



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Welcome Back!

As we finish the first week of the Spring Term, thank you for your continued support. It has been fantastic to see students return with focus and determination, ready to build on the progress made in the Autumn Term.

At Robert Smyth Academy, we remain committed to the success of every child in a climate of mutual respect and social responsibility. Over the next six weeks, students will continue their programmes of study and act on feedback from recent Trust assessments. This is a crucial period for consolidating learning and developing strong habits that lead to success.

Reports for all year groups will be sent out in due course.

For our examination cohorts:

- Year 11 students are preparing for their next set of Trial Exams after the February half-term.
- Year 13 students are moving toward their final examinations.

Revision and study remain key to achieving excellent outcomes and opening doors to future opportunities.

Revision

We have produced a page dedicated to revision on the website, which includes helpful guides for students, including those approaching critical assessments in Years 11 and 13: <https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/students/revision-support-for-students/>

Year 11 Intervention

To further support students subject interventions will be continuing, details of these and key dates for Year 11 can be found here: <https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/files/2025/09/Year-11-Learning-Journey-Key-Dates-2025-to-2026.pdf>

Expectations for All Students

This week, assemblies have reinforced the standards that underpin our school culture. These include:

- **Respectful behaviour:** Harmony, unity, and respect are non-negotiable. Aggressive, discriminatory, or offensive behaviour, including defiance toward staff, will not be tolerated.
- **Preparedness for learning:** Students must arrive promptly, in correct uniform, with all necessary equipment, ready to engage. Please ensure your child is fully equipped with the required stationery including Whiteboard pen and boards. Please could we request your support in ensuring that your child has sufficient spare pens as part of their equipment.
- **Silent starts and calm transitions:** Enter classrooms quietly, follow the one-way system, and listen for instructions.
- **Homework and revision:** All homework is set on Satchel One. Regular revision is essential, especially for Years 11 and 13.



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- **No mobile phones or smart devices:** These are not permitted during the school day. Failure to comply will result in confiscation.
- **VIP cards:** Years 7–11 must carry their card and present it when asked. We will contact parents if a student is frequently failing to meet these expectations.

Safeguarding

I have reminded students that they have access to an online referral form called '**My Voice**', which enables them to report safeguarding concerns to our Safeguarding Team electronically.

To access the 'report a concern' form, students can visit the **school website** and select the main **safeguarding page**, to complete the form: <https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/about/safeguarding/>

Together, we can ensure that every student not only meets expectations but thrives. Thank you for working with us to create an environment where respect and responsibility underpin everything we do. For our students, the best way to predict your future is to create it and so let's make this term a stepping stone to success.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope this provides all the information you need as we start the New Year, and that our students will feel better adapted to routines next week after a shock to the system following a well-deserved break. This is an excellent time for students to reflect on their personal ambitions for the year ahead and to strive to develop their strengths across the curriculum.

Please see the [calendar](#) for upcoming events, including **Parents' Evenings**.

Yours sincerely,

D Cleary
Principal



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