



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 – Final Arrangements

Congratulations to our intrepid Year 11 students who have done so well with GCSE Examinations this week alongside their peers in Year 13 who have made an equally positive start to their first A-Level Examinations.

Next week, we will host a Final Assembly for Year 11 students on Thursday following their final core examination of the half-term (GCSE Science). After the morning examination, students will have break time and an opportunity to sign shirts, we will organise a year group photograph outside Sixteen07 before leading to the Main Hall for the Final Assembly which will involve End of Year Awards and a celebration of achievements. Following this assembly, students will have an earlier finish with a small number of candidates remaining on site to complete their GCSE Computer Science examinations in the afternoon.

Year 11 students will begin study leave from this afternoon unless otherwise notified in writing by the Senior Leadership Team before Thursday. We expect students to continue to revise and prepare for their examinations and their class teachers will continue to be available according to their timetabled lessons, if they choose to come in. Students will be required to attend all examinations in full school uniform and sign in at Student Services.

Mental Health Awareness Week

We continue to invest in the mental health education of our students, recognising the complex nature of adolescence and the challenges that they face. All year groups participate in regular PSHE sessions and have completed an emotional wellbeing module including strategies for good mental health. We have also spent curriculum time considering the impact of relationships and how they can affect mental health and how to support someone with difficulties including signposting to the safeguarding team where concerns have arisen.

The unsaid truth of the increase in mental health concerns is the unregulated, harmful, and relentless social media that children have been exposed to over the last ten years. This has led to children viewing more inappropriate content and becoming dependent on smart devices. We continue to use assemblies to advise our students of these risks and provide a 'mobile free' campus for this reason, amongst many others.

This is my opportunity to share an [article](#) which deserves a wider audience, and whilst this relates to girls specifically, it is a problem that all parents will recognise. I believe that this is a conversation that our society needs to have if we are to move beyond a focus week and into a reality of better mental health for children.

Professor Dame Rosemary Cramp

We are saddened to learn of the loss of Professor Dame Rosemary Cramp who passed away on Thursday 27th April. Professor Cramp, a former student of Robert Smyth Academy, had an illustrious career which led her to great accolades in the field of archaeology and academics. Her most notable works contributing greatly to our understanding of the Anglo-Saxons and her passing has been noted in several national newspapers. We hope that families will take a moment to follow this link and to find out a bit more about one of our most aspirational figures: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosemary_Cramp

Thank you for reading, I wish you a pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal



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Key dates

- **Thursday 25th May:** Year 8 Parents Evening
- **Thursday 25th May:** Year 11 Final Assembly and Study Leave
- **Thursday 8th June:** Year 8 Parents Evening
- **Tuesday 13th June:** Year 8 Careers Day
- **Tuesday 20th June:** Sports Awards Evening ****CHANGE****
- **Thursday 22nd June:** Summer Concert
- **w/b Monday 26th June:** Year 10 Work Experience Week
- **Tuesday 27th June:** Year 12 Careers Day
- **Thursday 29th June:** Year 11 Prom
- **Friday 30th June:** INSET Day – school closed to students
- **Monday 3rd July:** Meet the Tutor Evening (Year 6 only)
- **Tuesday 4th July:** Year 6 Induction Day
- **Tuesday 4th July:** Year 10 Careers Day
- **Monday 10th July:** KS3 Prize Giving
- **Wednesday 12th July:** End of Year Trips / Last Day of Term. **The school closes at 3.15pm.**