



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Change Notification:

Transferring from ParentPay to My Child at School

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be adding online payments functionality to your My Child at School account with an aim to **gradually phase out the use of ParentPay altogether**.

We are making this change because there are many benefits, both in cost to the school and convenience for both parents and staff, who will now only need a single login to access both curriculum data and to make online purchases. We have also been able to learn from other trust schools who have made this change in the Autumn Term so that we are confident that disruption will be minimised.

It is our plan to start using the service in coming weeks and will be trialling the use of the service with any new educational visits occurring during this term. For the moment, payments for lunches and revision guides will continue to be taken via your ParentPay account, but we will make the full move over to My Child at School during the Easter break. More information will be provided on this change closer to the time.

Action:

Parents must ensure that they have an account that is set up for My Child at School. Please note that from Easter, it will not be possible to make payment without this account.

If you have not already setup your My Child at School account then then please email Studentservices@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk to request log in details and our team will help you.

We can reassure parents that existing balances will be transferred over to the new system (i.e. lunch money).

I hope that this is useful information. Whilst there has been a compendium of brilliant things happening at school this week, we felt that a single item letter, with plenty of time to ensure registration, would provide parents with clarity so that the changeover is as smooth as possible.

Thank you again for your fantastic and ongoing support for our students through the cold winter months. We are particularly grateful to parents who attended either the SEND Parent Forum (two weeks ago) and Parent Forum (last week) and gave their time to share their fantastic feedback which was characteristically encouraging. Future dates will be published in the summer term and these evenings are excellent opportunities for parents to contribute to school life.

We were also privileged to host the Market Harborough Chamber of Commerce Meeting this week and provide members of School Council in Year 11 with the opportunity to meet local business leaders and to discuss their experiences and build networks for the future. We are also very excited by the forthcoming Form Representative and College Captain interviews following a superb round of Peer Mentor interviews on Thursday, last week. We continue to promote the success and aspirations of our students in all that they do, and the rapid expansion of leadership opportunities is a very exciting development that is gathering pace.

We look forward to announcing the successful appointments in the coming weeks and celebrating the growth and development of our students.

Yours sincerely,



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Key Dates: Spring Term

- **Wednesday 7th February:** Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening (appointment only)
- **Thursday 8th February:** Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Monday 12th February:** Year 9 Options Evening (6 – 7.30pm)
- **Tuesday 13th February:** Year 11 Trial Exam start

- **Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February:** FEBRUARY HALF-TERM
- **Monday 25th February:** Year 11 Trial Exam week
- **Tuesday 27th February:** PSHE Dropdown (P1)
- **Tuesday 12th March:** Year 10 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Monday 18th March:** Year 7-9 in-class assessments begin (4-week window)
- **Thursday 21st March:** Year 10 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)

- **Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April:** EASTER HOLIDAY

Parents' Evening Dates (Summer Term)

- **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 (Summer Term)

- **Friday 28th June**

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



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