

Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

Via Diversa Vita Una



1 July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 6 transition, Parents' evening arrangements 2022 – 2023, PD Day – 4 July, GL testing, Whirlpool national design event, Catering pods

Welcome to my end of week update letter.

Examinations are finally at an end and the Academy has returned to some semblance of daily normality as we have begun to welcome some of our Year 6 cohort to the Academy for extended transition events. With three weeks to go we are planning for September in earnest on a number of fronts too. More below:

Year 6 transition

Next Tuesday and Wednesday we welcome our Year 6 youngsters into Year 7 for two days as part of their formal transition arrangements. I know that Mr Adlington and his team have been hard at work preparing for this and delivering the last of the transition boxes to primary schools.

We are really looking forward to getting cracking with our new intake which is our biggest ever. We also look forward to welcoming our Year 6 parents to the Academy on Wednesday evening next week for a series of activities which Mr Adlington has already communicated to you about.

Should you have any remaining questions about transition, please contact us using our dedicated email address transition@srpa.co.uk.

Parents' evening arrangements 2022 – 2023

For existing parents at the Academy, you will remember that we asked for your views as to what format you preferred for parents' evenings moving forwards until the end of the academic year and the majority of parents chose for them to remain online out of convenience. I am now eager, once again, to gather your thoughts. Please be good enough to access the MS Form using the link below. The link will close in one week. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ShareFormPage.aspx?id=UmTnz-18eEuT7cGMryQflc8fjGwpavFLkui0mbcsHXIUQ1BTWVFMRUeZMTJOMk4xOUQxVEc3M1NFTi4u&sharetoken=oVIPlckylp3scakgu5yt>



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PD Day – 4 July

Our final PD Day of the year takes place next Monday when all youngsters will be off timetable. Sessions will include workshops on the cost of living, opt in careers sessions, the rule of law (where a crown court judge is visiting to talk to year groups), vaping and e-cigarettes, design activities and sessions about our SRPA value of the term (Reflection) as well as the latest in the series of 'SRPA Voices' interviews. Years 7, 9 and 10 should all attend in full PE kit in order to participate in planned enrichment activities.

Sixth form students have a separate programme also covering independent living skills and enrichment off campus.

GL testing

This continues next week. Should your child wish to bring a regular pair of headphones to avoid using any from the Academy they may.

Whirlpool national design event

Mr Webster has been leading a small but select design team in the above national competition to design an appliance. I am delighted to inform you that SRPA are now the Whirlpool National Design Champions! As a result, the Academy gets to choose a new appliance, as do the winning team members! Congratulations must go to Mr Webster and his team of amazing students!

Catering pods

I am conducting a piece of work at the moment to bring two catering pods to the Academy to add to the capacity at breaks and lunches when offering food and drinks around the campus. Both will offer hot and cold food and cold drinks in the first instance, particularly from our 'Grab and Go' menu in order that clubs and activities can still be attended and the canteen queue is alleviated as the Academy continues to grow. I attach a photo of the sort of pod we are aiming to supply. I want to run a competition to name the pods and design the graphics so that we may personalise our pods and make them what our youngsters want to see.

With this in mind, students are encouraged to design and submit to me their chosen name for the pods and their preferred graphics by Friday 8 July at 3.15pm. The winning design/designs will win a half term's queue jump pass for the pods and the canteen as well as an Amazon voucher. Entries can be emailed to me by students using their school email addresses or posted in the red Anti-Bullying box by my office. Alternatively, and particularly for our new Year 7 students who do not yet have an email address at the Academy, they can be posted 'FAO Mr Hardy – Pod Design Entry' to main reception at the Academy. I will announce the winner(s) before the end of term.



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This evening we hold our Year 11 prom on the Academy campus to say goodbye to this year group. Whether they are staying with us in the sixth form or moving on to pastures new, I wish them a lovely evening and a very successful future. In the words of William Wordsworth, "Life is divided into three terms – that which was, which is, and which will be. Let us learn from the past to profit by the present, and from the present, to live better in the future."

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Hardy', written in a cursive style.

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