



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

I am delighted to share with you the results of our recent behaviour survey, which reflect the positive and supportive environment we strive to create at Robert Smyth Academy. We are incredibly proud of these outcomes and the impact they have on our students' overall experience and attendance.

Survey Participation and Results

We had an outstanding response to the survey, with 1,019 students participating—the highest number in our trust—and 42 teachers providing their valuable insights. The results are a testament to the collective efforts of our students, staff, and the wider school community. The following headlines reflect their feedback:

- **89% of students** agree that they understand our behavioural expectations
- **73% of students** feel that the academy has been calm and orderly over the past week
- **90% of students** feel safe at the academy
- **78% of students** are motivated to learn
- **79% of students** believe that behaviour is either good or very good
- Only **12% of students** reported that lessons had been interrupted by misbehaviour in the past week
- There was a **95%+ agreement** to all statements, showcasing the overall positive view of our students
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Our teachers also shared their perspectives:

- **100% of teachers** agree that the academy has been calm and orderly over the past week
- **95% of teachers** feel that the support from senior leaders helps them manage disruptive behaviour
- **91% of teachers** believe that behaviour is either very good or good

Listening to Our Students

We believe in the importance of listening to the voices of all our students. This includes our student leaders, who play a crucial role in shaping our school culture, as well as those who may find school more challenging, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Their perspectives are equally valid in helping us create an inclusive and supportive environment where every student can thrive.

Impact on Attendance

We are pleased to report that our current attendance rate stands at **95%**, which is significantly higher than the national average of **94.1%**. This excellent attendance rate is a direct reflection of the positive and conducive learning environment at our academy. When students feel safe, motivated, and supported, they are more likely to attend school regularly and engage actively in their learning.

Social Media

Whilst we understand that social media is a part of many of our students' lives, the academy does not endorse or encourage the creation of Tutor or Year group WhatsApp "chats". Recently, we have seen a rise in students reporting unfriendly behaviour in these "chats" and would appreciate your support in ensuring any social media your child uses, is being used appropriately. We feel it also pertinent to point out that both Snapchat and WhatsApp require users to be at least 13 years of age. Please visit the below if you would like to learn more about encouraging healthy social media habits in your children.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/social-media/>



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Thank you

These survey results and our strong attendance rate highlight the strength of our school community and the effectiveness of our policies and practices. We are committed to maintaining and building upon this positive environment to ensure that every student, regardless of their background or needs, feels valued and motivated to succeed. I can reassure families that we are not complacent, and we will always seek more for our students so that they enjoy school and achieve well. We put them at the centre of what we do.

These fantastic results do not exist within a vacuum, and we know that they are made possible only because of the incredible support from parents. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making our school a place where students feel heard, supported, and inspired to achieve their best.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary
Principal



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