



# Robert Smyth Academy



Dear Parents/Carers,

## **26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)**

As you will know, there has been a significant focus on climate change and the commitments made during the UN Climate Change Conference based in Glasgow. We feel strongly that the voice of young people must be at the heart of decisions taken and for that reason climate change remains a key feature of the PSHE curriculum.

At the conclusion of the conference we will provide students with an opportunity to discuss the implications of the agreements that have been made. Student leaders from our environmental leadership committee will send out a survey and invite responses to the decisions that were made so that we can produce a letter on behalf of the school community in response, to share this with decision makers.

Students can learn more about the key developments that have taken place at this conference so far, [here](#).

## **Diwali**

This week, we have taken time to discuss the important celebrations of Diwali that are taking place in our community and across the world. Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Diwali, which for some also coincides with harvest and New Year celebrations, is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. This is certainly a message that we can all relate to at this time of the year.

## **Staff update**

I would like to inform parents that Mrs Dockree (Pupil Premium Coordinator) will be leaving our staff team after an incredible sixteen years of service to pursue new opportunities. Mrs Dockree's last day of work will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November and she would like to express the following to all students and parents with whom she has worked:

*"I have had the absolute pleasure of working with a significant number of young people and their families throughout my time and it has been so rewarding to watch them all develop. I would like to wish all students and their parents and guardians the very best for the future. I hope that you all stay safe and well".*

On behalf of the Senior Leadership Team and the Local Governing Body, I would like to wholeheartedly thank Mrs Dockree for the thoughtful, diligent, and often courageous contributions that she has offered to our students and to wish her good fortune in the future. She will be missed and we hope that this advanced notice will give parents and students an opportunity to express their gratitude for the contribution that she has made.



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## **Virtual Wellbeing Box**

This week, the leadership team reviewed the comments raised by students. We have written in response:

### **Q. Will Year 7 students be able to apply to become prefects?**

*A. Yes – an application process will take place in the summer term and we anticipate great interest.*

### **Q. I like the additional vegetarian options provided by the canteen. Would it be possible to organise a ‘meal deal’ that students could buy to give more variety and balance?**

*A. This is really helpful feedback and we will pass this on to our catering team. We are looking for a panel of students to give their feedback on break and lunchtime food and to help us to improve this further. You can get involved in these meetings by emailing Mrs Spencer at [ESpencer@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:ESpencer@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk).*

### **Q. How do we get hold of revision guides? Where is ‘lost property’ based?**

*A. The answer to both questions is Student Services. Students can also go to Student Services to collect revision guides once they have been paid for via Parent Pay. You can also seek lost property by asking at the counter.*

## **Sarah Everard Discussion group**

Following the thoughtful messages from students, this meeting will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November in the Library at 3pm with Ms. Kirk. Refreshments will be provided and students will have an opportunity to discuss the impact of this particular case and related issues.

## **Sixth Form Open Evening: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November (6.00 – 8.00 p.m.)**

We are delighted to be able to invite prospective students to Sixth Form Open Evening next week. This event is open to students in Year 11 and will be attended by families from many local schools. This is an exciting evening that allows prospective students to meet A-Level teachers and members of the Sixth Form Team to find out more about the curriculum, individual subject courses, and personal development opportunities.

If you require any further information please contact Mr Luhrs (Head of Sixth Form) at [GLuhrs@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:GLuhrs@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk).

**Students or parents can register their attendance at this evening [here](#).**

## **Remembrance assemblies**

Next week, our school will stop to honour those who serve, and have served, to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life. All students will participate in remembrance assemblies during the course of the week which will be led by myself and our Head of History, Mr Davies. We will also recognise a moment of silence at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November to further commemorate this event.

Thank you once again for your support and for taking the time to read this letter. I hope that you have a good weekend and enjoy every hour of daylight available.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary  
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