



# Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

I'm writing this letter today after attending the Year 13 Leavers' assembly this morning and in anticipation of attending their leaving event tonight at The Grand Hotel in Leicester. Our year 13 has been a fantastic year group, and the assembly rightly highlighted several individuals, as well as the collective energy and contributions they have made to the school. Of course, these events encourage reflection for all, and I am no different; I have had a Media Studies group for the last two years, who have been a joy, and I will be sorry to see them go. Students were evidently reflecting on their experience and sharing their memories with each other and the staff. It is also a huge moment for you, as the families of these young people, as they move from being children to adulthood. Such an exciting time, but also one that can be filled with trepidation as your relationship dynamics change. As someone whose daughter has just finished her first year at university, I would suggest they need you no less, just in very different ways.

The school year is actually filled with lots of these reflective moments, and one of the joys of working at Robert Smyth is the knowledge that because of all the hard work from everyone, students, staff and parents alike, we generate an environment where students have the safety and support to create such fabulous and lasting memories. This safety and support comes, in part, from the routines that are so well established and the expectations that we have as a school community around respect for each other. Without these, our community would not function as well as it does, and students would not be given the opportunity to create these memories.

Thank you for all that you do for your children and for the school community as a whole.

Yours Sincerely,

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**Associate Principal**



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