

Calendar

MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER
Year 7 Residential Trip to Beaumanor Hall
TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER
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WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Residential Trip to Beaumanor Hall Year 9 Options Evening: 5.30 – 7.00 pm, Main Hall
THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER
Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening: 6.00 pm
FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Student Reception Assistants

	Period 2	Period 5
Mon 24th Oct	Ewan Preece 10H6	Rueben Wearing-Smith 10H6
Tues 25th Oct	Scarlett Godefroy 10H7	Freya Tansey 10H7
Wed 26th Oct	Beth Wilson 10H7	Barney Daulby 10H8
Thur 27th Oct	James Howland 10H8	Charlie Leete 10H8
Fri 28th Oct	William Logalbo 10H8	Colin Lopes 10H8

Academy Term Dates

RSA Closes	Friday 16 th December (at 12.45 pm)
Spring Term 2016	
Training Day	Tuesday 3 rd January
RSA Opens	Wednesday 4 th January
Mid Term Break	Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th February

From the Principal

Dear Parents

Many of you will have had the pleasure of meeting or working alongside our long serving Chair of Governors, Max Corney. Max has been Chair for 28 years and governor for 30 years in total, and has devoted himself tirelessly to this voluntary role.

Max announced to staff and governors last week that he has decided to step down as Chair and retire from the governing body. The news was met with a great deal of sadness and emotion from people who have worked alongside Max for many years and have benefited from his support, advice and his in-depth understanding of the ethos of Robert Smyth and the local community. Max was universally well-liked and well respected for his student focused approach to education.

As Principal, I feel privileged to have worked alongside him. The Academy has gone through challenging times of change and development recently and Max has been a tower of support and strength throughout. I will miss him greatly in his role as Chair, but know that Max really does deserve to enjoy his 'retirement' from what must have often seemed like a full-time job.

To thank Max for his work and his long time involvement with Robert Smyth, our Christmas concert this year, to be held on 29th November, will be held in celebration of Max's dedication to Robert Smyth. We look forward to seeing you there.

Max himself wanted to announce his resignation to parents and his message to you all is included below.

Have a good weekend.



Ms Jones

Message from Max Corney

Dear Parents

I have been a governor at Robert Smyth Academy for over 30 years, 28 of these as Chair. During this time I have worked with five head teachers and seen dramatic changes to education, some good, others not so good. During this time the staff at the academy have worked tirelessly to provide quality teaching and learning to the young people in the Market Harborough community.

As a former pupil of the then grammar school, I did not meet up to expectations, being more interested in sport rather than the academic life. I suspect I would be classed now as a late developer; it took me many years of studying as a mature student to catch up and become a Chartered Engineer.

The results of my school life were a reason for my becoming a Governor, as I hoped to help young people to avoid making the same mistake.

Over the years I have been proud to be involved in an academic institution that is well-known in Leicestershire and afar for its excellence in many areas, such as music and sport amongst others.

My 30 years 'service' has been mostly enjoyable. I felt that I always had the support of both the staff and fellow governors, but have realised there has to be a time to retire.

Following the stunning exam results this year and the arrival of the Year 7 students, the time now seems to be right for me to leave. I wish the academy, staff, students and governors best wishes for the future and I am sure that Robert Smyth will continue to be an institution that young people will wish to attend.

Max Corney

Stars of the Week



**For the week ending
Friday 7th September**

Congratulations go to the following students who have been awarded "Star of the Week". At the end of each month names will go into a draw and the winner will receive a £20.00 voucher.

Zoe Bates, 11H3

For improving her German coursework by a whole grade.

Alexander Bell, 11B3

For his commitment to working on extension work for arcs and sectors in maths.

Hannah Benson, 11H1

For improving her German coursework by a whole grade.

Alice Benstead, 11H3

For excellent work in GCSE Dance.

Josh Blyth, 11L10

For making a positive start and having an excellent attitude.

Maya Butler Davis, 11B8

For excellent effort in Textiles.

Charlie Buxton, 11H1

For working hard and having a positive attitude.

Damian Dicks, 10L4

For excellent conduct and being Man of the Match in football.

Becky Donington, 12L9

For excellent standard of homework and organisation in Media Studies.

Charlotte Ellis, 11L8

For a leading a fabulous Sports Leadership session.

Andy Forbes, 12B10

For scoring a hat trick in football.

Charlie Hilton, 11B6

For always volunteering to hand out books.

Joe Howland, 10H8

For officiating in his own time in an Academy fixture.

Annie Kennedy, 13B5

For being an excellent ambassador for Textiles at Open Evening.

Kieran King, 11B5

For working every break, lunchtime and after school on his music composition.

Alex Marlow, 11B2

For being the first to solve a tricky maths problem.

Kraeshan Martes, 11L6

For excellent Biology coursework.

Ethan McHugo, 11B2

For a confident, original and enormously entertaining roleplay in English.

Denika Millington, 12L6

For having a very focused approach in Biology lessons.

Alex Rose, 12L10

For a very positive start to her Geography A level course.

Katie Sansome, 11B9

For sustained quality of homework in English.

Lauren Savill, 13H3

For being an excellent ambassador for Textiles at Open Evening.

Brooke Smith, 11B10

For excellent effort in Product Design.

Adam Smith, 11L10

For improving his German coursework by a whole grade.

Brooke Smith, 11B10

For excellent effort in Textiles.

Charlotte Smith, 13L7

For extra work and excellent effort in Media Studies.

Helen Spacie, 13B8

For professional and dedicated commitment to her English literature coursework.

Bethany Sterland, 11B2

For improving her German coursework by a whole grade.

Nathan Stretton, 11L9

For leading a fantastic Sports Leadership session.

Ellis Taylor-George, 10B8

For having 100% attendance.

Liam Timms-Maile, 11L3

For clear improvement in attitude and quality of work in Media Studies.

Liliana Veneziale, 11L8

For working above and beyond expectation at Art Club and at home.



Miss Hedley

Music



Music Experience Day at Birmingham University

The Music Department at Birmingham University has a Music Experience Day on **Saturday 29th October** from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm for any students considering studying music at university. This is open to Year 10 and 11 students as well. The day includes lots of performance workshops as well as talks. See Mrs Petersen or www.uobmusicsociety.org.uk for more info and email: musicboxoffice@contacts.bham.ac.uk to confirm a place.

Trip to De Montfort Hall

The Music Department is offering tickets for just £5 to all students and their relatives to see Leicester Symphony Orchestra in concert at De Montfort Hall on **Saturday 12th 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 and sign up by Friday 28th October latest.

RSA Christmas Concert

The annual RSA Christmas Concert will take place on **Tuesday 29th November at 7.00 pm in the Main Hall** and will feature all the RSA senior and junior ensembles, as well as A level soloists and the AS Music class. Tickets are £5 adults and £3 Under 19s from Student Services and will go on sale from Monday 31st October.

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's possible to hire instruments cheaply. Contact Mrs Petersen, Head of Music, for more details 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 3 groups for Year 7 only: choir, jazz band and orchestra at lunchtime. All abilities are 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:

hpetersen@rsacademy.co.uk.

Mrs Petersen

Bake-Off Results



The results of the RSA Bake-Off are in!

1st Prize

A £10 Amazon gift voucher and 30 house points goes to Mary Welton and Jazira Uddin for their upside down ice cream Oreo cake.

2nd Prize

A £5 Amazon voucher and 20 house points goes to Scarlett Godefroy for her multi-coloured cake.

3rd Prize

A £5 Amazon voucher and 10 house points goes to Grace Bolton for her cupcakes. The judges thought these tasted amazing and showed originality in their flavouring.

Well done to all those who took part; everyone put in a huge amount of effort.

Miss Starr

Rotary Youth Exchange Scheme



KS4 and 5 linguists have just had a presentation from the Rotary Club about the Youth Exchange opportunities.

The scheme is the ideal way to learn a new language, immerse yourself in the culture, develop yourself as a person and make friends for life.

If you wish to apply or find out more about this scheme, go to:
<http://www.youthexchange.org.uk/>

Miss Mode

Sport

Extended Diploma Tournament

Well done to the students on the Extended Sports Diploma (full time sports course at RSA) who helped to coordinate and officiate a local Year 5/6 football tournament for 15 teams last week. The students refereed all the fixtures and received excellent feedback.

Any current Year 11 students or parents who would like more information please see Mr Scully.

House Fixtures

Well done to all the students who have represented their houses in the inter-house football and netball for all year groups this week. Logan were the winners of the Year 12/13 inter-house netball match. They also won the Year 11 football match against Bragg and the Year 10 football match against Hammond. Full results will be available on the website/board when the competition finishes.

Sports Fixtures Update

Well done to all students and staff who were involved with over 40 fixtures that have taken place during this half term. There have been a number of successes in both the area League and National cups. After half term there will be a number of rugby and badminton fixtures in county competitions. This is in addition to the continuation of fixtures in football and netball for those teams progressing in county and national competitions. There will also be basketball and girls' futsal competitions.

This week the Year 10 netball team completed an unbeaten league campaign with a win over Kibworth. This follows wins over Lutterworth High, Welland Park, a walkover against Wigston and a national cup win against Charnwood. The girls will progress in the national cup (the Kibworth game was a league/cup double header) and the county cup. Well done to all the girls involved. The Year 7 netball team finished 3rd in their league and the Year 11s were runners up. The football tables are still pending.

For full results please see the academy website

Year 7 Rugby

The Robert Smyth rugby team won their first ever fixture with a 25-5 win away to Montsaye. In torrential rain, RSA scored early through Toby Gower. Tries from Will Leebrook (2), another from Toby and a great individual effort from Jake Dowling saw RSA, nicknamed the "Raptors" by the sixth form assistant coaches, to victory. There are more fixtures after half term.



Year 7 Cricket

There will be indoor cricket sessions with support from outside coaches taking place after half term. Please see Mr Scully for more details. All abilities are welcome.

Cross Country Race 2 Results

The race was held at Rutland water on Saturday 8th October. Congratulations go to those who took part.

Year 7 Boys:

15th place – Jake Dowling

Year 7 Girls:

No runners

Year 10/11 Girls:

5th place - Lottie Edwards

Year 10/11 Boys:

12th place – Tom Peddler

24th place - Jake Sutherland

Year 12/13 Girls:

8th place – Alice Tansey

Year 12/13 Boys:

No Runners.

The next event is the relay championships which will take place on Saturday 5th November at Thomas Estley Community College. We will enter teams of three in each category to form a relay team. If you are interested see Mr Grundy or Mrs Edwards.

Football Match Report



The book *Molly Bawn* contains the famous idiom "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder". Thus, to some eyes, the Under 16s narrow defeat to Wigston College last week might have been a beautiful thing to behold. Certainly, there was drama, with the home side equalising with less than 10 minutes left through 'Man of the Match' Alfie Harris, only to be vanquished with the last kick of the game. There was no lack of passion, shown by fierce tackles and two bookings for the opposition star player and also his captain. There was the seemingly lost art of dribbling, as said star striker scored with a run from within his own half which was a throw-back to days when dribbling was more highly favoured than it seems today.

In truth, though, it was not the most beautiful game. It is a marvellous thing to win, and admirable to want to succeed – but, as the professional game is slowly realising, there is a place for self-discipline too, including in a response to decisions by a more than competent referee. To their credit, RSA players maintained their dignity and played not only competitively and well, but in the right spirit, combining aspiration with respect. Which was, in my eyes at least, a thing to behold.

PE Faculty and Mr S Davies

Catering



Halloween is a Scream with your Catering Team!

From Monday 24th October we will be celebrating all things spooky in Sixteen07 and Café Nouveau.

Why not try a devilish hot chocolate with marshmallows and chocolate sauce?

In Sixteen07, during lunch service... do you dare put your hand in the box of doom? Hold your nerve and you could win a Halloween treat.

On Monday 31st October a spook-tacular fiendishly themed **Halloween menu will be available** - join us if you dare!

Mrs Spencer and the Catering Team



Café Nouveau

Warm Up Your Winter With Our Speciality Coffee And Hot Chocolate

Available Daily

Hazelnut Hot Chocolate £2.00
A taste of Ferrero Rocher, topped with a swirl of cream, drizzled with a caramel sauce

Caramel Hot Chocolate £2.00
A taste of Cadbury's Caramel, topped with a swirl of cream and drizzled with a salted caramel sauce

New Syrups
Toasted Marshmallow and Cinnamon

Or why not try a
Mocha £2.00
A delicious blend of hot chocolate and a shot of espresso

