



# Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

## **Year 11: Summer Term Expectations**

In the coming weeks, students in Year 11 will continue with ongoing assessments and they will undertake GCSE National Examinations. Following two intensive rounds of Trial Examinations, we are confident that our students will have sufficient knowledge and experience to produce their best work when it matters most.

**This letter sets out our expectations for students in Year 11 over the coming weeks ahead:**

## **Easter Revision**

This is a key time for students to engage in revision activities and we strongly suggest that families participate in these activities with students by testing their knowledge and holding them to account for sustaining a good revision schedule. You don't need to be an expert; you simply borrow their revision notes and ask the questions to allow your child to deepen their understanding and recall the key information.

Please note the following additional GCSE Easter Revision classes [here](#).

## **After Easter**

Students will continue to follow their timetabled lessons.

## **National Exam Schedule: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

- From this date, following the initial Drama examination, students will be permitted to revise for afternoon examinations during morning lessons. Students are expected to bring their own revision materials to school every day in readiness for making best use of this time.
- Students will continue to follow their timetabled lessons.
- On days when students have an afternoon examination, they will have lunch at 12.30pm.

## **Final Assembly: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

- Students will attend registration and lessons as normal.
- Students who will be completing the GCSE French Assessment will do so, as per the exam schedule.
- Students will be able to sign their shirts at breaktime at 10.55am but must not deface blazers or ties.
- There will be a year group photograph taken at the end of breaktime before a Final Assembly.
- At the conclusion of the assembly, most students will begin Study Leave.
- Please note that we expect all students to follow the Behaviour Policy on this day and that mobile phones remain prohibited, as usual.

## **May Half-Term**

Students should continue to revise for their GCSE Examinations, again, this is a key time for preparation.

## **Week Beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

- Most students will be granted full study leave. However, this remains at the discretion of the school.
- Students who will not be granted study leave will be notified by their College Leader by 17<sup>th</sup> May. This will mean that they will be expected in school each day and will work under supervision.
- Students are expected to be in school for examinations only and they must attend in school uniform.
- Students will need to check their official examination timetable to double check that they know when they should be in an examination. If students have any queries, then they should visit Student Services.
- Following a morning examination, students will be permitted to return home to continue with revision. If students wish to stay in school to revise in between exams, then they may work quietly in Bragg Hall.
- Registers will be completed for every examination. Where students decide to use the study area for revision, they should sign in and out on the register provided. At all other times we would expect students to be off site.



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## Official Examination Timetables

National examination dates are currently available to view for students and parents on our website:

<https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/files/2024/01/RSA-Summer-2024-Exam-Timetable.pdf>

All students will be given an official examination timetable which contains the timings of examinations and venues. This may have rooming adjustments for some students. Should a student miss an examination for medical reasons the examination boards can take this into account upon submission of a signed medical certificate, which should be given to the Examinations Officer, Mrs. Dix, as soon as possible. The Academy will make a charge for missed examinations (other than on medical grounds) and the current fee for each single examination will be approximately £35.00.

We are aware of the clashes that occur for some subjects and have resolved these to the best of our knowledge, using JCQ guidelines. Should you have any queries or concerns with this examination timetable or any matters regarding venues, please contact Mrs. Dix.

## GCSE Exam Breakfasts

From Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Year 11 students will be offered a complimentary breakfast service on any morning when they have a GCSE Examination. Students will need to bring their exam timetable to prove that this is the case so that they can be served. This service will be provided from **8.15 – 8.45am**, each morning.

## Lunch Accounts

Your child should use up the remaining balance on their lunch account before the end of term. Students may use the Academy lunch facilities in the usual way during the examination period. Any monies owing to lunch accounts will need to be repaid prior to **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**.

## The Prom

This year we will host the Prom at our Academy on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June** at 6.30pm. Attendance at The Prom is only possible for students who meet the expectations of the school outlined in the Behaviour Policy.

## Examination Results

Examination results will be available for collection from the Academy on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** between 8.00-9.00am. **Results may only be collected by a parent or guardian providing they have a letter of consent, signed by the student, and suitable identification is produced.** Results cannot be given by telephone, via e-mail or to a friend. Once the examination results have been issued, examination boards have asked that any queries you have are directed through the Academy. For data protection reasons, they are unable to enter any discussion regarding a candidate's individual results over the telephone.

## Year 13 Arrangements

Please note that a separate communication will be sent by Mr. Luhrs (Head of Sixth Form) to explain the key information and arrangements for Sixth Form students. This will be sent to all parents.

I wish you and your family an enjoyable and restful Easter break with the occasional dry day! This is a key time for revision for both GCSE and A-Level students and I am sure that they will make this time count.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal



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## Reminders for all parents:

### Back to school: Uniform

As a timely reminder before the break, please note that all students will be expected to return in full school uniform and without piercings/infractions that are not acceptable. We would be grateful if parents could remain mindful that **we do not permit the following**, as per the uniform [policy](#):

- Nail polish or false nails
- Unnatural hair dye
- Multiple ear piercings (one single stud in each ear maximum)
- Nose piercings

We will **specifically follow up on these features of our uniform policy** to ensure high standards from all:

- Blazers to be worn in school.
- Grey pleated skirt, regulation length, **on or just above the knee.**

This is in response to a small minority of students attending school without a regulation blazer or wearing skirts at an inappropriate length (i.e., not regulation length).

### Back to school: Punctuality

Students should be at their Tutor Base by 8.45am, ready for their Form Tutorial session. Students who arrive late will be placed into detention for lateness on the same day.

### Where can I access support while the school is closed?

During the Christmas holidays families can access the following sources of support:

- Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/> or by calling **0800 1111**
- Children's Services: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/community-safety/>
- NHS England: Call **111** or visit <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/>
- Guidance on coronavirus: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Market Harborough Food Bank: <https://www.harborough.gov.uk/foodbanks>

### Suicide prevention

I want to remind you of the support available via [Papyrus](#); an organisation dedicated to the prevention of young suicide. Suicide is the biggest killer of young people under 35 in the UK and every year thousands more attempt or contemplate suicide, harm themselves or suffer alone, afraid to speak about how they are feeling.

**If you are the parent of a young person who experiences thoughts or feelings of this kind, then we would strongly advise that you seek an appointment with your GP and that you access the following support:**

**If you are having thoughts of suicide or are concerned for a young person who might be you can contact HOPELINEUK for confidential support and practical advice.**

**Call: 0800 068 4141**

**Text: 07860 039 967**

**Email: [pat@papyrus-uk.org](mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org)**



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## Key Dates: Summer Term

- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April:** The school reopens to all students
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April:** Year 7-9 in-class assessments continue
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April:** PSHE Dropdown (P1)
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** LEAP Ensemble Performance
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** Year 7 Careers Morning
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank Holiday (school closed)
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May:** Reading and Spelling Test Week
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May:** MAY HALF-TERM
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Year 7 Humanities Residential
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** PSHE Dropdown (P1)
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June:** PE Adventurous Residential
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 8 Careers Day
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June:** Sports Awards Evening
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Year 10 Faith Forum
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 9 MFL Residentials
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 10 Work Experience Week
- **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 12 Road Safety Day
- **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 12 UCAS Information Evening (6-7pm)
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 12 Careers Day
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Key Stage 3 Enterprise Day
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 12 Faith Forum
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 11 Prom (From 6.30pm)
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Teacher Training Day (school closed)
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July:** Year 6 Meet the Tutor Evening (5-8pm; times TBC)
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Year 6 Induction Day
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Year 10 Careers Day
- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** PSHE Dropdown (P1)
- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Summer Concert
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Summer Concert
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Day
- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** End of Year Trips
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July:** SUMMER HOLIDAY BEGINS

## Parents' Evening Dates (Summer Term)

- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)

## Teacher Training Days (Summer Term)

- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

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



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