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Academy Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Training Days	Thursday 24 August Friday 25 August
RSA opens to Y7 & 10 students	Tuesday 29 August
Y12 Registration	Tuesday 29 August
Y7, 8, 10, 11 & 13 students only	Wednesday 30 August
All students (including Y12)	Monday 4 September
Training Day & Open Evening	Thursday 28 September
Trust Training Day	Friday 29 September
Mid-term break	Monday 16 to Friday 20 October
Trust Training Day	Monday 18 December
RSA Closes	Wednesday 20 December at 12.45 pm

SPRING TERM 2018

RSA opens to Students	Tuesday 9 January
Trust Training Day	Friday 9 February
Mid-term break	Monday 12 to Friday 16 February
RSA closes	Friday 23 March

SUMMER TERM 2018

RSA opens to students	Monday 9 April
May Day	Monday 7 May
Mid-term break	Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June
Training Day	Monday 4 June
Trust Training Day	Monday 25 June
RSA closes	Friday 13 July at 12.45 pm

From the Principal

This term has been a hive of activity at Robert Smyth Academy with Year 7 and 10 Induction Days, Year 5 Experience Days, Year 7 Enterprise Days, Year 10 Work Experience Week, Y12 Enrichment Week, Sports Day and a trip to Alton Towers. These are all in addition to Years 11 and 13 completing public exams, and Years 7 and 10 completing internal tests. Students in all of these activities have conducted themselves with exemplary enthusiasm, perseverance and dedication – well done to you all!

The Autumn will bring no less activity. Alongside this, a new uniform for KS3 and 4 students, as well as a tighter dress code for VI Form, will play a part in us continuing to raise our standards and expectations. We have also agreed a staff dress code. "Dress smart, think smart, learn smart" is the mantra for these changes.

The Academy is undergoing considerable building works over the holiday including a new car park and tidying up our hedgerows so our impressive front building can be seen. Reception will move from its current position to be immediately on the left as you enter the front of the school. The current reception will be transformed into a VI Form study area. The dedicated Sixth Form Centre is also being completely revamped with new lighting, flooring and furniture, which reflects our commitment to our large and successful KS5 offer. These works include revamping our ICT systems - please be aware that this means our emails will be 'down' until mid-August – phones will operate as normal though so please contact the Academy and leave a message on our answer machine and we will return your call as soon as possible.

We are saying goodbye to some valued colleagues this term. As always, we thank them for their hard work and wish them well for the future. We are also welcoming colleagues into English, Science, Music, ICT and Product Design.

All that remains for me to say is thank you for all your support both throughout this year and in anticipation of next year, as we fully endeavour to move the school on to outstanding levels.

Mr R Taylor Acting Principal

Teacher Training Days

Please note the Trust Training Days as shown under 'Academy Term Dates'. These are standardisation, moderation and assessment days and students are not expected to attend school on these days. Teachers will be engaged in training and development workshops to ensure excellence in marking and assessment.

Mr Payne

Sport

Sports Leaders

Well done to all the students who acted as Sports Leaders at the variety of summer term events in PE. Leaders from all year groups led two excellent multi-skills festivals: Mini Olympics, Year 5 and Year 8 days and a new Year 7 sports evening. They also supported numerous sports days at primary schools. We look forward to more leadership events and courses next year.



Cricket

Well done to the Year 7 cricket team who finished the season with an excellent win over Kibworth. Batting first, RSA scored 150 with **Joe Pearson**, **Jake Dowling** and **Ollie Howland** playing well. **Freddy Verbruggen** then took 3 wickets as Kibworth were bowled out for under 100. Unfortunately RSA lost to LGS in the area final.

In the U19 county cup RSA lost out in the semi-final against QE, despite 37 from **James Lawton**.

PE Faculty

Acting Principal Richard Taylor BA (Hons)

Mandarin



Mandarin – KS3, 4 and 5

After the Summer break, students will continue to have the opportunity to study **Mandarin** at an after-school club. The lessons are delivered by native speakers and students will have the option to take the HSK1 or 2 exam at the Confucius Institute at De Montfort University at the end of the year.

Mandarin is highlighted as one of the languages which will be highly sought after by businesses in order to respond to new economic realities. It is also an exciting enrichment opportunity and will enhance any CV or UCAS application.

Students will register at the start of the term and lessons will start mid-September.

Classes are as follows:

Monday 3.15 to 4.15 pm:
KS5 beginners

Monday 3.25 to 4.15 pm:
KS3, 4 and 5, 2nd year of study

Wednesday 3.25 to 4:15 pm:
KS3 beginners

Miss Mode

Results Day

Reminder

A level Results Day

Thursday 17th August 8.00 am

GCSE Results Day

Thursday 24th August 10.00 am

Ms Kirk

Music



Music Exam Passes

As you may be aware, one of the new measures by which a school is judged is the 'Progress 8' measure. This means that the progress a student makes from their Key Stage 2 to GCSE results is used to assess whether a school has educated them in line with national expectations. Practical music exam passes of grade 6 and above count towards this measure for each student.

I am asking you for a favour. If your daughter/son has passed a music exam at grade 6 or higher for **ABRSM, Trinity or Rockschoo** exam boards, could you please email me to let me know which grade, instrument, exam board and whether it was a pass, merit or distinction. We would be very grateful because this will help to raise the Progress 8 measure for the academy as a whole.

If you feel that we as a music department know this information already, then please send it to me anyway, because we need to create a centralised copy of the data, and this information will feed in to that.

Thank you for your time in reading this and I look forward to the responses.

Mr Hughes

Job Opportunity



Welcomm Communications Ltd is looking to employ a Billing Support Clerk in Market Harborough. If you have an interest in Accountancy and Maths and would like further information contact Lauren Batty on:

01858 414198

Mr Webb

Apprenticeship Opportunity

Edward Hands & Lewis are holding an 'Apprentice Day' on Monday 7th August from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm at Citygate House, St Margaret's Way, Leicester, LE1 3DA.

If you are interested in a career in law, contact Marie Rose on 01509 212108.

Main Office

Maths and English Taster Sessions for Adults



Leicestershire Adult Learning Service (GoLearn) will be running free 5-hour taster sessions for English and Maths during June, July and August. These sessions will give people an overview of free courses in GCSE and Functional Skills offered from September. The courses are ideal for adults returning to learning, improving job prospects or helping their children with school work.

Dates of the taster sessions are:

Maths Functional Skills - Thursday 29th June or Wednesday 5 July 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Maths GCSE - Thursday 31st August 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

English Functional Skills - Tuesday 27th June, Tuesday 4th July or Tuesday 25th July 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

English GCSE - Thursday 29th June and Thursday 6th July 6.30 – 9.00 pm (2 sessions)

All taster sessions will take place at the **Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough LE16 7LT**

For more information and to reserve a place contact: 0116 305 0687 or 0800 988 0308

Main Office

Behaviour/Uniform/Lateness

There are some changes that I feel should be highlighted to you to ensure that there is minimised confusion or upset next year. The majority of our students are looking forward to a new year and the changes it will bring – including the uniform.

Uniform

This more structured uniform, with very clear guidelines as to what is acceptable and unacceptable, should make things easier for all involved – most students will wear the uniform correctly and go through their school day, indeed their school year, unhindered by it.

However, should students arrive at the academy in unacceptable uniform then the following sanctions will be followed – **this will be the procedure from the very first day of term:**

- Students will be asked to change if the item of uniform is in their bag; the unacceptable item will be retained in the academy until a parent/guardian can collect it
- If correct uniform is not in their bag students will be sent home to change or a parent/guardian asked to bring in correct uniform
- If it is not possible to send a student home or get the correct uniform delivered then the student will be removed from circulation for the day

The following four pictures are examples of black footwear which we would consider to be looking more like trainers and will not be acceptable as uniform next Academic Year. It isn't possible to list or picture all examples of these, but the rule of thumb here is that they look more like trainers than shoes. Please bear this mind and avoid trainer-style shoes.



Lateness at the start of the day

If a student arrives at RSA past 8.45 am they will be considered late and there are the following sanctions in place:

- 1st late receives a warning
- Tutor detentions at break for the next 2 times lates
- Lunch detention for the next 3 lates
- After school detentions for lates following the 6th time

This process runs through the year and begins on the first day of term.

Behaviour

From the students' point of view they will be familiar with the process of C1, C2 and C3 – however, there will be greater involvement from faculty staff in the management of behaviour and sanctions

There will be a regular rota of after school detentions administered by the Senior Leadership Team – these will be for one hour in most instances.

Miss Nicholson

Acting Principal Richard Taylor BA (Hons)



Dear Parent/Guardian/Student

Privacy Notice - Data Protection Act 1998

The Robert Smyth Academy is the Data Controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect information about you and may receive information about you from other educational establishments you have attended previously. Information may also be received from the Learning Records Service. We hold this personal data and use it to:

- support your teaching and learning;
- monitor and report on your progress;
- provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- assess how well the Academy is doing.

This information includes your contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information and personal characteristics such as your ethnic group, special educational needs and any relevant medical information. If you are enrolling for post 14 qualifications we will be provided with your unique learner number by the Learning Records Service and may also obtain from them details of any learning or qualifications you have undertaken.

We will not give information about you to anyone outside the Academy without your consent unless the law and our rules permit it.

We are required by law to pass some of your information to the Local Authority (LA), the Department for Education (DfE) and the NHS Vaccination Team.

If you want to see a copy of the information we hold and share about you then please contact the Data Manager.

If you require more information about how the LA and/or DfE store and use this data please go to the following websites:

<http://www.leics.gov.uk/schoolsfpn> and

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/management/ims/datamanagement/privacynotices/pupilsdata/>

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/management/ims/datamanagement/privacynotices/pupilsdata/thirdpartyorgs/>

If you are unable to access these websites, please contact the LA or the DfE as follows:

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Prospects - once you are aged 13 or over we are required to pass on certain information to Prospects. Prospects is the South Leicestershire careers support service for all young people aged 13 to 19. We may provide both your name and address, and those of your parents together with any further information relevant to Prospects services' role. However, you can ask that no information beyond name and address be passed to Prospects if you are over 16 years old. Your parents also have this right. Please inform the Data Manager if you wish to opt out of this arrangement.