



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Sports Day

Rockingham Triangle - Thursday 4th July

We look forward to one of the calendar's highlights as students approach Sports Day 2024 and the inaugural College competition for this year's overall winner! Thank you to all the very organised parents who have already paid for their children to participate.

Payment

The cost to participants is **£6.00** and this must be paid via **My Child at School**.

Payment is due by **Tuesday 2nd July at midday**.

Your child will not participate in Sports Day if payment is not made.

Instead, they will attend school as normal and follow their scheduled timetable. We will not telephone parents on the morning of the event to reconcile payments, respond to late emails or to make last minute arrangements if this has been forgotten. If you are in doubt, you should contact the school before Tuesday.

You should be aware that there are limited places due to coach, staffing, and event capacity. Mr Scully has communicated information regarding the event, and students/parents are advised to look out for future emails/ updates on Satchel One.

Reminders

We hope for good weather on this day and students should remember to wear sun cream, bring a hat, and have a large refillable water bottle as well as a packed lunch. Please note that if your child requires medication, then you should speak to the PE Faculty as a priority, in advance of this event.

Safeguarding and Behaviour Assembly (Year 7 and 8)

Finally, I want to notify all parents of children in Year 7 and 8 that these students participated in an important Safeguarding Assembly on Tuesday 25th June led by Mrs. McNair (College Leader - Safeguarding) and Miss Paterson (College Leader - Behaviour). In this assembly students were presented with important reminders about how to refer concerns to the Safeguarding Team if they felt that they needed support or if anything had been worrying them. I am proud that several students came forward after this assembly which has enabled us to respond to their concerns.

We also reminded students that we do not accept the use of racially intolerant language in school for any reason, this is a red line. Students were provided with additional explicit education regarding the impact of this language so that this is never used in school. However, I would like to ask that all families reinforce this with children at home because we all have an educative duty to make sure that our children act and behave in a way that reflects respect for all people.

I am particularly thankful to parents for their support of a basic, decent community value and whatever the eccentric views may be from a very small, yet often disproportionately heard, minority in society, we will never regard nor accept the use of racist language as 'banter' or 'just how kids talk'. Put simply, if students use this language, they will be held to account and subject to the strongest sanctions available.



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Hot Weather

It has been a hot week and so thank you for sending your children with water bottles, they have needed them! Hopefully the weather will cool next week but, in the meantime, please do ensure that the refillable water bottle is full in the morning and that sunscreen is applied. We appreciate that this has been a particularly hard summer for hay fever and as a fellow sufferer, I want to pay massive tribute to all our students who have persevered despite the challenges of sore eyes, streaming noses and itchy throats, they have done so well to manage this, and these students are often the last to complain.

Next week, we have the great privilege of sharing the highlights from an incredible Year 12 Enrichment Week and we look forward to welcoming our Year 10 students back from Work Experience Placements. It has been an action-packed week over in Spain, Germany and France with the Year 9 Residential taking place and again we look forward to the full debrief next week ahead of Sports Day 2024!

College Cup

After a busy year full of individual and collective achievements in all College groups, the final day approaches! The engravers and the helicopter are on standby for the awarding of the first ever College Cup which will be announced on **Tuesday 9th July during a Virtual Assembly at 3.00pm.**

Well done to all students who have participated in the weekly College Quiz on Monday morning and for Moseley College who seem to be making great strides in this competition. Of course, it is all to play for especially with Sports Day just around the corner; all the points will generate a grand total and a champion.

Finally

Thank you to all parents and students who sent in such warm and kind messages of praise following 'Thank a Teacher Day'. We greatly appreciate these messages. I hope that students will enjoy the longer weekend.

Yours sincerely,

D Cleary
Principal

Key Dates: Summer Term

- **Monday 1st July:** Year 6 Meet the Tutor Evening (5-8 pm)
- **Tuesday 2nd July:** Year 6 Induction Day
- **Tuesday 2nd July:** Year 10 Careers Day
- **Tuesday 2nd July:** Rock recital showcase (3.30– 5pm) Main Hall
- **Wednesday 3rd July:** PSHE Dropdown (P1)
- **Wednesday 3rd July:** Summer Concert
- **Thursday 4th July:** Summer Concert
- **Thursday 4th July:** Sports Day
- **Tuesday 9th July:** Art, Design and Textiles Exhibition (5-7pm) Main Hall and Bragg Hall
- **Wednesday 10th July:** End of Year Trips
- **Thursday 11th July:** SUMMER HOLIDAY BEGINS

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