



# Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Uniform

Firstly, again a huge thank you to parents for the continued high standards of uniform that we see from students. As we are now in the summer term, students will be expected to take their coats off on arrival into school and our expectation will be that coats will only be worn outside. Teachers will remind students of this expectation throughout next week. We continue to expect all students to wear their blazer at all times. In lessons, blazers may be placed on the back of chairs, with the teacher's permission.

## Year 11

It has been fantastic to see the superb community engagement in fundraising for the Year 11 Prom over the last week. My special thanks to Mrs. Osborne and all staff who have supported her organisation of the Car Boot Sale on Sunday and the Quiz Night on Wednesday; both events raised around £1,000, an amazing achievement. The next Car Boot Sale will take place on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May**, and we warmly welcome parents to participate. This also allows me to remind parents of students in Year 11 and 13 that today is the final opportunity to order a 'Leavers' Hoodie' via Parent Pay.

As students in Year 11 and 13 approach final examinations, we wish to remind parents and students that our centre will conduct these assessments in line with the national [guidelines](#) that our students will have become familiar with during the trial examinations. All students will have the best opportunity to achieve well.

## Safeguarding Survey

Earlier in the academic year, we were delighted with the feedback from Ofsted regarding our safeguarding procedures and since then we have continued to engage in external reviews and governance to ensure that our systems continue to serve the interests of the students. We take seriously our responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in our community. As you will be aware we are trying to ensure that our children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

We welcome your feedback on safeguarding in our community and you can register your view by completing this [survey](#) which will remain open until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

## Appointments

In accordance with statutory safeguarding duties, we do not permit access to the school site to visitors without prior arrangement. This is an opportune moment to remind parents that meetings in school must be made in advance and by appointment only.

I wish you an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary  
**Principal**



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## Key dates

- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 8 Parents Evening
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 8 Parents Evening
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 8 Careers Day
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June:** Sports Awards Evening
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Summer Concert
- **w/b Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 10 Work Experience Week
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 12 Careers Day
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 11 Prom
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June:** INSET Day – school closed to students
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Meet the Tutor Evening (Year 6 only)
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Induction Day
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 10 Careers Day
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** KS3 Prize Giving
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July:** End of Year Trips / Last Day of Term. **The school closes at 3.15pm.**