



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Parents/Carers,

Donations to The UK Sepsis Trust

Following Chloe's tragic passing, her family have permitted me to inform our school community that donations to The UK Sepsis Trust can be made in Chloe's name, by following this link:

<https://www.memorygiving.com/chloelongster>

Chloe's funeral will be held at **12pm on Tuesday 20th December at St Dionysius' Church in Harborough**. Chloe's family welcome members of our school community who wish to pay their respects, and have asked for informal dress with a touch of Christmas. We expect that any member of our school community who attends will do so with the upmost respect, care, compassion, and consideration for Chloe's family and friends.

To further support the wishes of Chloe's family, this year we will hold a **Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 16th December**, the last day of term. Students will be expected to wear school uniform with the addition of a Christmas Jumper or a jumper in Christmas Colours (i.e., red, yellow, green). In return we ask that parents consider a donation to The UK Sepsis Trust via the link listed above. Donations may remain anonymous.

Christmas Concert

I would like to thank Miss Wass, Mr Hughes and the entire supporting cast of staff including Mr Hawker for the fantastic Christmas Concert that took place on Wednesday evening. The students who performed demonstrated amazing talent, poise, and confidence in front of a packed crowd. This was a brilliant showcase.

Year 9 Careers Day

On Wednesday, Year 9 began the process of considering their options for **GCSE specialisms** next year and potential **future careers**. This included volunteers from different professions running workshops and talking about their jobs. They were highly complimentary about student conduct and interest. This is a great opportunity to have further conversations at home about potential future options and pathways.

Uniform

As we approach the Christmas break, we will continue to sustain high expectations and standards around school. This includes regular communication with students regarding uniform in accordance with our policy. Thank you as ever to parents for ensuring that our students arrive punctually and in uniform, ready to learn.

Key dates – reminders

- **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
- **Monday 2nd January 2023:** Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 3rd January 2023:** All students return to school

Thank you once again for all the fantastic 'Everyday Hero' nominations.

Yours sincerely,

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