



# Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

## **Back to school: Uniform**

As a timely reminder before the break, please note that all students will be expected to return in full school uniform and without piercings/infractions that are not acceptable. We would be grateful if parents could remain mindful that **we do not permit the following**, as per the uniform [policy](#):

- **Nail polish or false nails**
- **Unnatural hair dye**
- **Multiple ear piercings (one single stud in each ear lobe maximum)**
- **Nose piercings**

We will **specifically follow up on these features of our uniform policy** to ensure high standards from all:

- Blazers to be worn in school.
- Grey pleated skirt, regulation length, **on or just above the knee.**

This is in response to a small minority of students attending school without a regulation blazer or wearing skirts at an inappropriate length (i.e., not regulation length).

## **Back to school: Punctuality**

Students should be at their Tutor Base by 8.45am, ready for their Form Tutorial session. Students who arrive late will be placed into detention for lateness on the same day.

## **Where can I access support while the school is closed?**

During the Christmas holidays families can access the following sources of support:

- **Childline:** <https://www.childline.org.uk/> or by calling **0800 1111**
- **Children's Services:** <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/community-safety/>
- **NHS England:** Call **111** or visit <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/>
- **Guidance on coronavirus:** <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- **Market Harborough Food Bank:** <https://www.harborough.gov.uk/foodbanks>

## **Suicide prevention**

I want to remind you of the support available via [Papyrus](#); an organisation dedicated to the prevention of young suicide. Suicide is the biggest killer of young people under 35 in the UK and every year thousands more attempt or contemplate suicide, harm themselves or suffer alone, afraid to speak about how they are feeling. **If you are the parent of a young person who experiences thoughts or feelings of this kind, then we would strongly advise that you seek an appointment with your GP** and that you access the following support:

**If you are having thoughts of suicide or are concerned for a young person who might be you can contact HOPELINEUK for confidential support and practical advice.**

**Call: 0800 068 4141**

**Text: 07860 039 967**

**Email: [pat@papyrus-uk.org](mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org)**



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## National Online Safety

In recent years, there has been a dramatic growth in internet communication via social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat and a major factor in this rise is the increased accessibility to the internet using 'smart' phones.

I would therefore like to invite you to complete the following National Online Safety (NOS) online courses to improve your knowledge and to gain advice and guidance on how to support your child online.

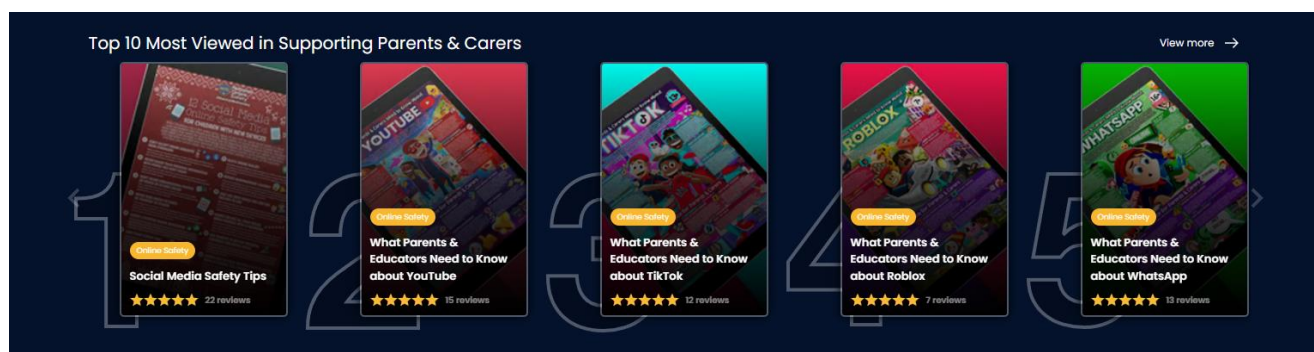
Please use the following unique self-enrolment link to sign up to the hub.

<https://v2.nationalcollege.com/enrol/the-robert-smyth-academy>

Please can I ask that you complete one of the annual awards in online safety for parents:

## [Online Safety Guides & Resources for Parents](#)

As parents & carers you will have access to NOS's parent's online safety courses, their library of explainer videos- and the helpful platform guides, which are released weekly.



The Robert Smyth Academy is committed to the safeguarding of its students. Thank you in advance for your support and please contact the Academy should you have any questions or concerns. By completing this course, you will help the school achieve the National Online Safety Mark. If you or your child have any concerns or questions regarding safeguarding, please use the My Voice reporting tool which can be found on our website [Robert Smyth Academy](#)

Kind regards,  
The Safeguarding Team

## CAIRS

CAIRS (Charity Action In Robert Smyth - a group made up of sixth form and Key Stage 4 students) is supporting the Market Harborough Jubilee Food Bank this Christmas. Should you wish to donate, a list of needed items can be found here: <https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/shopping-list>



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## [Shopping List - jubileefoodbank](#)

Please note that all food collected is non-perishable, long-life or tinned. Thanks for your help. When we have an URGENT need for items, please see the blue URGENT list below.  
[www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk](http://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk)

Students can bring these items to be collected by CAIRS during tutor time in Bragg Hall on the following days:

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

## College competitions

### Sporting

The college competition has got off to a strong start this year with College Dodgeball being a feature of this term's sporting events - the majority of tutor groups took part with enthusiasm and commitment.

The overall winner was **LOGAN** who will receive **1000 points** towards their quest to win the college cup with Hammond and Moseley in joint second and Bragg in third. Well done to all participants.

5 points were also awarded for each participating student and the totals there were as follows:

Bragg - 380

Hammond - 250

Logan - 235

Moseley - 385

### Artistic

We also ran a Christmas card competition and had entries in every year - the winners are below - who each received 250 points for their college

Year 7 - 7B2



Year 8 - 8L2



Year 9 - 9B2



Year 10 - 10L1



Year 11 - 11L1



### Academic

We also hold a weekly quiz on a Monday morning in tutor time and this can get very heated with tutor groups voting for the right answer - the current leaders are **LOGAN** with the other colleges close behind.



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## Christmas Jumper Day

In our ongoing efforts to honour and commemorate the memory of Chloe Longster, we will invite students and staff to wear a Christmas Jumper or Christmas colours (red, green, yellow) instead of their blazer on the final day of term (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December). We ask that families who participate in this fundraising initiative make a small donation via **My Child at School** and these funds will then be donated to the UK Sepsis Foundation.

I hope that you have a restful weekend ahead of the final week of what has been an excellent term.

Yours sincerely,

D Cleary  
**Principal**



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