



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Everyday Heroes

Every year, we offer parents and students the opportunity to **nominate a member of staff** who has made a positive difference to their experience at Robert Smyth Academy.

This could be your child's favourite teacher or a member of support staff who has helped them. Last year, we received nearly 200 individual nominations, and every word of thanks and gratitude was shared with our staff at the end of the term alongside a small, chocolate-based token of our appreciation.

I can assure families that these words sustain the relentless energy and hard work that typifies the brilliant staff at Robert Smyth Academy and so this is an opportunity not to be missed.

Parents and students can now nominate **any member of staff** as their '**Everyday Hero**' by completing a short form [here](#). Please note that the form will close on Monday 11th December which means that **this week** is the ideal time to nominate a member of staff for an award.

Put simply, by offering two minutes to complete this form, you will make someone's day.

Christmas Countdown

Staff and students have worked hard during the Autumn Term and as we approach key assessments for most students, these are a few things that we are doing at the end of term to engender a culture of celebration and to keep them feelings positive as the darker, colder nights draw in:

- Every day I will lead a **Christmas Countdown Prize Draw. Congratulations to Milo (today's winner!)**.
- Form Tutors will celebrate the key achievements of their students in **recognition assemblies**.
- Students who have consistently modelled RSA Values in Practice will be invited to **Christmas Party events in the final week of term**. This will be based on achievement and behaviour data.
- We are also delighted to host a **Christmas Concert** tomorrow evening and again on Wednesday. We hope that many families will come out and support this event which is always a highlight of the year.

We also recognise that this time of year will be difficult for families in our community and so we are working with local businesses and charities to ensure that we do everything that we can to support those in need.

I wish you all a great week ahead and good luck with the Christmas preparations.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary
Principal



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Key Dates

- **Tuesday 5th December:** Christmas Concert
- **Wednesday 6th December:** Christmas Concert
- **Thursday 7th December:** PSHE Dropdown (Lesson 1) and Year 9 Careers Day and Workshops
- **Thursday 7th December (evening):** Year 11 Parents Evening 4-6.30pm (remote via School Cloud)
- **Wednesday 13th December (evening):** Year 11 Parents Evening 4-6.30pm (remote via School Cloud)
- **w/b Monday 18th December:** Year 13 Trial Exam week
- **w/b Monday 18th December:** Year 11 A-Level Taster Lessons
- **Friday 22nd December:** *Early finish at midday.*
- **Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January 2024:** CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Parents' Evening Dates

- **Thursday 7th December:** Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Wednesday 13th December:** Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 18th January:** Year 13 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 25th January:** Year 12 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 1st February:** Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 8th February:** Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Tuesday 12th March:** Year 10 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 21st March:** Year 10 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 23rd May:** Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 6th June:** Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)

Teacher Training Days

- **Monday 29th January**
- **Friday 28th June**

Term Dates (2024/25), as previously communicated, can be found [here](#).



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