



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Year 11: Summer Term Expectations

In the coming weeks, Year 11 students will continue to prepare for GCSE National Examinations. Following two intensive rounds of Trial Examinations, we are confident that our students will have sufficient knowledge and experience to produce their best when it matters most. However, students must be wary of inviting complacency at this stage when hard work, revision and consistency are key to GCSE success.

This letter sets out our expectations for students in Year 11 over the coming weeks ahead.

Easter Revision

This is a key time for students to engage in revision activities, and we strongly suggest that families participate in these activities with their children by testing their knowledge and holding them accountable for sustaining a good revision schedule. Parents, **you don't need to be experts**; you borrow their revision notes and ask questions to allow your child to recall key information and ensure they are making good time for study and breaks.

Please note the following additional GCSE Easter Revision classes [here](#)

After Easter

Students will continue to follow their timetabled lessons.

National Exam Schedule: Thursday 8th May

- From this date, following the morning Drama examination, students will be permitted to revise for afternoon examinations during morning lessons, including the German exam this afternoon. Students are expected to bring their own revision materials to school daily to make the best use of this time.
- Students will continue to follow their timetabled lessons.
- On days when students have an afternoon examination, they will have lunch at 12.30 pm.

Final Assembly: Friday 23rd May

- Students will attend **GCSE English Paper 1** at 9.00 am. This is a crucial examination.
- Students can sign their shirts at break time after this exam but must not deface blazers or ties.
- There will be a year group photograph taken at the end of break time before a Final Assembly.
- After the assembly, most students will begin Study Leave.
- Please note that we expect all students to follow the Behaviour Policy on this day and that mobile phones remain prohibited, as usual.

May Half-Term

Students should continue to revise for their GCSE Examinations; again, this is a key time for preparation.

Week Beginning Monday 2nd June

- Most students will be granted full study leave. However, this remains at the discretion of the school.
- Students who will not be granted study leave will be notified by their College Leader. This means that they will be expected to be in school each day and will work under supervision.
- Students are expected to be in school for examinations only, and they must attend in school uniform.
- Students will need to check their official examination timetable to double-check that they know when they should be in an examination. If students have any queries, then they should visit Student Services.
- Following a morning examination, students can return home to continue with revision. If students wish to stay in school to revise between exams, they may work quietly in Bragg Hall.
- Registers will be completed for every examination. When students decide to use the study area for revision, they should sign in and out on the register provided. At all other times, we would expect students to be off-site.



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Official Examination Timetables

National examination dates are currently available to view for students and parents on our website:

<https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/files/2025/01/RSA-Exam-Timetable-Summer-2025.pdf>

All students will be given an official examination timetable which contains the timings of examinations and venues. This may have rooming adjustments for some students. Should a student miss an examination for medical reasons, the examination boards can consider this upon submission of a signed medical certificate, which should be given to the Examinations Officer, Mrs. Dix, as soon as possible. **The Academy will charge for missed examinations** (other than on medical grounds) and the current fee for each examination will be approximately £35.00.

We are aware of clashes that occur for some subjects and have resolved these to the best of our knowledge using JCQ guidelines. Should you have any queries or concerns about this examination timetable or any matters regarding venues, please contact Mrs. Dix.

GCSE Exam Breakfasts

From Thursday, 8th May, Year 11 students will be offered a complimentary breakfast service on any morning when they have a GCSE Examination. Students will need to bring their exam timetable to prove this is the case so that they can be served. This service will be provided from 8.00 to 8.45 am each morning.

Lunch Accounts

Your child should use up the remaining balance on their lunch account before the end of the term. Students may use the Academy lunch facilities as usual during the examination period. Any monies owing to lunch accounts must be repaid before **Friday 20th June**.

The Prom

This year, we will host the Prom at our Academy on Thursday, June 26th, at 6.30 pm. Attendance at The Prom is only possible for students who meet the school's expectations outlined in the Behaviour Policy.

Examination Results

Examination results will be available for collection from the Academy on **Thursday 21st August** between 8.00-9.00 am. **Results may only be collected by a parent or guardian, providing they have a letter of consent signed by the student and suitable identification is produced.** Results cannot be given by telephone, via e-mail or to a friend. Once the examination results have been issued, examination boards have asked that any queries you have be directed through the Academy. For data protection reasons, they cannot discuss a candidate's individual results over the telephone.

Year 13 Arrangements

Please note that Mr. Luhrs (Head of Sixth Form) will send a separate communication to all parents explaining the key information and arrangements for Sixth Form students.

I hope that this is helpful information. Let's all support the students and staff as they approach the key window for GCSE Revision and Exam Preparation—every session can make a difference to the final result!

Yours sincerely,

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Principal