

Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 parents' evening, Attendance text line, 6th form debate success, Uniform, Anti-bullying week, Green Christmas tips

After a really busy but productive week at the Academy, welcome to my end of week update letter. We are just over the halfway stage of this half term with many plans for Christmas underway and much more besides. This week has seen successful trips to Magna Science Centre, Anti-Bullying Ambassador training, debating success in competition and continued improvements to the building. More below:

Year 9 parents' evening

Mr Kirk has now published guidance in relation to booking appointments for next week's in-person event at the Academy. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Kirk via email using gkirk@srpa.co.uk.

Attendance text line

As from Monday 28th November, there is a new way to report student absences. While still possible to call us in the usual way, we have set up a new text service to report absences to support busy parents and carers.

If your child is going to be absent, please text a message before 9.00am to **07526 750764** stating your child's name, form and the reason for their absence. Please be good enough to text before 9am on every day they will not be attending school. On day three of any absence, we will call you and ask to speak to your child in order to fulfil our safeguarding responsibilities. For all other concerns/enquiries, please continue to call or email after 10.30am. Feel free to phone (01522) 882020 and select option 2 or email attendance@srpa.co.uk. Thank you.

6th form debate success

On Wednesday, I was delighted to present one of our sixth form debate teams with a trophy for success against Franklin College, Grimsby. The victorious team argued strongly pro a boycott of the FIFA World Cup by the England team on human rights grounds. It was excellent to see this initiative taking shape and being successful thanks to Miss Bennett and Miss Smith in the Humanities faculty. Well done to our Year 12 students for bringing home some silverware!

Uniform

Please be good enough to check that your child is dressed suitably for school at the beginning of the day.

We have seen an increase in youngsters coming to school in 'hybrid' uniforms with some of their PE kit under their main uniform including red or white socks etc. We would value your support in this area to maintain the orderly running of the Academy.

Anti-bullying week

Contrary to what you may read in some places, we take bullying extremely seriously and will always attempt to deal with issues rapidly whilst educating bullies, the wider student body and parents about bullying. Whilst we know that bullying is defined (by the Anti-Bullying Alliance) as "the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power", not all students do recognise it as such. With this in mind, we have taken the opportunity to consider this issue again with students over the past two weeks, including in assemblies.

We are proud of our gold award for tackling bullying and will remain relentless in our approach to it.

Green Christmas tips

In my promised weekly update of green Christmas tips, think about using LED lights this year. Not only are they cheaper, they use up 75% less energy than conventional bulbs.

As we approach the last three weeks of term and we inch into December, we are going into our formal period of quality assurance over the next two weeks. We call this our Whole Academy Review where the senior team work across the whole academy to measure the impact of our work so far this academic year and to rewrite our school self-evaluation (SEF) for Ofsted. Although we do this constantly anyway, this is a chance to drill down hard on all aspects of our work and to reflect on how we can improve, as well as recognising our strengths. I am very pleased with where the Academy currently sits and would expect Ofsted to agree. As former US politician Solomon Ortiz once said, "Education is the key to success in life, and teachers make a lasting impact in the lives of their students."

Long may this continue at SRPA.

Have a lovely weekend.



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I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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