



# Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE: Asthma**

Following my letter on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April which reminded parents that students must not bring aerosols and deodorant sprays into school, I want to reiterate the rationale for this expectation.

We know that aerosol sprays and perfumes are known to cause asthma attacks in some people with asthma. **This has happened in our school in the last week.** This was not the result of anything malicious or deliberate but the impact for the person involved, at it's most severe, could have been fatal.

We understand and respect that personal hygiene is important to everyone and that our students will want to use deodorant before school and after PE particularly as things get hotter, but we ask that students use alternatives such as roll on which do not present any risk to people with asthma. Please note that students who use aerosols or perfume before they arrive in school may also inadvertently lead to an asthma attack.

This week, we have spoken to students in assemblies about the importance of this issue and we will be issuing further reminders next week to ensure that everyone has a clear picture of why this issue matters and the potential consequences to those who suffer from asthma.

From next week, we will remind students again and we will proactively confiscate aerosols or perfumes from students who bring these items into school to reinforce our expectations and to make these boundaries clear.

Thank you for taking this seriously and for speaking to your child. We have a duty of care to everyone in our school, both staff and students, and this is something we need to work together to achieve.

## **Teen Health**

### **Message from Mrs Osborne (SEMH Manager)**

Teen health have recently undertaken some exciting new training around an evidence-based programme called "**RISK AVERT**". This programme will focus around reducing risk taking behaviour while empowering young people to make healthier and safer choices.

The award-winning programme will be delivered in school through a six-week group delivery focusing on prevention around the issues such as: smoking, drugs, alcohol, online risks, bullying, youth violence, poor mental health, unhealthy relationships. Please find attached the **RISK AVERT** leaflet for additional information.

Teen health are hoping to deliver this group following the May half term on a Monday morning in the Thrive room above PE. **The closing date for referrals is Friday 17th May, please note that we cannot accept referrals after this date. If you feel that this would be beneficial to your child please complete the online referral [here](#).**

Thank you again for your ongoing support and partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary  
Principal



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## Key Dates: Summer Term

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** Year 8 Careers Day
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** Dance Show
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank Holiday (school closed)
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May:** Reading and Spelling Test Week
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 13 Leavers Dinner Bistro Live
- **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 7 Careers Morning
- **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
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Day (a change to the previously publicised date)
- **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](#).