



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

UK Sepsis Trust – Funds Raised by PE Lock-In

Today is a very special day for Robert Smyth Academy as we are delighted to announce that the school has been successful in raising £1,900 for the UK Sepsis Trust. These funds were raised as a result of the '24-Hour Lock-In' event held by the PE Faculty in February. As our families will know, we selected this specific cause to honour Chloe Longster and, of course, her family and friends remain in all of our hearts.

I wish to wholeheartedly thank the entire PE Faculty for the organisation of such a fantastic event which included 150 students taking part in sporting activities throughout the night and into the early hours of the morning. As a school, we are committed to instilling the values of respect, empathy, citizenship, participation and social responsibility, and the students who participated absolutely captured those expectations on that evening. This event was supported by many members of staff but I wish to pay a special tribute to Mr. Scully (Head of PE Faculty) for his inspirational leadership on this event and for the funds that have been raised in the process. This is an incredible legacy, and it reminds us of the special people that work in our school.

This amazing achievement is an opportunity for our entire community to reflect on the great things that we can achieve when we come together; a hallmark achievement.

Hot weather

It is anticipated that there will be a significant increase in the temperature next week. We advise that parents ensure that all students come to school with a full bottle of water. We expect that students will refill their bottles at break or lunchtimes. Please note that we do not give out disposable cups and students will not be permitted to leave lesson to refill bottles. During the hot weather, students will not be expected to wear a blazer into school or in lessons.

Special Educational Needs Team

Firstly, we wish Mrs Finnemore (SENCO) a very happy maternity leave as she has now started this important time with her family. As a result, we have invested in a Special Educational Needs Team which will continue to provide the high-quality support for SEND children and communication with families which was so positively reflected in GCSE national outcomes and our most recent Ofsted report.

To this end, I am pleased to welcome back Mrs. Barton who has been appointed as SEND manager and will be working on Wednesday and Thursday each week and will bring her significant experience to benefit students. She will be well supported by Mrs. Hunt who will undertake duties as SENCO administrator. Mrs McNair (College Leader) will continue to oversee SEND provision.

We are constantly working to evolve and enhance our provision for SEND students. To this end, we are reviewing SEND information with parents to make sure that we have the most accurate information possible so that students receive the best support in lessons. If you have a child who is on the SEND register, then you will be contacted before the end of term so that we can ask for your views and the view of your child. Parents who wish to communicate with the SEND team or who wish to find out more can do so easily by using the following email contact information:

Mrs Barton (SEND Manager): kbarton@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk

Mrs McNair (College Leader - SEND): vmcnair@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk

RSA SEND General Enquiries: rsasend@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk

We remind families that we endeavour to respond to communications sent within 48-hours of receipt and we hope that this update ensures that all families know how to communicate with the school.



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Thank you in advance for reading this letter. I look forward to updating parents further on key announcements regarding staffing changes and policy updates in the coming weeks.

If you are venturing into Harborough tomorrow, enjoy the carnival but do take care in the hot weather.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary
Principal

Key dates

- **Tuesday 13th June:** Year 8 Careers Day
- **Tuesday 20th June:** Sports Awards Evening
- **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 Celebration Evening
- **Wednesday 12th July:** End of Year Trips / Last Day of Term. **The school closes at 3.15pm.**