



# Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Coronavirus update**

As we had anticipated, students have quickly re-adjusted to using face coverings in communal spaces and we are grateful that they have continued to personify a caring, responsible approach throughout the last year. We remain very conscious of the health risks of coronavirus and the impact that self-isolation has on students who want to be in school, in their routine and enjoying time with their friends. As I have said previously, sadly, the rate of coronavirus related absence from secondary schools remains a great challenge nationally and as we proceed into the winter months it is clear now that we need to enhance our efforts so that everyone is kept safe.

I would like to request that students continue to follow these important routines:

- Continue to use **lateral flow testing, twice per week.**
- **Do not attend school if you have coronavirus symptoms**
- **Wear a clean face covering** on arrival, in corridors, and when leaving the site. Students *may* wear face coverings in lessons but this will not be an expectation
- **Continue to use regular handwashing and hand sanitiser stations**
- **Bring a packet of tissues** to allow you to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'

## **Remembrance assemblies**

This week, our school community stopped to observe remembrance assemblies. I would like to thank all members of staff for their excellent contributions to these assemblies. I would also like to commend our students for the reflective and thoughtful way in which they responded to these important messages. This was a shining example of our school at its very best and I could not have been prouder of the way that our community responded.

## **Trial Examinations (Year 11)**

Next week, students in Year 11 will embark upon their trial examinations in anticipation of the summer assessment series. These assessments will provide students with important experience of completing assessments under timed, examination conditions so that they can apply this later in the academic year. As ever, we will be setting all students up for success by ensuring that they benefit from a calm, structured experience led by a highly experienced team of staff. All students have had their trial examination timetable and this is available [here](#).

Please note that as the Main Hall will be used for trial examinations there will be limited indoor space available at lunchtimes in the event of wet weather. Therefore, students are advised to dress appropriately for the conditions.

Thank you once again for your support and for doing all that you can to support your child. We will answer the key themes of feedback from the Virtual Wellbeing Box on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,

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