



Robert Smyth Academy



Dear Families,

National Careers Week

Last week was National Careers Week, a national initiative which spotlights careers education. At RSA, students have a number of different age-related opportunities to access information about career pathways and consider their own skills, profiles and careers-related interests. All students have a bespoke Careers Day each year from Year 7 – 13, alongside work experience in Year 10. As a school we will take every opportunity to broaden student understanding of potential careers. For Careers Week, PSHE materials had a careers focus and tutors were asked to take their tutor groups on a journey around the NCW Virtual Careers Fair, offering a window into what is on offer in the world of work.

International Women's Day

It was also International Women's Day on Saturday. This international initiative has a global and collaborative focus on making progress towards equal rights for women worldwide. As well as touching on this, our whole school assembly was about the importance of recognising and calling out misogyny, one of the unacceptable forms of discrimination that would be considered a red line at RSA. With several recent news stories mentioning misogyny as a feature of abusive behaviours, we felt it was timely to ensure all students understood what this meant and how to avoid it. Students were reminded of British law with regard to protected characteristics and talked through the key tenets of decent behaviour towards other individuals, whatever their sex.

National Secondary School Offer Day

Following an unprecedented volume of interest and applications, Robert Smyth Academy is again oversubscribed in Year 7. We are excited to begin the transition process with families (both new and established) and more information will be sent to parents of children who have been awarded a place in the coming weeks.

We will host **Year 6 Information Evening on Wednesday 19th March** (5.30 - 7.30pm) for students who have been awarded a place. This evening will be held in two, separate sessions at 5.30pm (session 1) and 6.30pm (session 2). Families will be invited to one of the two sessions in a separate communication. Please note that on this evening, parking will be limited and so if you are within walking distance, please consider walking.

If families need any further information regarding the admissions process because they had hoped to gain a place but did not (including appeals), then they will need to contact **Leicestershire County Council** and not the school. There is more information available [here](#).

Thank you once again for taking the time to read this update and please keep in mind that the tickets for our school production of **'Grease'** go on sale to all on Monday. Priority booking has been offered to cast members' families so tickets are limited - book soon to avoid disappointment!

Yours sincerely,

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