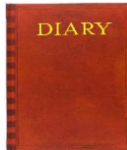




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Dates for your Diary



**Monday 5th February 2018,
Year 8 Options Evening**

**Wednesday 7th February 2018,
Year 12 Parents' Evening**

**Friday 9th February 2018,
Training Day (closed to students)**

**Thursday 22nd February 2018,
Year 8 Parents' Evening**

**Friday 2nd March 2018,
RSA Parents' Association Event**

Information

If you are paying the Academy by cheque, please make sure it is payable to **"TUDOR GRANGE ACADEMIES TRUST"**. Please write the students name, tutor group (if known) and the name of the trip the payment is for on the reverse of the cheque. Thank you.



Mhairi Thornton
Student Services

Vacancy

We are looking for a Science Technician from Easter 2018. Please email us at office@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk if you would like more information.

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Carer

Another busy month has passed with purposeful engagement of students being the order of the day across all year groups.

Year 11 have been responding to feedback from mock exams in readiness for their second exams (PPEs – Pre-Public Exams) at the end of February. Year 12 and 13 students have been completing their mock exams too.

Year 8 students will soon be considering their GCSE Options. Year 10 students have been busy preparing for their work experience placements in the summer, and with their first parents' evening under their belt, Year 7 students are well and truly part of the Robert Smyth community.

Some parents are asking about term dates for 2018/19. We will publish our provisional dates on our website imminently.

As I said in my assemblies this week, it sometimes isn't the difficulties that we face that define us, it is our response to them. Sometimes we need to persevere and find a way through. Perseverance, courage and choice are all key. However, we also need to be confident enough to ask for help; be it from a teacher, tutor or friend in order to help us overcome whatever the challenge is that we are facing.

It's that dual characteristic of hard work and perseverance, coupled with working together with others which I am certain is the wise way to find success through the rest of the year.

Warm regards,

Richard Taylor

RSA Dance Company

The RSA Dance Company will be performing at the Curve Theatre, Leicester on Sunday 4th February in "Mass Movement 18". This regional festival is organised by DanceUK and Dance4 and the RSA Dance Company were selected from their audition to perform their piece "Resistance".



Congratulations to the dancers; Lydia Smith, Abi Ruder, Callie Coulton, Claudia Everitt, Maisie Cotter, Elinor Hix, Paige Jones, Tom Hendry, Lois Welton, Ned Connors and Bethany Staff. Please come along and support the dance company.

Marie Routledge
Teacher of Performing Arts

Academy Term Dates



Mid Term Break,
Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2018

Academy closes,
Friday 23rd March 2018

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Catering

Sixth Form Café – Card Payments

Students and staff now have the option to pay by a number of fast and effective options and the introduction of card payments has proved extremely popular and successful. We offer this option at both till points where payments are made quickly using our hand held terminals. If you have any queries regarding this service please just ask.



New sandwich / salad range

As part of our chilled snack range, we are now offering a new, exciting range of sandwiches, wraps and chilled salads;

Southern Fried Chicken Wrap

"No Fuss" Chicken & Sweetcorn

"Eat Better" Salmon and Cream Cheese sandwich

"Eat Better" Feta, Quinoa and Butternut Salad



Do let us know your favourites!

Sixteen07

On Wednesday 21st February 2018 to celebrate Chinese New Year, we will be offering a set menu at £2.50 in the Sixteen07.



Please keep a look out for the "Themed Menu" that we will be advertising in the Dining Room.

Thank you for your continued support.

Emma Spencer & the Catering Team

Robert Smyth Academy Parents' Association



Our next event will be a 'Quiz Night' on Friday 2nd March 2018 here at Robert Smyth Academy in the Sixteen07 building.

The evening is a 'bring your own' night so after 'dry' January which is usually followed by a 'wet' February, why not wash your fish and chip supper down with your favourite bottle of wine or a couple of beers!

Tickets are available at £7.50 per person from Student Services or you can pay on the Schoolgateway.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT IS FOR OVER 18S ONLY DUE TO THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL.

We look forward to seeing you on the 2nd March.

Robert Smyth Academy Parents' Association

Geography

Volcanoes

Well done to all the students in Year 7 who made some fantastic volcanoes this half term for Geography. This was part of their topic looking at volcanoes and plate tectonics. Students made very good use of a variety of resources to create some superb volcanoes ranging from volcano cakes, erupting volcanoes and very realistic models to volcano cushions.



Geography Department

Sport

Basketball QF - RSA 16 v 26 Belvoir High School

Unfortunately the Year 7 basketball team lost in the County Cup Quarter Final having won their local group prior to Christmas. Well done to the team on their valiant efforts and many thanks to Ben Woodward and Mitchel Adams for their coaching.



Fixtures/Clubs

After half term there will be a number of fixtures taking place across the age groups and teams – please see the teacher in charge of your team for more information or check the noticeboard.

There are rugby 7s fixtures, county competitions and friendlies. There are netball and football friendlies; league matches for 6th form, in addition to other competitions in swimming, handball, trampolining, volleyball and athletics. Well done to students attending clubs this half term in trampolining, cricket, badminton, rugby, basketball, handball, volleyball and dodgeball.



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Sports Leadership

Well done to the Sports Leaders who have been assisting with a number of events that have taken place so far this term including basketball, trampolining and playground leaders. There are plenty of events still to come throughout this year so please look out for information.

Year 8 Level 1 qualification in Sports Leadership

A number of Year 8 students have signed up for the Level 1 qualification. The lunchtime sessions will take place after half term. Please look out for more details.



Lock in

On February 1st – 2nd we will be holding our 11th annual 24 hour sponsored "Lock In".

Over 130 students are due to participate from Years 10 to 13, raising money for **Macmillan** and **Mind**.

We would like to thank the following companies for their support; Delice De France, Total Produce, Asda, Snackline, Sainsbury's, Tesco, Waitrose, MB Events and Actifwear.

Mike Scully, PE Department

Year 8 Options Process

We will soon begin the exciting process of Year 8 students choosing their GCSE options. There are several key dates which students and parents should be aware of:

Year 8 Options Evening,
Monday 5th February 2018

Year 8 Parents' Evening,
Thursday 22nd February 2018

Options forms to be submitted by
Friday 9th March 2018

Between Monday 5th February and Friday 9th March, Year 8 will have these opportunities to consider options:

A whole year assembly introducing the options process and the important decisions they have to make.

All Year 8 students will then be spoken to by their College Leader in tutor groups and given the option for an individual meeting if they would like one.

Subjects which Year 8 students have not had the chance to experience will be offering a 'taster' session.

Students and parents will be given a 'Key Stage 4 Course Booklet' to take away on 5th February 2018 which contains the subjects they can choose from.



Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience 2nd July to 6th July 2018

Please hand your completed work experience form to Miss Cambridge in the Main Office as soon as possible as the deadline of Tuesday 20th February 2018 is fast approaching.

If further assistance in finding a placement is required please see Miss Cambridge.

Please note: application forms received after the deadline will not be guaranteed a work placement.

Farndon Fields Primary School

Due to current building work being carried out at Farndon Fields Primary School, they are unable to offer any work placements this year. Please see Miss Cambridge in the Main Office if you wish to look at other primary schools in the area.



The Work Experience Team

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:

- Mike Challands

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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.

Principal Richard Taylor BA (Hons)

