



# Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Industrial Action: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

As you will know, the National Education Union (NEU) have [announced](#) two further days of industrial action on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. We are deeply concerned to learn of this disruption and it continues to look likely that protracted industrial action could further disrupt school in the Autumn Term as there appears to be little evidence of reconciliation between the government and education unions.

We have reviewed the likely impact of industrial action and as a result we will expect **Year 10 and 12 students to attend school** on these days. We have selected these groups based on the school timetable and as they are approaching their final assessment stage of school. We will also make provision for children with an EHCP and students identified by the inclusion team. If this applies to your child, we will contact you separately. We will set work for all other Year 7, 8 and 9 students on Satchel One.

## **Three great nights!**

I wish to thank the Physical Education Faculty and the Performing Arts Faculty for three fantastic nights this week at Robert Smyth Academy. On Tuesday, we were delighted to bring the Sports Awards Evening back to the school calendar, where it belongs, following the disruption of recent years. This was a fantastic chance to celebrate the individuals and teams who have come together to enjoy sport during the academic year. On Monday and Thursday, we were further treated to superb musical performances as part of Band Recitals Evening and the Summer Concert, respectively. I am still recovering from Isabel's rendition of 'Creep'; amazing! I wish to thank all families and students who attended these events in support of our students.

## **Year 10: Work Experience Week**

Next week, we have planned for all students in Year 10 to embark upon a work experience placement to give them an insight into the world of work and to prepare them for life beyond school. This is always an important week for students, and we will build upon key learning during Year 10 Careers Day in the following week.

We remind families that Year 12 students will take part in a Careers Day on Tuesday, The Prom for Year 11 will take place on Thursday and the school will be closed to all students on Friday for a teacher training day. We ask that parents who attend The Prom take particular care on Burnmill Road as this is likely to be a busy time. Families will be able to take pictures from designated zones outside the front of the Main School.

## **Key Stage 3 Prize Giving: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July (6.00 – 8.00pm)**

We are excited to launch our inaugural prize giving ceremony for students who have been successful in attaining a subject prize or a whole school award. The winners were selected this week, and we have invited the families of the successful students to this prestigious event. We ask that families respond to this invitation by no later than **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** so that arrangements can be made.

Thank you once again for taking the time to read this letter. Next week, I will write to update you on key staffing changes and policy updates that will take place in the Autumn Term.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary  
Principal



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## Key dates

- **w/b Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 10 Work Experience Week
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 12 Careers Day
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 11 Prom
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June:** INSET Day – school closed to students
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Meet the Tutor Evening (Year 6 only)
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Induction Day
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 10 Careers Day
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Industrial Action (Year 10 and 12 in school only)
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Industrial Action (Year 10 and 12 in school only)
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** KS3 Prize Giving
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July:** End of Year Trips / Last Day of Term. **The school closes at 3.15pm.**