



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

CEO Visit to Robert Smyth Academy

On Wednesday, we were joined by Claire Maclean (CEO of Tudor Grange Academies Trust) , who visited lessons, met students and spent most of the day observing standards and practices. It was fantastic to host this visit and Mrs Maclean observed excellent teaching and highly purposeful learning across the school including very high standards of conduct, behaviour and uniform from our students. Mrs Maclean was highly complimentary about the articulate and considered reflections from our students about their learning from the curriculum and this culminated in a memorable discussion about whether the social commentary in *'Lord of the Flies'* about the potential for inward societal collapse would hold true today, depressingly, a number of students felt that it would! However, what was clear was that there had been great learning in depth and that had allowed students to make their own meaning and take inspiration.

As ever, it is a pleasure to receive fantastic feedback and this reflects the hard work of students, staff and the incredible quality of support that we receive from parents. This is not taken for granted and we continue to thank you for your ongoing partnership and support in pursuit of the best outcomes for your children who arrive to school on time, well attired and ready to learn – this allows the magic to happen.

Congratulations to Year 13!

On Thursday, we celebrated the fantastic two years of study that our A-Level students in Year 13 have enjoyed since enrolling with Robert Smyth Academy. We have been so privileged to work with these students and we enjoyed a great evening at Bistro Live to celebrate the onset of study leave ahead of the national examinations. I would like to pay a special tribute to all our students who have enriched the experiences of students whom they have mentored or supported including through GCSE intervention. This is such a special feature of our school culture and it has been brought to life by these tremendous students. We look forward to supporting them through the national examinations and then onward into their future destinations.

Monday Morning – GCSE English Literature

I hope you have a good weekend and continue to enjoy the improving weather. This is a key time for GCSE and A-Level students and with GCSE English Literature on Monday morning, we hope to see lots of students in early for GCSE Exam Breakfast before this assessment. As ever, the Senior Leadership Team, Form Tutors and Teachers will be on hand to offer calm, support and encouragement. We have started well and we intend to finish in exactly the same form.

Please note that GCSE and A-Level Examination season is now upon us and so we ask that parents keep note of key assessment dates available [here](#), on our website.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary
Principal



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Key Dates: Summer Term

- **Thursday 23rd May:** Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Monday 27th – 31st May:** MAY HALF-TERM

- **Monday 3rd June:** Year 7 Humanities Residential
- **Friday 7th June:** PSHE Dropdown (P1)
- **Monday 10th June:** PE Adventurous Residential
- **Tuesday 11th June:** Year 7 Careers Morning
- **Monday 17th June:** Sports Awards Evening
- **Friday 21st June:** Year 10 Faith Forum
- **Monday 24th June:** Year 9 MFL Residentials
- **Monday 24th June:** Year 10 Work Experience Week
- **Tuesday 25th June:** Year 12 Road Safety Day
- **Tuesday 25th June:** Year 12 UCAS Information Evening (6-7pm)
- **Wednesday 26th June:** Year 12 Careers Day
- **Wednesday 26th June:** Key Stage 3 Enterprise Day
- **Thursday 27th June:** Year 12 Faith Forum
- **Thursday 27th June:** Year 11 Prom (From 6.30pm)
- **Friday 28th June:** Teacher Training Day (school closed)
- **Monday 1st July:** Year 6 Meet the Tutor Evening (5-8pm; times TBC)
- **Tuesday 2nd July:** Year 6 Induction Day
- **Tuesday 2nd July:** Year 10 Careers Day
- **Wednesday 3rd July:** PSHE Dropdown (P1)
- **Wednesday 3rd July:** Summer Concert
- **Thursday 4th July:** Summer Concert
- **Thursday 4th July:** Sports Day (a change to the previously publicised date)
- **Wednesday 10th July:** End of Year Trips

- **Thursday 11th July:** SUMMER HOLIDAY BEGINS

Parents' Evening Dates (Summer Term)

- **Thursday 23rd May:** Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 6th June:** Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)

Teacher Training Days (Summer Term)

- **Friday 28th June**

Term Dates (2024/25), as previously communicated, can be found [here](#).