wednesday 24th April, 18:00-19:00 on Microsoft Teams.

Students and parents can join Hallam and the Student Loans Company for further insight into the student funding process.

[Students and parents can register here to attend.](#)

Year 13 Leavers Assembly: Friday 24th May 2024

Year Thirteen leaver's assembly will be lesson five on Friday 24th May 2024. Students still are expected to attend all lessons for each subject after this date until the final exam in that subject has been taken. This is to ensure staff are able to pass on top tips, support revision and exam skills.

A Level Results Day: Thu 15 Aug 2024

A Level results day this year will be Thursday 15 August. Further information will follow but we wanted to you put the date in your diaries as we are very much looking forward to sharing this special day with our students and offer guidance beyond sixth form.

May I take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support throughout this challenging year for our Y13 students. In the remaining months we look forward to guiding and encouraging students through these final stages before the celebration events in the summer months.

Yours sincerely



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