



Issue: February 2018

Academy Term Dates



AUTUMN TERM 2018

Academy closes,
Friday 23rd March 2018

SUMMER TERM 2018

Academy opens,
Monday 9th April 2018

May Day,
Monday 7th May 2018

Mid-term break,
Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018

Academy closes,
Friday 13th July, 12.45pm

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Academy opens to Year 7 & 10 students,
Tuesday 28th August 2018

Academy open to Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 &
13 (not Year 12),
Wednesday 29th August 2018

Academy opens to Year 12 students,
Thursday 30th August 2018

Half term break,
Monday 15th – Friday 19th October 2018

Academy closes,
Friday 21st December 2018

SPRING TERM 2019

Academy opens,
Monday 7th January 2019

Half term break,
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February 2019

Academy closes,
Friday 12th April 2019

From the Principal

Dear Parent/Carer

I write to you with temperatures of -5 degrees and snow outside my window. A beautiful reminder of what an amazing world we live in.

It also stirs me to think about those who make the school work on a day-to-basis. Of course, teachers are working extremely hard at this time of year, for instance, to prepare students in Years 11 and 13 for final exams. In fact, Year 11s pre-public exams (PPEs), a second practice exam are well underway. I am hopeful that students will have revised well for those.

I am also mindful of the raft of support staff who work within Robert Smyth Academy, such as Bob Lee. He is retiring in a few weeks' time, and yet this morning from 6am was out clearing the site with his team. They made the site a safe place by firstly clearing the snow and then gritting pathways throughout the Academy. Thank you Mr. Lee.



I was also inspired the other day by our past Alumni students who supported our Annual 24 Lock-In. When you have such high quality former students, willingly revisiting the academy and citing their time here as key to their development and success, it is fitting that we reflect that we continue to produce such successful students over such a long period of time.

Current students continue to impress with their commitment, and when I saw this lamp done by Elliot Coxon, Year 11, I was so impressed with the quality of design and finish in this Product Design project. Good work Elliot.



Finally, my assemblies last week highlighted Tara Westover. She grew up in a strict Mormon Family in Idaho, USA, isolated from the modern world. She didn't enter a classroom until she was 17 but now she has a PhD from Cambridge. I was explaining to students that really they should appreciate the high quality education and opportunity that they are being offered on a daily basis. This young woman, taught herself to read and write and now the world is her oyster. The message here isn't about Oxbridge, although I am delighted that five of our students are currently under offer from those prestigious institutions, the message is one of self-motivation, self-organisation and self-realisation.

May we as students, staff, parents, continue to strive for what can be achieved both through our individual endeavour and choice but also together as a wider learning community.

Richard Taylor

Principal Richard Taylor BA (Hons)

Year 8 – GCSE Options

As part of the exciting process of picking their GCSE options, all Year 8 students should now have a silver 'KS4 Courses Booklet' and a beige 'Option Form'. Alongside Options Evening and Parents' Evening, students have had an assembly, some tasters of subjects they have not studied before and a consultation with their College Leader.

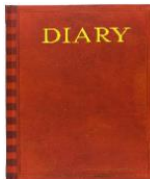


If students are still unsure about their options and feel they need further advice, they should ask their Tutor to organise a meeting with their College Leader.

Option forms need to be returned to reception by Friday 9th March.

Lorna Kirk

Dates for your Diary



**Tuesday 20th March 2018,
Year 10 Parents' Evening**

**Friday 20th April 2018,
RSA Parent's Association Quiz Night**

**Monday 4th June 2018,
Training Day (closed to students)**

**Monday 25th June 2018,
Training Day (closed to students)**

Sport

On 1st February we hosted our 11th annual 24 hour sponsored "Lock In" sports event at Robert Smyth Academy. We had over 130 students participating to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and Mind (charities chosen by Sixth Form students).



The event was opened by three former students who have gone on to be successful in the world of sport; Josh Knight (defender - Leicester City), Dylan Fletcher (Rio Olympian and current World / European 49er champion) and George Thornton (Wasps RFC). Former Tigers player, Boris Stankovich, also helped open proceedings.

Following a parade and speeches, the students were split into teams and enjoyed over 14 activities including football, dodgeball, handball, volleyball, basketball and uni hoc to name a few! Throughout the 24 hours the students played sport on a rotation and rested in our other sports hall. The theme was the Football World Cup with team names themed around countries.



At the end of the 24 hour event which included "Lock In's Got Talent" the winning team were "Shinji Lockinzaki" (Japan) with "The Number Juan Team at Guac-In" (Mexico) second, and "Super-Troupers" (Sweden) third.

The students behaved extremely well throughout and made some fantastic and innovative banners and costumes. It was very inspiring to have three former students in attendance alongside Boris Stankovich.



Mike Scully, PE Department

Music



The Robert Smyth Academy Jazz Band and Soul Patrol were invited to perform at Fleckney Village Hall on Saturday 5th February. The concert was part of Fleckney Village Halls' 60th birthday celebrations, who were holding a different event each month to mark the occasion.

The jazz band performed in the first half, with some of their standard repertoire such as "Shake", "Twist" and "Jump" by Eric Morlaes and "Birdland" by Josef Zawinlu. They also performed "My Funny Valentine" by Richard Rodgers and "La Cucaracha Mambo" by Deidrick which are two of the pieces they had performed back in November at the National Concert Band Festival; they are now through to the next round in April 2018. Highlights from the jazz band included solos by year 12 students Josh Watson, Holly Barnett, Leo Harland, Alice Riches and Taran Mann.



Soul Patrol performed a brilliant set in the second half, getting the audience tapping and clapping along. Their set included "Hard to Handel" (vocals by Ben Maclean), "Crazy in Love" (vocals by Amirah Bobat), "Respect" (vocals by Mae Dudley) and "Soul Man" (vocals by Adam Pugh). Both bands went down brilliantly and the large audience were very appreciative and complementary.

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A particular thanks to all the students who arrived early and stayed late to help set up and pack down from the concert.

Lucy Wass, Music Department

Robert Smyth Academy Parents' Association



**** NEW DATE – FRIDAY
20TH APRIL ****

Due to the recent spell of adverse weather, we have postponed our 'Quiz Night' to Friday 20th April 2018 here at Robert Smyth Academy in the Sixteen07 building.

The evening is a 'bring your own' so 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, you can pay on the Schoolgateway or email Sarah Potter; SPotter@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk

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

We look forward to seeing you on the 20th April.

**Robert Smyth Academy
Parents' Association**

Work Experience

**** Deadline extended ****

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

We have extended the deadline for work experience application forms so it is not too late to submit your form to Miss Cambridge in the Main Office.

Please contact Miss Cambridge if you require any assistance in finding a work placement.



The Work Experience Team

Friday Night @ The Cube

Symington Rec. Off St. Mary's Road
Market Harborough
LE16 7DS

14-17 years old? Drop-in club open on Friday nights - 7pm-til 9pm - term time.
Membership * is free, Tuck shop available.
A safe space to hang out. Everybody welcome.

23rd February onwards



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01858 419278

*Membership form available on 1st visit



the cube
Young people thriving

Catering

6th Inspired

Due to the amazing success of the "Hot Pudding Wednesday" why not brighten up the middle of your week and come along and sample our tasty hot treat.



Served in the 6th Form after 1pm on a Wednesday – hope you can come along!

Sixteen07 - "Noodlebar"

Following the positive feedback from our Chinese day, we will be trialling a new Noodle Bar – available in noodle pots from the Pasta Service Area.

We will be offering a number of new sauce concepts, sweet and sour chicken, hoisin sauce, beef in black bean, stir fried vegetables and Pak Choi vegetable medley.



** Also look out for details of what is happening for **Sport Relief 2018** **

Emma Spencer & the Catering Team

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student

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- monitor and report on your progress;
- provide appropriate pastoral care, and
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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)

