



# Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

## **Year 11 and 13 Assessment Week**

We have been impressed by the positive attitude to learning exemplified by most students in both Year 11 and 13 who have started well in anticipation of their final assessments in the summer.

Year 11 and 13 students will all undertake classroom-based assessments over the coming fortnight to prepare them for GCSE and A-Level assessment and to provide them with helpful feedback regarding their progress and attainment.

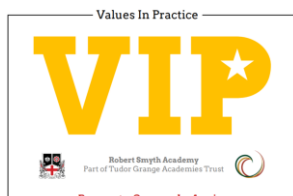
In these year groups, we remind parents how crucial it is that every student attends well, works hard, and establishes good routines for homework and revision.

## **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October: Year 7 Virtual Parents' Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)**

In the coming weeks, teachers will speak with parents of children in Year 7 through online appointments to give an insight into how they have started and settled in thus far.

Please note the following key points for those experiencing this format for the first time:

- Appointments will be booked online via [School Cloud](#)
- To access School Cloud, you can sign up by clicking the link above or going to our [website](#), following the **Parent** tab of the menu and then **Parents Evening Booking System**
- Appointments are time limited to 5-minutes and will automatically close at the end of this time.
- If there are any teachers who you were not able to speak with, please indicate this on the parent survey that will be sent following both evenings.



Finally, a special mention to our fantastic **Art and Design Faculty** for their promotion of the creative arts especially in the domain of **Art and Textiles**. Recently, Leicester City organised their first ever Textile Festival and we were delighted to be able to contribute a large fabric portrait of Vivienne Westwood (below) which was created by students during Open Evening, and which featured as part of the festival. A special commendation to **Libby (Year 10)** who has invested so much time to complete this work. Superb efforts!





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## Key Dates for the half-term

- **w/b Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:** Year 11 and 13 Assessment Week
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October:** Year 7 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October:** Teacher Training Day – school closed to all students.
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October:** Year 11 Careers Day
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October:** Year 7 Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Trip
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October:** Year 7 Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Trip
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October:** School closes at the normal time for October half-term
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** School reopens.

## Parents' Evening Dates

- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January:** Year 13 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January:** Year 12 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February:** Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 10 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Year 10 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening (4.00 – 6.30pm)

## Teacher Training Days

- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**
- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

I hope you have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Cleary  
**Principal**