



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Year 11 – Final Assembly

Today, we all enjoyed the emotional final morning with Year 11 students as they reached the important milestone of their final assembly in school. We have loved getting to know the students in this year group and supporting them through the last year of their GCSE studies and beyond. I speak on behalf of our team when I say that their conduct, approach, energy, and aspiration has been exemplary since the first GCSE examination, and we all hope that they have enjoyed this morning and a special moment in time. A superb group of young people who we are all proud to have known and to have worked with for so many brilliant years.

During half-term, all students should continue to revise and prepare for their forthcoming examinations which are far from complete at this stage. Having made a great start, all students should feel confident and engaged in the process and should remember the mantra; **“It’s not how well you start, but how well you finish”** and so before they ‘dip for the line’ it is important that the investment in revision continues so that they achieve the best results. Having said all that...today probably isn’t the moment! And so, we may excuse them for enjoying an evening to reflect, celebrate and recover together. They are doing well and should be proud of the journey taken.

I must also capture a moment to congratulate you, as a parent, for stewarding and supporting your child through their secondary school journey and for the incredible support that you offer the school. Raising children and being there through the rollercoaster of adolescence asks so much of parents and you should be incredibly proud of your child and the growth and maturity that they have shown in the last five-years. We never take your support for granted, you share our high expectations and that is what allows our students to have the great experience that they have had as part of Robert Smyth Academy.

After half-term, Year 11 students will continue to come into school for their GCSE Examinations and we will continue to offer GCSE Exam Breakfasts to support them in their quest for qualifications. We expect students to continue to wear full school uniform and to follow the Behaviour Policy.

I strongly advise parents to check the [GCSE Exam Timetable](#) again as we begin half-term and make a note in the diary that all students will be in school on Monday 3rd June for GCSE Mathematics which begins at 9.00am.

Please note that this is a calculator paper, and all students will need a calculator.

Parent Forum and SEND Coffee Morning

We were delighted to welcome parents to both the Parent Forum and SEND Coffee Morning events this week. This was a great chance to catch up and to talk about the experience of the students including the lesson length change. Thanks also to parents who have emailed with their feedback which has been valuable and will be considered as we implement this change and monitor the impact for students.

We host regular opportunities for parents to come into school and to engage with us and we hope to see even more parents in attendance at future events in the Autumn Term.

I wish you all the very best over half-term including improved weather – dare we dream?!

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary
Principal



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Key Dates: Summer Term

- **Monday 27th – 31st May: MAY HALF-TERM**
- **Monday 3rd June:** Year 7 Humanities Residential
- **Tuesday 4th June:** SEND Transition Morning (9.30 – 11.30am)
- **Friday 7th June:** PSHE Dropdown (P1)
- **Monday 10th June:** PE Adventurous Residential
- **Thursday 13th June:** SEND Parent Forum (6–7pm)
- **Tuesday 11th June:** Year 7 Careers Morning
- **Monday 17th June:** Sports Awards Evening
- **Friday 21st June:** Year 10 Faith Forum
- **Monday 24th June:** Year 9 MFL Residentials
- **Monday 24th June:** Year 10 Work Experience Week
- **Tuesday 25th June:** Year 12 Road Safety Day
- **Tuesday 25th June:** Year 12 UCAS Information Evening (6-7pm)
- **Wednesday 26th June:** Year 12 Careers Day
- **Wednesday 26th June:** Key Stage 3 Enterprise Day
- **Thursday 27th June:** Year 12 Faith Forum
- **Thursday 27th June:** Year 11 Prom (From 6.30pm)
- **Friday 28th June:** Teacher Training Day (school closed)
- **Monday 1st July:** Year 6 Meet the Tutor Evening (5-8pm; times TBC)
- **Tuesday 2nd July:** Year 6 Induction Day
- **Tuesday 2nd July:** Year 10 Careers Day
- **Wednesday 3rd July:** PSHE Dropdown (P1)
- **Wednesday 3rd July:** Summer Concert
- **Thursday 4th July:** Summer Concert
- **Thursday 4th July:** Sports Day (a change to the previously publicised date)
- **Wednesday 10th July:** End of Year Trips
- **Thursday 11th July: SUMMER HOLIDAY BEGINS**

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](#).