



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

National Recognition for Robert Smyth Academy

I am delighted to share great news that recognises hard work, commitment, and GCSE attainment.

This week, we received a message from the Secretary of State for Education (See **Page 2**), praising the achievements of our students and staff. This national recognition reflects the strength of our curriculum and teaching, as well as the resilience, character, and aspiration of our students.

Our continued success is underpinned by a suite of evidence-informed inclusion strategies that ensure every student, disadvantaged or not, can thrive. These include the consistent use of **retrieval practice** to strengthen long-term learning, **mini-whiteboard checks** to secure understanding in every lesson, and a coherently **sequenced curriculum** designed to build knowledge and skills in a structured and ambitious way. We also prioritise **high-quality classroom dialogue**, providing students with regular opportunities to think, articulate, and refine their ideas through approaches such as think-pair-share.

Learning is further strengthened by detailed feedback informed by our **robust trust-wide assessment** system, enabling teaching to be precisely tailored to each learner's next steps. Alongside this, our comprehensive enrichment programme remains a hallmark of the school, with **95% of students facing disadvantage** participating in and contributing to more than **600 hours of enrichment** activities each week. These strategies collectively contribute to **GCSE and A-Level results that sit significantly above national averages**.

As we celebrate this achievement, we remain firmly focused on the future, continuing to raise aspirations, remove barriers, and provide an exceptional education for every child.

Thank you for everything you do to support the school and our shared vision for your children.

Yours sincerely,

D Cleary
Principal



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A message from Bridget Phillipson



Dear Daniel,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at The Robert Smyth Academy achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.



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