



# Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

I am writing this week with yet more exciting news. Alongside the 30+ events and trips taking place this half term, we also have some fantastic developments to share regarding our PE facilities.

Sports provision at the school has grown significantly in both quality and scale over recent years, which has enabled more of our students to become successfully engaged in sport and teamwork. A particular highlight each term is the number of students who participate in the College competitions, demonstrating both enthusiasm and commitment.

However, there has been a longstanding frustration that, despite the students' effort, staff dedication, and the high quality of most of our sporting facilities, the supporting changing facilities have not kept pace. These areas are part of the original building and have not been upgraded since the sports hall was first constructed.

Thankfully, with the support of the Trust, we have been able to secure a grant from Harborough District Council, who once again recognised the importance of high-quality community facilities and the vital role schools play in providing them. We are very grateful to the council for providing us with this grant and for the opportunity it has afforded us to upgrade the facilities for the students and community alike.

As of Monday 29 June, renovation work will begin to transform the changing rooms into facilities that truly match the talent and commitment shown by our students and staff in sport at RSA.

While this is very positive news, it does mean that for the remaining two weeks of term the changing rooms and the corridor leading to them will be out of bounds to students. As on previous occasions, the PE department will put alternative changing arrangements in place within the sports hall, with all safeguarding and practical considerations carefully managed. This will ensure that the building work can progress efficiently and that the new facilities are ready for the start of the new academic year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to praise our students, and therefore you as families, for their excellent conduct during this unusually warm week. They have coped admirably with the heat and continued to approach school life with positivity.

I hope you have a slightly cooler and restful weekend and are looking forward to another exciting week ahead, with the Netherlands music tour, RSA LitFest, Year 6 induction day, Year 10 careers day, and Sports Day all taking place.

Kind regards

Miss K Nicholson  
**Principal**



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## W/b 29/6/26 Extra-Curricular Activities after school

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| Mon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |          | <b>Sports Day Sign up deadline online – please ensure this is completed on the My Child at School App</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Tues                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |          | <b>Under 15 Boys Cricket National Finals Day Round 1 at Oakham School.</b> Team meet at 9.45am at the sports hall. Please wear RSA PE kit and bring all equipment. <u>Return</u> 6.30pm latest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Weds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Thurs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |          | <b>Sports Day –</b> please see previous communication regarding sports day. <b>Arrival at Sports Hall at 8.20am</b> in PE kit. Please wear College T-shirt if you have one. Coaches will take students to Corby Triangle Athletics Stadium. Please ensure students have a packed lunch, appropriate footwear and do not wear any jewellery. They should also take the weather forecast into account (e.g. coat/sunscreen). There is a small tuck shop where students can buy drinks/sweets. As per academy <u>policy</u> students are not allowed to use their phones.<br>Please note, only students signed up on the My Child <u>At</u> School App may attend |
| Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All clubs finish 4.15-4.30.</b> There is no need to sign up, <b>all</b> are welcome just turn up at PE straight after school to get changed. <b>PLEASE NOTE THE TIMETABLE CHANGES WEEKLY</b> – it will also be on Satchel One.</li> <li>• <b>Note - Fixtures finish times as stated are approximate</b> – transport is provided to and from all away fixtures (except in Market Harborough). Consent will not be asked for each game; this has been provided previously through whole school communication for fixtures</li> <li>• Parents/Spectators may attend fixtures in a supportive manner but there is no parking on site and no access before 3.30pm. Access must be from the top gate, and you should head to the sports hall area.</li> <li>• <b>For fixtures – students tick their name off in PE on the team sheet and tell their team manager if they cannot play (including if ill on day of game – please email Mr Scully <a href="mailto:mscully@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk">mscully@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk</a> or the team manager)</b></li> </ul> |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



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