

Dear Martin,

I have been reading the reports in the Halifax Courier of the aspiration to build a new sixth form college for Ravenscliffe pupils at Spring Hall. I wanted to drop a letter of support on three fronts:

1. Firstly, as a parent of a child who attends Halifax Harriers. I think this will be a fabulous addition to the excellent facilities down there. Standing on cold winter nights watching my budding athlete will be so much more pleasant with the facility on hand to provide excellent viewing (and a warm cuppa!). And to have somewhere for my daughter to change into warm dry clothes after running in the rain will be most welcome and avoid the usual soggy, muddy mess that my car often turns into on wet Tuesday nights at Harriers. I think there is close alignment with the Paralympics goodwill that should be built upon.
2. As a parent of local children, it's a fabulous way to increase the profile of the school and to broaden local peoples' awareness of the diverse and rich community that is Ravenscliffe which is a little tucked away at present. Having a more empathic and diver community can only be a welcome thing for Halifax. I'm pretty sure that such a high profile presence can only aid the fundraising opportunities on which you so heavily depend.
3. As an Executive of Lloyds Banking Group who regularly volunteer with the school, this opens up many more opportunities for us to work with the school, perhaps using the facilities for corporate events and meeting room bookings.

I wish you the very best of luck. Please let me know how I can help either as Harriers member, a local parent, or a local businessperson.

Kind regards,

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