



# Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

## **Year 11: Summer Term Expectations**

In the coming weeks, Year 11 students will continue to prepare for GCSE National Examinations. Following two intensive rounds of Trial Examinations, we are confident that our students will have sufficient knowledge and experience to produce their best when it matters most. However, students must be wary of inviting complacency at this stage when hard work, revision and consistency are key to GCSE success.

**This letter sets out our expectations for students in Year 11 over the coming weeks ahead.**

### **Easter Revision**

This is a crucial time for students to engage in revision activities, and we strongly recommend that families participate in these activities with their students by testing their knowledge and holding them accountable for maintaining a consistent revision schedule. Parents, **you don't need to be experts**; you can loan your child's revision notes and ask questions to help them recall key information, ensuring they are making good use of their study time and taking breaks.

Please note the following additional GCSE Easter Revision classes [Easter-Revision-Classes-2026-Student-Timetable.pdf](#)

### **After Easter**

Students will continue to follow their timetabled lessons.

### **National Exam Schedule: commences Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May**

- From this date, ahead of their afternoon **German** examination, students will be permitted to revise for afternoon examinations during morning lessons. Students are expected to bring revision materials to school daily to make the best use of this time.
- Students will continue to follow their timetabled lessons.
- On days when students have an afternoon examination, they will have lunch at 12.40 pm, students with Exam Access Arrangements will receive a separate communication to detail their arrangements.

### **Final Assembly: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

- Students will be expected to attend in full school uniform and may bring shirts to sign. However, they must not deface blazers or ties, which will be needed for future examinations. They will attend their scheduled lessons until first break.
- Students who are entered for **GCSE Physical Education** will attend this exam at 9.00 am in full uniform. They will then join their peers from 10.00 am for lesson one and sign shirts.
- A year group photograph will be taken at the end of break time, just before the Final Assembly.
- After the assembly, **most** students will begin their **study leave**.
- Please note that we expect all students to follow the Behaviour Policy on this day and that mobile phones remain prohibited, as usual.

### **May Half-Term**

Students should continue to revise for their GCSE Examinations; again, this is a key time for preparation.

### **Week Beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

- Most students will be granted full study leave. However, this remains at the school's discretion.
- Students who will not be granted study leave will be notified by their College Leader. This means that they will be expected to attend school each day and work under supervision.
- Students are expected to be in school for examinations only, and they must attend in **full uniform**.
- Students will need to check their official examination timetable to confirm that they are aware of their examination schedule. If students have any queries, then they should visit Student Services.
- Following a morning examination, students can return home to continue with revision. If students wish to stay in school to revise between exams, they may work quietly in Bragg Hall.



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- Registers will be completed for every examination. When students decide to use the study area for revision, they should sign in and out on the register provided. At all other times, we would expect students to be off-site.

## Official Examination Arrangements

National examination dates are currently available to view for students and parents on our website:

<https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/files/2025/12/RSA-Exam-Timetable-2026-1.pdf>

All students will be given an official examination timetable that includes examination timings and venues. This may require adjustments to rooming arrangements for some students. Should a student miss an examination due to medical reasons, the examination boards may consider this upon submission of a signed medical certificate, which should be given to the Examinations Officer, Mrs. Dix, as soon as possible. **The Academy will charge for missed examinations** (except on medical grounds), with the current fee for each examination being approximately £35.00.

We are aware of clashes that occur for some subjects and have resolved them to the best of our knowledge in accordance with JCQ guidelines. If you have any queries or concerns about this examination timetable or any matters related to venues, please contact Ms. Dix, the Exams Officer.

**Students must have their exam badges attached to their blazers for every exam**

## GCSE Exam Breakfasts

From Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, Year 11 students will be offered a complimentary breakfast service on any morning when they have a GCSE Examination. Students will need to bring their exam timetable to verify this is the case so that they can be served. **This service will be provided from 8:00 to 8:45 am each morning.**

**Please note that the first examination that involves all students is GCSE English Literature on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May (9.00 am).**

## Lunch Accounts

Your child should use up the remaining balance on their lunch account before the end of the term. Students may use the Academy lunch facilities as usual during the examination period. Any monies owing to lunch accounts must be repaid before **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June**.

## The Prom

This year, we will host the Prom at our Academy on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6.30 pm. **Attendance at The Prom is only possible for students who consistently meet the expectations outlined in the Behaviour Policy.**

## Examination Results

Examination results will be available for collection from the Academy on **Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August**, between 8:00 and 9:00 am. **Results may only be collected by a parent or guardian, providing they have a letter of consent signed by the student and suitable identification is produced.** Results cannot be given by telephone, via e-mail or to a friend. Once the examination results have been issued, examination boards have asked that any queries you have be directed through the Academy. For data protection reasons, they cannot discuss a candidate's individual results over the telephone.

I hope that this is helpful information. Let's all support the students and staff as they approach the key window for GCSE Revision and Exam Preparation; every session can make a difference to the result!

Yours sincerely,

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Principal