



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Helping your child to succeed

At Robert Smyth Academy, we value your input and are committed to providing the support you need to help your child succeed. A theme of feedback from parents has been a request for more information about how you can support your child to make brilliant progress.

We are pleased to offer a guide, which will enhance our students' school experience by equipping their families with the knowledge to support them effectively.

Our view – as evidenced in the most successful schools in the country – is that almost all students can develop excellent attitudes to learning. This will make them happier, more respectful, successful, aspirational, and better qualified. Families play a crucial role in supporting children in forming and sustaining excellent habits.

In response to your feedback, we have created a summary page on our website to enable you to make sure that your child takes the maximum benefit from the opportunities ahead; this includes the following:

- **Curriculum information**
- **Revision guidance**
- **Homework expectations**
- **How to contact the Special Educational Needs Team**
- **Advice on regular reading**
- **The RSA Reading List**
- **An organisational checklist for students (new and old!)**
- **A list of tips regarding further support you can offer as a parent or family member**

You can find this information here.

<https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/parents/helping-your-child-to-succeed/>

Please note that we have also produced a page dedicated to **revision** on the website, which includes helpful guides for students, **including those approaching critical assessments in Years 11 and 13**:

<https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/students/revision-support-for-students/>

Calendar

To make information regarding key dates even more accessible to families, we have updated the school website so that parents can access this in advance and diarise important events such as Parents' Evening, for example. Please visit this page for more: <https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/calendar/>.

This information will replace the regular final page of this letter which includes key dates.

Thank you once again for reading this letter and for proactively supporting your child so that they can achieve brilliant things. This is the most important investment that any of us make, and we hope this information reflects the highest aspirations that we have for our students and their futures.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary
Principal



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KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please see the [calendar](#) on our website for the key events in the diary

INSET Dates

- Tuesday 27th August 2024
- Friday 4th October 2024
- Friday 29th November 2024
- Monday 27th January 2025
- Friday 27th June 2025

Term Dates

Please note that the term dates are available on our website:

<https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/dates/term-dates-2024-25/>