



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been an inspiring week at RSA. Last Wednesday, we welcomed back our GCSE and A Level students from last year for our annual **Presentation Evening**. It was a joyous occasion filled with pride and positivity, as we celebrated the achievements of our students and looked ahead to their bright futures. It was heartening to see students recognising their own successes, expressing gratitude to the dedicated staff who supported them, and acknowledging the unwavering support of their families. The atmosphere was one of genuine celebration, and it reminded us all of the core reason for us being in education and working hard for the benefit of our students.

The following day we were delighted to welcome the largest group of parents to date at our **SEND Parents' Forum**. The thoughtful, considered, and relevant feedback shared by parents was invaluable, covering topics from intervention strategies for SEND students to how we communicate key information. This forum is a vital opportunity to strengthen the relationship between our Inclusion Department and families, and it truly exemplifies the investment RSA parents make in their children's education. We are deeply grateful for your engagement and partnership. The next one for the diary is 15th January 2026 6pm-7pm.

This week, it was our students' turn to demonstrate their commitment to learning. Over forty Sixth Form students volunteered their time to mentor over 40 Year 11 students in maths, creating a vibrant and collaborative atmosphere in Sixteen07. The energy and enthusiasm in the room were palpable, and it was a wonderful example of peer support in action.

At the heart of RSA is a school community built on the values of **Respect, Success, and Aspiration**. Every day, across our academy, moments occur that reflect these values in action, whether through excellent learning, exciting extracurricular opportunities, or targeted support for individual students. These moments are made possible by the collective efforts of our students, staff, and you, our parents. Together, we create an environment where every member of our school community can thrive and benefit from the rich opportunities RSA offers.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. These moments remind us of what makes RSA such a special place to learn and become the best we can be.

Kind regards,

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