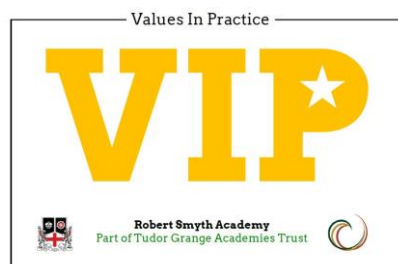




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Dear Families,



Open Evening (2023)

I wanted to begin my letter this week by sharing some of the amazing feedback from our annual Open Evening event on Thursday evening. We hosted over 1,000 visitors who came to find out more about our school and they were not disappointed.

I must extend my huge thanks to all student helpers and tour guides who came out in force to share their passion for Robert Smyth Academy. These superstar students spoke with real confidence and gave our guests a fantastic welcome and insight into school life. During the evening, the school came to life with superb performances from 'Soul Patrol' our school band who received thunderous applause at the end of each of their performances. The corridors were lit up by smiling, happy faces of children who had a sense of excitement for the future, and this is testament to the contributions of our staff and students who made it a magic event.

Inevitably, we anticipate that this will mean that the school will receive another significant number of applications for places in the 'Class of 2024'. This is yet another enormous vote of confidence in our amazing school community and my thanks to all parents who encouraged and supported their children to participate.

I must offer a special word of thanks to Harriet, Zaki, Chloe and Freddie who each gave memorable speeches to the audiences in attendance, and I must honestly report that it was a real privilege to be able to talk to so many people who came to see me to say what a credit our students had been and how much they loved our school. The student leaders were all a real example of the '**Values In Practice**' outlined in assemblies last week.

I remind parents who are applying for a school place in Year 7 in 2024 that the deadline for application is Tuesday 31st October 2023 and can be accessed [here](#).

GCSE Preparation Week (Year 11)

Next week, all Year 11 students will be given advice and instruction to allow them to produce GCSE Revision Plans to support their learning and progress as they approach GCSE Examinations. This will happen during their PSHE lesson time with their Form Tutors, who will be their key source of support during the academic year.

In preparation, all students in Year 11 should visit Satchel One and download the revision planning tool ahead of these classes so that they can begin organising their time to prepare for maximum success.

In this spirit, I would like to commend students who are engaging in GCSE Revision before school in Sixteen07 and outside of school. These students have already shown excellent organisation that will serve them well.

I remind parents that we expect all students to attend this year's **Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening** on **Thursday 21st September** in the **Main Hall** at **6.00 - 7.00pm**. There are activities that will require students and parents to be seated together during this event.



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Again, as it is the start of term, please note that the **Term Dates** can be found on our website [here](#).

There are no changes to the key dates as published in last week's newsletter; all key dates can be found on the school website along with all previous week's newsletters on the home page.

I hope that you have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary
Principal