



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Robert Smyth Academy receives prestigious award

We are proud to announce that we have been awarded the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction, a testament to the school's unwavering commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. This award is a recognition of the remarkable efforts made by the Eco-Committee, a dedicated group of students who promote sustainable practices within the whole school community.

During the past academic year, the Eco-Committee have been on a quest to make Robert Smyth Academy a more sustainable institution, while positively impacting the environment, after completing a thorough Environmental Review of the school. Their endeavours and achievements have included improving biodiversity around the school grounds, we have observed and studied the environment of The Hammond Arboretum and noted the seasonal changes. In collaboration with Moor Trees Charity, the students nurtured some seedlings from the arboretum and replanted them in the woodland area of the school grounds.

The students have created a bug hotel and planted crocuses donated by the Rotary Club to encourage local wildlife. With the help of Swift Action charity, we have also provided tailored swift boxes around our school grounds to create an opportunity for swifts to nest and produce young as the swift is in severe decline. Our ongoing projects include the redevelopment of a pond area to create an oasis of tranquillity for wildlife and an area for students to study.

This is a timely award as the school has recently completed the installation of 420 solar panels as part of our sustainability and environmental strategy for the future.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mrs Coxon (Eco-Schools Lead and Reading Coordinator) and the fantastic members of our Eco-Committee for their sterling work and efforts. This is a fantastic reflection of their commitment and hard work.

Homework

I would like to thank all students in Year 12 for their patience as we have sought to rectify teething problems with Satchel One (our medium for setting private study work and homework). This has now been resolved for all students throughout the school and this should be used to ensure that deadlines are met.

At the end of a busy week, a brief reminder that our website is the key destination for parents and students to access key dates for the diary: <https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/calendar/>.

Thank you

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. It was lovely to see so many of our families at the Open Evening, Prize Giving Ceremony and SEND Parent Forum over the last fortnight. The strength of our partnership continues to provide a bedrock of stability for our students and the school community. On a final note, I wish all those awaiting a call-back for 'Grease' or having trialled for a sports team, all the best of luck. I can reassure all students that even if it doesn't work out this time, there will always be more opportunities in the future.

Yours sincerely,

D Cleary
Principal