

## Calendar

<b>MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>
Arts Week
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leisure and Tourism trip to North Devon, returns Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.</li> <li>Languages trip to Paris, returns Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October.</li> </ul>
<b>TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>
Arts Week
<b>WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>
Arts Week
<b>THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts Week</li> <li>GCSE Music concert, 7pm in the Max</li> </ul>
<b>FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts Week</li> <li>Non-uniform Day, in aid of World Mental Health Day</li> <li><b>RSA CLOSSES FOR MID-TERM BREAK</b></li> </ul>

## Student Reception Assistants

	Period 2	Period 5
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Dominic Williams 10L6	James Watkins 10L6
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Dillon Tippetts 10H3	Ethan Bosworth 10H4
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Elliot Cox 10H4	Amy Molyneux 10H4
<b>Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	David Shuttleworth 10H4	Joshua Jukes 10H5
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Luke Taylor 10H5	Todd Miller 10H6

## Academy Term Dates

**Mid-term Break** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

**RSA Closes** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (at 12.45 pm)

## From the Principal

Dear Parents

*Many thanks to all parents who attended our first Parent Focus group of the year, which was held on Tuesday evening. The group is an important way of getting a parental perspective on key aspects of Academy life and ideas to help us to continually improve. We were delighted to see lots of new faces, including parents of our first Key Stage 3 students. If you would like to join us for future meetings, the dates are on the website and we would very much like to see you there.*

*Performing and visual arts are a big strength at Robert Smyth and, next week, is our annual Arts Week where we encourage students from all year groups to take part in a range of arts related extra-curricular events. As part of the week, we are holding our first GCSE music concert of the year on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm in the Max. We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying the many performances.*

*Have a good weekend.*



Sue Jones

## Star of the Week

**Ben Anglade, 12L4**

For attention to detail to ensure correct French grammar.

**Hannah Barrow, 12L4**

For asking insightful questions in class.

**Matt Sladden, 11L5**

For consistent high achievement and effort in Business Studies.

**Sam Tooms, 12L2**

For excellent analyses of media texts.

**Congratulations go to Alfie Harris, 11L4 who won the £20 prize draw for The Student Star of the Week end of the month award.**



## Faculty Student of the Month

Each month teachers of KS4 classes nominate a student for this award and the Head of Faculty chooses a deserving winner in their subject area. Teachers nominate students for many different reasons but it is always a student who has impressed whether that be through their attitude to learning, effort levels, progress, achievement or contribution to the community. Students get 50 achievement points for their tutor group and house. Such students are a delight to teach, role models for their peers and should be very proud to have received the recognition. **Well done to September's winners:**

**BUSINESS STUDIES**

**Katie Kavangagh, 11H1**

For having an excellent work ethic.

**ENGLISH**

**James Watkins, 10L6**

For an excellent start to Year 10 and a great work ethic.

**DESIGN**

**Emily Marrow, 10B7**

For lovely summer work.

**HUMANITIES**

**Imogen Tompkins, 11L4**

For working conscientiously in RE.

**MATHS**

**Ben Holland, 11H2**

For having an excellent work rate.

**MEDIA**

**Zoe Stupar, 11L7**

For working hard to improve her grade.

**MFL**

**Charlotte Ellis, 11L8**

For her excellent vocabulary and grammar.

**PERFORMING ARTS**

**Lara Colotto, 11H3**

For consistently working hard in lessons and her contribution to the school community.

**PE**

**Scarlett Godefroy, 10H7**

For her enthusiasm and excellent achievement in extra-curricular activities.

**SCIENCE**

**Brian Cain, 11L7**

For consistent high achievement and effort.

## Arts Week



Arts Week will be taking place next week, the **10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October**. The Performing Arts and Design faculties are offering a series of workshops mostly free of charge, open to students whether or not you are taking them as an option.

The workshops are:

- The Great RSA Bake Off (KS4 & 5)
- Paper Pokemon (KS3)
- Salsa Dance Workshop (all years)
- Marker Rendering (KS4 & 5)
- Using Sibelius to Write Music (KS3)
- Producing Workshop (KS3)
- 'Grease' Dance Routines (KS3)
- Embroidery (KS4 & 5)
- Commercial Dance
- 'Our Country's Good' - devising around a set text (KS5)
- Fashion Illustration (all years)
- Monologues for Auditions (KS4)
- Origami (KS3)
- 'Play in Half a Day' with Parsnips Youth Theatre (KS3)
- GCSE Music Concert (All welcome)

For further details visit the Academy website or see your tutor. Please sign up for the workshops at Student Services.

Come along and explore the Arts!



*Mr Hughes*

## Music



### GCSE Music Concert

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October sees the return of the GCSE Music Concert. The GCSE series of concerts is now in its fifth year and the concert looks to be another great mix of solos and ensemble/group performances. Tickets are free to everyone and can be obtained from Student Services. The show starts at 7.00 pm with doors opening at 6.40 pm. So come along and be entertained by our fabulously talented GCSE Music students.

### Want to learn an instrument?

We have 14 visiting peripatetic music teachers who give singing and instrumental lessons to beginners and advanced students in all years. You can learn the flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, tenor horn, baritone, euphonium, trombone, tuba, violin, viola, cello, double bass, piano, keyboard, acoustic/electric guitar, bass guitar, tuned percussion, and drum kit. We also have a specialist jazz piano and jazz saxophone teacher. Lessons can be shared to cut the cost and it is possible to hire instruments cheaply. Contact Mrs Petersen, Head of Music, for more details at: [hpetersen@rsacademy.co.uk](mailto:hpetersen@rsacademy.co.uk).

### Want to join an Extra-Curricular Music club?

RSA has a strong musical tradition and there are over 10 music clubs on offer each week to students of all abilities and year groups, including three groups for Year 7 only: choir, jazz band and orchestra at lunchtime. All abilities welcome. We would particularly like to see more Year 7s join in with the clubs. Please see the timetable in the Music block or in your tutor base.

### Buying a new musical instrument? Save VAT through RSA

Students wishing to purchase a musical instrument can save the VAT on the instrument if it's purchased through RSA. See the website for more details or email Mrs Petersen at: [hpetersen@rsacademy.co.uk](mailto:hpetersen@rsacademy.co.uk).

### Trip to De Montfort Hall

The Music Department is offering tickets for just £5.00 to all students and their relatives to see Leicester Symphony Orchestra in concert at De Montfort Hall on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.30 pm. The concert will feature famous orchestral pieces by Johann Strauss I and II and will be compered by the Classic FM presenter John Suchet. See Mrs Petersen for a trip letter.



*Mrs Petersen*

### 'Beating the Blues' Non-Uniform Day

# YOUNGMINDS

The voice for young people's mental health and wellbeing

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016

In conjunction with World Mental Health Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October to raise awareness of mental health issues in young people.

Students are encouraged to wear blue clothes and bring in a £1 donation. All money raised will be donated to the Young Minds Charity.

*Mrs Cadman-Bailey*



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