



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Parents/Carers,

Performance Measures: Robert Smyth Academy - GCSE Results (2022)

I am thrilled to be able to confirm that we have received information from the Department of Education which confirms that we have just secured our best ever GCSE results.

Progress 8 shows the progress that students make between primary school and the end of GCSEs. This is a performance measure for schools in England and it allows parents and other stakeholders to gain a view of performance. The Department for Education data confirms that our Progress 8 figure for this year is **+0.48** which means that on average, all students were above target in half of their subjects. Whilst we do not yet know the national picture, in previous years this would place Robert Smyth Academy in the **top 14% of schools** nationally.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students who achieved these spectacular results as I know that many of these students have started positively at Robert Smyth Academy Sixth Form, in Year 12.

I would also like to take this opportunity to again thank all parents, teachers, and support staff for their shared commitment to high expectations. These results are outstanding, and they put our school firmly on the map. More importantly, they show what we can all do when we come together, show ambition and work hard. Any student in Year 11 preparing for their Trial Examinations in November, should feel confident that they are attending a school that provides outstanding education and opportunities to exceed their targets.

Trial Examinations (Year 11)

We have now shared the Trial Examination schedule with all students in Year 11. This is available for parents [here](#).

We encourage students to really get stuck into revision during half-term so that they have the best chance of success in November. Revision tips for students are available [here](#). Remember that the key to success is simple:

Do – Review – Go Back Through!

Modern Foreign Languages Educational Visits (Year 9)

We have been delighted to see such positive responses to the MFL Educational Visits this week. For visits that were oversubscribed, a random draw has taken place to allocate places and determine a reserve list and this has now been communicated. We understand that this has unfortunately disappointed the unsuccessful students and parents, but this was inevitable with the limited number of places available. Please note that trip deposit payments are due by Friday 14th October.

As we open more educational visits to students (*perhaps like a branch of Tui in Harborough*), we ask that parents who contact the school about visits quote the **trip reference number** and **trip name** in the email header. Once all trips are set up Student Services will be emailing you with these details.

Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre (Year 7)

Students in Year 7 have had a fantastic experience at Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre, and this concludes a very positive start to secondary school for them. We hope that many of the stories from these days will be told around the dinner table over the coming week and that they might have even dried out!

Virtual Wellbeing Box

Q. What is the reason for the toilet pass system?

A. We have put a toilet pass system into place to ensure that students who are not in lessons, have been given permission to leave the lesson. We recognise that students need to use the toilets during some lessons.



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Virtual Wellbeing Box Cont...

Q. Can we watch England's World Cup fixtures in school?

A. While we acknowledge that this will be something that many of our students (and staff) will be excited by, we will not make changes to the curriculum to show World Cup games.

Q. As it is getting wetter and colder, can we have more seating under the canopy outside Sixteen07?

A. This is something that we have shared with Mr Hawker (Senior Site Technician) and he will see if this is possible. The new benches that have been installed weigh around 100kg and so it may not be possible to move these easily from their current location.

Key Dates (after half-term)

- **w/b Monday 24th October:** Revision skills week in PSHE
- **w/b Monday 7th November:** Year 11 Trial Exam week
- **Wednesday 9th November:** Sixth Form Open Evening (6-8pm)
- **w/b Monday 21st November:** Year 7-10 in-class assessments
- **w/b Monday 28th November:** Year 12 in-class assessment week
- **Wednesday 7th December:** Christmas Concert
- **Thursday 8th December:** Year 9 Careers Day and Workshops
- **Thursday 8th December:** Year 11 Parents Evening 4-6.30pm (remote via School Cloud)
- **w/b Monday 12th December:** Year 13 Trial Exam week
- **w/b Monday 12th December:** Year 11 A-Level Taster Lessons
- **Wednesday 14th December:** Year 11 Parents Evening 4-6.30pm (remote via School Cloud)
- **Friday 16th December:** *Early finish at 1.35pm following lunch*
- **Monday 19th – Friday 30th December:** CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

I wish you and your family a restful half-term.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal