



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Everyday Hero Prize (2024)

Every year, we offer parents and students the opportunity to **nominate a member of staff** who has made a positive difference to their experience at Robert Smyth Academy.

This could be your child's favourite teacher or a member of support staff who has helped them. Last year, we received over 200 individual nominations, and every word of thanks and gratitude was shared with our staff at the end of the term alongside a small, chocolate token of our appreciation.

On Friday 20th December, we will crown an overall winner of this award based on the volume and nature of community nominations and this will be announced to the whole school on before dismissal.

I can assure families that these words sustain the relentless energy and hard work that typifies the brilliant staff at Robert Smyth Academy and so this is an opportunity not to be missed.

Parents and students can now nominate **any member of staff** as their '**Everyday Hero**' by completing a short form [here](#). Please note that the form will close on Wednesday 11th December at noon which means that this is the ideal time to nominate a member of staff for an award. **You have one week to nominate!**

Christmas Celebrations

Staff and students have worked hard during the Autumn Term and as we approach key assessments for most students, these are a few things that we are doing at the end of term to engender a culture of celebration and to keep them feelings positive as the darker, colder nights draw in:

- Every day we lead a **Christmas Countdown Prize Draw**.
- Form Tutors will celebrate the key achievements of their students in **recognition assemblies**.
- Students who have consistently modelled RSA Values in Practice will be invited to **Christmas Party events in the final week of term**. This will be based on achievement and behaviour data.
- We are hosting two spectacular **Christmas Concerts** this week. We hope that many families have enjoy these amazing performances by our students, this has been a highlight of the year.

We also recognise that this time of year will be difficult for families in our community and so we are working with local businesses and charities to ensure that we do everything that we can to support those in need.

I wish you a great week ahead and it's time to start nominating!

Yours sincerely,

D Cleary
Principal



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