



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Celebrating Partnership with Families

I am writing to celebrate the wonderful engagement we have enjoyed with families over the past fortnight. Your partnership is one of the greatest strengths of our school community, and recent events have shown just how powerful that collaboration can be.

Last week, we held our SEND Parent Forum, attended by around 15 parents representing the diverse needs and experiences of children with SEND across the school. The discussion focused particularly on the GCSE Options process and on how we ensure SEND students are guided onto pathways that lead to success. The dialogue between parents and leaders was open, purposeful and mutually beneficial. We were especially grateful for the positive feedback about our individualised and personalised approach to supporting SEND students - it was uplifting to hear how much this means to families.

This Wednesday, we hosted our second Parent Forum of the term. Once again, parents asked thoughtful, insightful questions that led to rich discussion. Together, we explored the school's enrichment offer, which many parents described as a "jewel in the crown" of the school's offerings. Leaders also shared our investment in expanding access to preloved uniforms, a step we hope will further support families, and we talked through the many career education opportunities available to students, including our work experience programme and the upcoming summer placements for Year 10. Parents remarked on the breadth and quality of this provision and recognised it as a comprehensive offer for all young people.

We would be delighted to welcome even more families to future meetings and forums. These will be advertised again in the Summer Term, and we encourage all parents to join us; your voices shape our school.

Thank you to every parent and carer who contributes to the vitality of our community, including those parents who wholeheartedly support the high standards that we set. Your engagement, ideas and partnership help us build the very best experience for every child, and we are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

Opportunities

There are many ways to get more involved in school life at Robert Smyth Academy. You might consider forming our PTA, where parents play a vital role in shaping events and supporting student enrichment. We are also keen to hear from anyone interested in becoming a school governor, a rewarding way to contribute to the strategic direction of the school. And, of course, all parents are warmly invited to attend our next SEND Parent Forum and/or Parent Forum, where your insights and ideas help us continue to improve our provision. Your involvement, in whatever form, strengthens our school and makes a meaningful difference to every child.

Yours sincerely,

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