



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, we reflect on a term defined by challenge embraced by our students, care demonstrated by our staff, and the strong sense of community that continues to thrive at RSA. Our students approached their GCSE and A-Level examinations with determination and maturity, showing admirable commitment and resilience throughout the exam season.

Learning extended far beyond the classroom and students were challenged through a range of memorable residential visits to Swanage, Morzine, Normandy, Barcelona and The Netherlands, offering students invaluable experiences and broadening their perspectives. The adventurous spirit of the school was also evident during the Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, which were completed safely and successfully despite taking place during the hottest week of the year so far, thanks to the dedication and expertise of our DofE staff team. Meanwhile, the PE Sports Awards Evening and Sports Day showcased outstanding sporting achievement, while our KS3 Celebration Evening highlighted the remarkable talent, hard work and achievements of students across years 7, 8 and 9.

Students also benefited from a wide variety of enrichment opportunities. The Year 10 Faith Forum, Careers Day and Work Experience Week, together with Year 7 Enterprise Day and the engaging Year 12 Enrichment Week, helped develop confidence, ambition and valuable life skills. Creativity and leadership were on display at both the Art and Design Textiles Show and the Summer Concerts, demonstrating the breadth of talent within our school community. We were delighted to welcome our future students during Year 6 Induction Day and rounded off the year with memorable celebrations, including the Year 11 Prom and exciting end-of-year trips to Drayton Manor and Alton Towers.

Together, these experiences have reflected our ongoing commitment to ensuring that students remain at the heart of everything we do. If you have missed any of these highlights, you can keep up to date with school life by following **@robertsmythacademy** on Instagram.

A level examination results

A-Level examination results will be available for collection on **Thursday 13 August** between **8.15am and 9.15am**. Students will be required to confirm their destination information upon arrival at Main Reception before collecting their results from Bragg Hall. The Sixth Form Team will be available to provide support and guidance.



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GCSE examination results

GCSE examination results will be available for collection on **Thursday 20 August** between **8.00am and 9.00am**. The Sixth Form Team and College Leaders will also be available that morning to assist with any questions regarding Sixth Form enrolment. Families should note that results can only be collected until 9.00am, after which they will be posted. Results may only be collected by a parent or guardian if they present a signed letter of consent from the student and suitable identification. Results cannot be provided by telephone, email or released to friends. Any queries regarding examination results should be directed through the Academy, as examination boards are unable to discuss individual results directly due to data protection requirements.

Sixth Form enrolment

Sixth Form enrolment will take place on **Thursday 20 August**. Students who have concerns following receipt of their GCSE results should direct their queries to their College Leader, who can provide advice and discuss alternative pathways where necessary. For example, students who meet the overall entry requirements but fall short of a particular subject requirement may be able to explore suitable alternatives.

Autumn Term

INSET Day will take place on **Monday 24 August**

Year 7 students will attend on **Tuesday 25 August**

Year 12 induction **Tuesday 25 August**

Year 7, 11 and 13 (only) **Wednesday 26 August**

All students (except year 12) attend on **Thursday 27 August**.

Year 12 courses begin on **Tuesday 2 September**. Further details, including term dates and additional INSET Days, can be found on the school [website](#) and calendar.

Summer work

All students have been set summer work to complete during the holiday period to help maintain their learning and keep them engaged with their studies. We encourage all students to make the most of this opportunity and continue investing in their education throughout the summer break.

Where can I access support while the school is closed?

After the final day of term, the school will be closed until Tuesday 25 August. During this period, families can access support through a number of organisations, including:

- Childline www.childline.org.uk 0800 1111
- Leicestershire Children's Services [Community safety | Leicestershire County Council](#)
- NHS 111 (www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs)
- Market Harborough Food Bank www.harborough.gov.uk/foodbanks



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We would also like to remind families of the support available through [Papyrus](https://www.papyrus-uk.org), a charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide. Suicide remains the leading cause of death among young people under 35 in the UK, and many others experience thoughts of suicide or self-harm in silence. Parents and carers with concerns about a young person should contact their GP and consider accessing support through HOPELINEUK. Confidential support and practical advice is available by calling 0800 068 4141, texting 07860 039 967 or emailing pat@papyrus-uk.org.

Uniform

Finally, we would like to remind families that there are no changes to the school uniform policy. All students are expected to return in full school uniform. Please note that the following are not part of the uniform:

- nail polish
- false nails
- unnatural hair colours
- nose piercings
- multiple ear piercings, students may wear one single stud in each ear only.

We will continue to uphold high standards by ensuring blazers are worn correctly, shirts remain tucked in and grey pleated skirts are of the required length at or just above the knee.

Thank you once again for your fantastic and ongoing support. This is my final letter to you before the summer recess, and I would like to wish all our students, families and staff a safe, restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Kind regards

Miss K Nicholson

Principal



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