



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

I wanted to take a moment to remind families that this is the time of the academic year when Robert Smyth Academy kicks into overdrive for opportunities for personal learning, enrichment and growth.

Anyone with teachers in their family (or indeed teaching themselves) knows that this half-term, perhaps more than any other, is an incredibly busy time. It is during this time that our teachers go above and beyond to ensure that our students have access to a variety of enriching experiences beyond the classroom whilst sustaining a great climate for learning. As students will attest, we'll be working right up until the end of term.

The trips and opportunities that our staff have organised are not only enjoyable for our students but also play a vital role in their personal development. They allow students to gain new experiences, engage with diverse cultures, and develop skills that cannot be taught within the confines of a traditional classroom setting. Through these experiences, we hope to broaden their horizons, create curiosity, and inspire lifelong learning.

However, this is a labour of love! Organising such events involves significant planning, coordination, and attention to detail. Our teachers invest countless hours to ensure that each trip or opportunity is carefully crafted, aligns with our curriculum objectives, and meets all safety and logistical requirements. From researching suitable destinations and coordinating with external providers to obtaining necessary permissions and ensuring adequate supervision, every step of the process demands considerable effort and commitment.

This is a brief list of opportunities that students will experience during the summer term (non-exhaustive):

- **Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions**
- **Geography Residential Visit to Swanage**
- **Physical Education Residential Visit to The Alps, France**
- **History Visit to Kenilworth Castle**
- **Modern Foreign Languages Residential Visits to Barcelona (Spain) and Cologne (Germany)**
- **End of year trips to Drayton Manor and Alton Towers**
- **French Residential to Normandy**

We have planned opportunities to further broaden the curriculum and to recognise achievements including:

- **Sports Awards Evening**
- **Recital Performances** (*open for all years to attend*)
- **Summer Concert** (*open for all years to attend*)
- **Year 10 and 12 Faith Matters Forum**
- **Year 10 Work Experience Week**
- **Year 12 Road Safety Day**
- **Year 12 UCAS Evening**
- **Year 12 Careers Day**
- **Year 11 Prom**
- **Key Stage 3 Enterprise Day**
- **Year 10 Careers Day - interview experiences with representatives from the business community**
- **Art, Design and Textiles Show** (*open for all years to attend*)
- **Sports Day: Years 7-10**
- **Key Stage 3 Celebration Evening**
- **Student Leadership Award portfolio**
- **Peer Mentoring opportunities as part of Year 6 Transition Events**
- **SEND Coffee Morning and Parent Forum**
- **College rounders competition**



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Thank A Teacher Day

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our dedicated teaching and support staff who go above and beyond their regular responsibilities to make these experiences possible for our students.

This is a natural opportunity for me to remind families (including students), that we celebrate 'Thank A Teacher Day' next week, and we welcome your positive comments and notes of thanks via the school email.

I would urge families to take two minutes and to ask your child questions such as: "Which teachers have challenged you most in lessons?" "Which members of staff have really made a difference?" and "What are your favourite lessons? What does the teacher do to make this happen?". All you need to do is add their response to the form [here](#).

Safeguarding Survey

This week you will have received the email asking for your support in completing the safeguarding Survey. The survey covers various aspects of our safeguarding measures. Your feedback not only helps us maintain high standards but also showcases the positive strides we're making in safeguarding, as reflected in previous years.

Please find below a link to the safeguarding questionnaire
<https://tgacademy.jotform.com/251563638413963>

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal



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Key Dates: Summer Term

- **Monday 16th June:** Sports Awards Evening
 - **Thursday 19th June:** Summer Concert
 - **Friday 20th June:** Rock and Pop Band Showcase 3.30pm
 - **Friday 20th June:** Key Stage 3 Enterprise Day
 - **Monday 23rd June:** Year 9 MFL Residentials
 - **Monday 23rd June:** Year 10 Work Experience Week
 - **Tuesday 24th June:** Year 12 Road Safety Day
 - **Tuesday 24th June:** Year 12 UCAS Information Evening (6-7 pm)
 - **Wednesday 25th June:** Year 12 Careers Day
 - **Thursday 26th June:** Year 12 Faith Forum
 - **Thursday 26th June:** Year 11 Prom (From 6.30 pm)
 - **Friday 27th June:** Teacher Training Day (school closed)
 - **Monday 30th June:** Year 6 Meet the Tutor Evening (5-8 pm)
 - **Tuesday 1st July:** Year 6 Induction Day
 - **Tuesday 1st July:** Year 10 Careers Day
 - **Wednesday 2nd July:** PSHE Dropdown (P1)
 - **Wednesday 2nd July:** Outlook Expedition Leaves for Ecuador
 - **Wednesday 3rd July:** Sports Day
 - **Wednesday 10th July:** End of Year Trips
 - **Monday 7th July:** Key Stage 3 Celebration Evening
 - **Wednesday 9th July:** Art, Design and Textile Show 6pm-8pm
 - **Thursday 10th July:** End of Term Rewards Trips
 - **Friday 11th July:** Last day of school (closes at 1.40pm)
- **Monday 14th July:** SUMMER HOLIDAY BEGINS

Teacher Training Days (Summer Term)

- **Friday 27th June**

Term Dates (2025/26), as previously communicated, can be found [here](#).



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