



Robert Smyth Academy

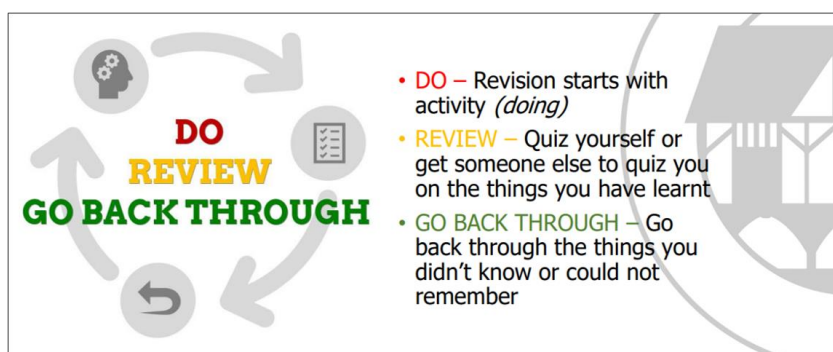
Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11: Key Information

To best prepare students for the crucial months ahead, I led an assembly on Thursday 16th March. This letter conveys the key information that students have received so that parents have a joined-up picture.

Easter Revision

The school will close on Friday 31st March for the Easter holidays. This is a key revision window for all Year 11 students who will be expected to complete regular revision activities in preparation for GCSE examinations. Students have been reminded of the importance of adopting the key revision methodology (**below**):



After Easter

Students will return to school after Easter and follow their timetabled lessons as normal over four weeks. We have reminded students that there are two abridged weeks due to **Bank Holidays** on **Monday 1st** and **8th May**. During this time, there will also be key assessments that will take place in a range of GCSE Option subjects.

All students will be provided with a personalised **GCSE Examination Timetable**. This is a key document, and students should use this as a guide for the critical weeks ahead.

From **Monday 15th May**, students will embark upon their first GCSE examinations in the Sports Hall. During this time, students will continue to follow the same routines (uniform, behaviour etc.) and from this date, we will provide a **Complimentary Breakfast** for students who have an examination in the morning. Students must provide their **GCSE Examination Timetable** to access this breakfast offer (below):

GCSE Complimentary Breakfast

Selection of Chilled Fruit Juice **OR** Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee

Sausage or Hash Breakfast Bap **OR** Freshly Baked Croissant

Fresh Seasonal Fruit Bowl

Venue: **Sixteen07**

Available from: **Monday 15th May—Friday 20th June** from **8.15 - 8.45 am**

When students have an examination in the afternoon, teachers will facilitate revision in morning lessons and students will take an **earlier lunch break** at **12.45pm**.

In the final week before May half-term, we will organise an **End of Year Assembly** and an opportunity for shirt signing. Students have been told to bring a shirt to sign if they have an afternoon examination on this day and we have explicitly requested that blazers are not damaged or defaced as they will be required for examinations.

We invite students to donate their blazers and ties to the school by the end of the examinations and we will discount tickets to The Prom by £5.00 for any blazer and tie donated to the school to reduce waste and promote reuse.



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May Half-Term

May Half-Term will also provide an important opportunity for continued revision and preparation. After this week students will be expected to **continue to attend their lessons** until they have completed their final examination in each subject. Thereafter, most students will be invited to take **study leave** to allow preparation and revision for final examinations. We may not authorise study leave if we have concerns regarding student conduct or preparedness for home study.

Students will be welcome to come into school throughout the examinations and can revise with teachers according to their timetable. **Students must sign in and out at Student Services.**

We have reminded students that they will be expected to attend in **full school uniform** and to follow the expectations and behaviour policy of the school during this time.

All student catering accounts must be cleared via Parent Pay by **Friday 20th June**.

Prom Fundraising Events

The Year 11 Prom will take place on **Thursday 29th June** at **6.30pm** and it will be a fantastic celebration of all the hard work and effort of our students. This event will be held at Robert Smyth Academy and teachers and tutors of Year 11 as well as many other staff will be in attendance.

To support this event, Mrs. Osborne and the **Prom Committee** have arranged fundraising events to subsidise the cost. To this end, we would be very grateful if you could support these events by attending or donating:

Car Boots at RSA

Sunday 30th April and **21st May** between 10am-3pm: Car pitch £5 / Entry £1

Email josborne@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk to book a pitch

Cake sales

Friday 31st March and **Friday 26th May** at lunchtime. Please send in cakes to sell or cash to buy

Quiz Night (Parents & adults only)

Wednesday 3rd May at **6.30pm**: Tickets are £10 per person. Maximum of 6 per team

Bookings available on Parent Pay or by emailing josborne@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk

GCSE Results Day

The culmination of all this hard work and endeavour will take place on **GCSE Results Day**. Please take into consideration the following information about the plan for this day:

- Exam results available for collection from Bragg Hall on **Thursday 24th August** between **8.00 – 9.00am**
- Students should collect their GCSE Results
- Results may only be collected by a parent or guardian providing if they have a **letter of consent, signed by the student, and identification is produced**
- **Results cannot be given by telephone, via e-mail or to a friend.** The school will post any GCSE results that have not been collected by 9.00am
- **Students must report their destination** to a designated member of staff before they leave

Please note that this will be an INSET Day and so punctuality for collecting results is essential. Members of the Sixth Form Team will be available to provide information and support regarding Year 12 enrolment.



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I hope that this is a useful update for Year 11 parents and that this provides an insight into the important final weeks ahead. We will continue to support students so that they get the best possible GCSE results.

I can confirm that separate information will be provided to Sixth Form students in Year 13 so that they are able to prepare for the final weeks ahead. This will be provided by Mr Luhrs (Head of Sixth Form).

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary
Principal


REMINDERS: Key dates – relevant to all parents

- **Thursday 30th March:** Year 10 Parents Evening 4.00-6.30pm (remote via School Cloud)
- **w/b 27th March:** Year 7-9 Assessments begin (4-week window)
- **Wednesday 29th March:** Year 6 Information Evening (Two sessions: 5.30pm and 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 30th March:** Ski Trip Departs
- **Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April:** SCHOOL CLOSED DURING EASTER HOLIDAY



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