



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Thank you

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach another important assessment window for all year groups, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support and dedication you have shown towards your children's education. This is particularly important in the coming weeks ahead as all year groups approach key assessments. I do want to wish Year 11 students all the very best of luck in their English Literature Trial Examination on Monday morning which kicks off the November Trial Exam Series for 2024.

Your involvement, whether through supporting homework routines, attending online parent meetings, or encouraging extracurricular activities, plays a crucial role in shaping the educational journey of our students. It is this partnership between home and school that is the foundation for achievement, and we don't take this for granted. A great reflection of that has been seen in the generous praise offered by parents as part of our '**Support Staff Appreciation Week**'. I would like to thank you again for the kind words you have offered which were all shared with individual members of our team this morning, alongside lemon drizzle cake!

Visit from Archway Learning Trust

This week, we hosted a visit from the Principal of **Long Eaton School** part of **Archway Learning Trust**. The purpose of this visit was to support their school improvement journey by showcasing the excellent quality of teaching and the climate for learning in lessons and around school that have led to excellent outcomes at Robert Smyth Academy. I have been asked to pass on the sincere praise and thanks from Archway Learning Trust for hosting this visit to see a fantastic school in action and we hope this serves as inspiration in the future.

Parent Survey

In our continuous effort to improve and provide the best possible education, we highly value your feedback. We are launching our annual survey to gather your insights. Your constructive feedback is instrumental in helping us understand what we are doing well and where we can make improvements.

We understand that your time is precious, and we appreciate you taking a few moments to share your thoughts with us. To ensure that we receive the most helpful and actionable feedback, we kindly ask that your responses focus on specific experiences and suggestions for improvement. This will enable us to address any concerns effectively and continue to enhance the educational experience for all our students.

Please find the survey link below, which will be open until **Friday 15th November**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7DdKJK8z70>

Caterlink Survey

At the same time, we have opened a survey available to students so that they can offer their feedback on their experiences of the catering services at school. To assist Caterlink to improve their service to our students they would value the opportunity to survey all students at RSA. We would ask that all survey responses are completed by Saturday 30th November. The form is available [here](#).

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can continue to invest our energy so that Robert Smyth Academy continues to be a fantastic school serving fantastic students.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary
Principal