



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Robert Smyth Academy's Sixth Form ranks in the top 20% nationally for Level 3 Value Added, outperforming the national average and demonstrating exceptional student progress, teaching quality, and support.

I am thrilled to share further details about our Sixth Form's outstanding performance. The Department for Education's latest data confirms that our Level 3 Value Added progress places Robert Smyth Academy among the top 20% of sixth forms and colleges nationally. This reflects the exceptional progress our students make from GCSE to A Level, achieving on average more than their peers nationally. This achievement is a testament to the relentless commitment of our students and the high-quality teaching, guidance, and care provided by our staff.

These results reflect the incredible effort our students put in every day, supported by a team of staff who go above and beyond to ensure every learner is challenged, nurtured, and inspired. Our Sixth Form is not just a place of academic excellence—it's a community where students grow in confidence and character.

Whilst there are so many areas to celebrate, we are proud to highlight that:

- **100% of students progressed to university, apprenticeships, or employment in 2025, with 32% securing places at Russell Group universities, up from 20% the previous year.**
- **In A Level subjects, our students achieved:**
- **44% A-A* in Product Design (national average: ~13%)**
- **62% A-A* in Fine Art (national average: ~25%)**
- **29% A-A* in Biology (national average: ~22%)**

These results not only exceed national benchmarks but also reflect the strength of our curriculum and the ambition of our learners. However, these results are also due to students working very hard and fully engaging in their curriculum journeys by delving into the depth of Advanced Level Study.

Our Sixth Form is now highly oversubscribed, a clear indicator of the trust families place in our provision. This demand stems from our rigorous academic curriculum, exceptional teaching, and deeply embedded pastoral care. Students thrive in an environment where every individual is known, valued, and supported; a place where they feel a true sense of belonging to the Robert Smyth Academy community.

Thank you for your continued support. Achievements like these are only possible through the strong partnership between the school, families, and the wider community. We look forward to building on this success and continuing to provide an outstanding education for all.

Robert Smyth Academy Sixth Form Open Evening: Wednesday 12th November (6-8 pm)

We warmly invite prospective students and their families to experience our community first hand at the Robert Smyth Academy Sixth Form Open Evening, taking place on Wednesday, 12th November, from 6.00 to 8.00 pm. Come and discover what makes our Sixth Form one of the most successful and sought-after in the county.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G Luhrs
Head of Sixth Form