



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Revision for Assessments

Year 11 Trial Exams are currently underway, assessments will be taking place in all other year groups in late November/early December. We encourage students to really get stuck into revision for these, so they have the best chance of success. Teachers will be speaking to students about how to prepare for these and will also be setting revision tasks for homework. Revision tips for students are available here:

[Revision support for students - Robert Smyth Academy](#)

Year 12 Health Day

We are delighted to share the success of our Year 12 Health Day which took place on Wednesday. This event was an enriching and informative experience for our students. The day was designed to provide essential knowledge and skills that are crucial for their personal development and future well-being. As we often say, we want our students to achieve great qualifications, but we are not simply an 'exam factory' and this event reflects our commitment to the development of our students both as individuals and contributors to society.

The day began with an insightful session on consent, led by an expert from Harborough District Council. This was followed by a presentation on blood cancer and stem cell donation, facilitated by the Anthony Nolan charity. Students were given the opportunity to enlist as potential donors, contributing to a life-saving cause.

Throughout the day, students participated in a carousel of activities focused on mental wellbeing and relationships, including self-care. Mrs. Mills led an informative session on contraception, while Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Luhrs provided valuable insights into sexually transmitted infections. These sessions were designed to equip our students with the knowledge to make informed decisions about their health and relationships.

In the afternoon, we introduced the 'WiseUp' program, which provided key information on tax, pay slips, savings, and pensions. This session served as an introduction to the world of work, helping students understand the financial aspects of adult life. We extend our gratitude to 'WiseUp Financial Education' for their support and contributions.

We believe that Year 12 Health Day was a significant step in preparing our students for the challenges of adulthood. The knowledge and skills they gained will be invaluable as they navigate their personal and professional lives. The key themes in this content will be strengthened through the PSHE curriculum and expanded upon as part of Year 12 Enrichment Week, later in the academic year.

Thank you for your continued support in our efforts to provide a comprehensive education for all students. We are highly aspirational that they should receive the best education in terms of both depth and breadth.

Reminder

This is a timely reminder that the **school is closed for Staff Training Day on Friday 29th November** and that the school will close early on the final day of term (**Friday 20th December**) at **midday** to mark the beginning of the Christmas season. I am sure this will have been in your diaries for several weeks and, like me, you can't believe that we are approaching this so quickly, but we are!

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary
Principal