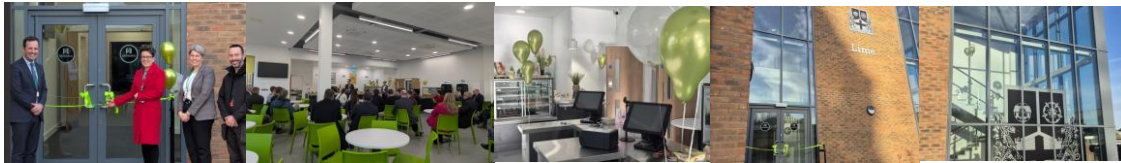




Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,



I am delighted to share some truly exciting news with you. Today marks a significant milestone in the history of our school as we officially opened our brand-new Science, Mathematics, and Business block, a state-of-the-art facility representing an investment of £6.5 million. This funding, provided by the Trust and the Local Authority, reflects their confidence in our commitment and drive to enable every student to achieve their full potential and our passion in providing the teaching and support to achieve this. This project has been years in the making, from the initial funding and planning stages to the final construction, and we are thrilled to see it come to life.

The Lime building embodies everything our school stands for: hard work, aspiration, and the pursuit of excellence. It provides our students with outstanding facilities that match the dedication and talent of the staff who teach and support them every day. These resources will enable our young people to thrive academically and personally, ensuring they have every opportunity to achieve their very best.

The official opening was attended by members of the design team from the Trust, the *Alcema* build team, local councillors, representatives from the local education community, and our committed governors. It was a privilege to witness the excitement and pride on the faces of our Student Council and Sixth Form Prefects, who represented the student body at this special event as they toured the building for the first time. If you haven't already, I encourage you to watch the drone footage of the Lime building available on our Instagram account—it truly captures the scale and beauty of this new space. Our students were thrilled by the prospect of learning in such light, airy, and modern classrooms and felt the privilege of having a building created just for them. The Lime Café also looked resplendent, and our catering team provided a delicious spread that was enjoyed by all, especially the students!

The ribbon was cut and the building officially opened by our fantastic Chair of Governors, Kay Goddard, but we know that achievements like this are only possible when everyone: staff, governors, parents, and the wider community pulls together in the same direction, championing every student every single day.

This project has been six years in the making, and like the original Robert Smyth building, it will stand for many years to come, a space where students can aspire to excellence and reap the rewards of their hard work.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create an environment where every child can flourish. We look forward to seeing the incredible things our students, your children will accomplish in this new space.

Tomorrow is INSET day, so school is closed to students. We wish them well for the extended weekend ahead and encourage safe behaviour if they are attending late night shopping in Market Harborough.

Kind regards,

Kate Nicholson
Associate Principal



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