

Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

Via Diversa Vita Una



13 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 parents' evening, Year 9 options, Year 12 Changemakers project, Parent Governor vacancy, Hykeham Station tactile paving upgrade, Health & Wellbeing bulletin, We Will Rock You advertisement poster

Welcome to my end of week letter. We are just entering the formal examination season for Year 11 and 13 mock examinations, and this has been our big focus over the past few days. This week has been a busy week on a personal professional level. In addition, we have continued to firm up our plans for the summer term and our 70th anniversary celebrations - more to follow next week on this topic. In the meantime, some timely updates below:

Year 13 parents' evening

This will be held in person at the Academy on Thursday 19 January. Appointments can now be made online, and Mrs Corah has already published instructions. Any problems, please contact us via our dedicated email address at sixthform@srpa.co.uk.

Year 9 options

Planning for Year 9 options continues apace. Prospectus brochures are now ready, and all course description sheets are complete. Our microsite is also just about ready for publication too and will stay open until June to allow for all students and parents/carers to gain full access to our curriculum offer. Specific details about options evening will follow next week. Guides will be handed out during R2L next Friday.

Year 12 Changemakers project

For this term our Year 12 Changemakers are leading a fundraiser to support positive mental health during January. They appreciate this may be a difficult time for many after the Christmas holidays but would like to reach a target of £1,000 to donate to the Mental Health Charity 'Mind'.

This is also a great opportunity to celebrate the opening of our new on-site gym.

This is a project that our current Year 13 students started in 2022, where they had numerous fundraisers to raise money to fund the infrastructure and equipment to create this space that will support promote positive mental health of our current students.



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Over the course of next week, our sixth form students will be setting up a stationary bike in the new gym for sixth form students and staff, who will be asked to raise a little bit of money themselves.

They will cycle the distance between Lincoln and London, some whilst wearing a weighted backpack. We hope this raises awareness of the weight people carry on a daily basis struggling with mental health.

The GoFundMe link is below if you would like to donate. Alternatively, the students have set up a simple donation of £1 on ParentPay as an alternative. The fundraiser will run for two weeks, and we will announce how much has been raised on Friday 26 January.

www.gofundme.com/f/cycle-lincoln-to-london-for-mental-health

Parent Governor vacancy

A vacancy has arisen on our Board of Trustees for a parent governor. Please contact Mrs Goffe via agoffe@srpa.co.uk for further details and an application form.

Hykeham Station tactile paving upgrade

I am seeking comments as part of a public consultation process for proposals to install tactile paving along Platform 2 at Hykeham Station.

Hykeham Station is located along the Nottingham and Barnetby Line in Lincolnshire. The station has regular passenger services to destinations such as Grimsby, Leicester and Lincoln. The station consists of two platforms which are both accessed via the level crossing on Station Road. Platform 1 is located on the west side of the level crossing and Platform 2 located on the east side of the level crossing.

Network Rail have set out a programme of works to install tactile paving at railway stations across the UK, including at Hykeham Station, in order to improve accessibility across the railway for blind and partially sighted rail users.

Proposed Works

At present, tactile paving is installed along the edge of Platform 1, but not along the edge of Platform 2. The purpose of tactile paving along railway platforms is to inform those who are blind or visually impaired of the location of the platform edge.



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The use of tactile paving surfaces is important because these surfaces convey vital information to blind and partially sighted people of any dangers or obstacles they may be approaching, such as a crossing, steps, or in this case, a platform edge. It is imperative that the correct type of paving is used so that users can correctly identify the hazard in front of them. The tactile paving will be designed and constructed in accordance with industry standards. The paving will be laid in a contrasting colour to the platform surface.

All works will be undertaken outside of station opening hours. As a result, no temporary access restrictions or disruption to passengers is expected while the tactile paving is installed. The works are expected to be completed within one overnight working period.

I have been asked to reply on behalf of academy stakeholders by **23 January**. If anyone wishes to contact me with their thoughts in order for me to submit them en masse as part of an academy submission on this subject, please reply by email to my PA, Miss L. Timbrell at ltimbrell@srpa.co.uk by **noon on Friday 20 January**. Thank you.

Health & Wellbeing bulletin

Please find the latest edition published with this letter.

We Will Rock You advertisement poster

Please find attached our poster advertising our latest Academy Show which will run during the week beginning 6 February. Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £3.50 for children. Programmes will be priced at £1 each. We have been forced to increase our ticket prices this year due to soaring costs in the performance sector. For example, buying the rights to be able to run an annual show has risen from £600 to £2,000 and, in order to keep costume costs down for families, we have subsumed these costs from the main academy budget, but it has cost £1,500 in addition to the rights. After the success of our Les Mis production last year, we are keen to continue our success in this area and hope you will understand.

Miss France and her team have managed to encourage a cast of 80 students to take part and I am really excited to see the performance in full.

In recent days, we have seen some disturbing stories about the influence of Andrew Tate, currently in prison in Romania for human trafficking and sexual offences.

It has been reported in the press about his far-reaching influences on several social media platforms and the role schools may play in combatting hate where young people can easily be influenced.



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While I have not become aware of specific incidents at our academy pertaining to this individual, it is worrying that, in 2023, his outdated misogynistic and racist views continue to gain traction. As John Lennon once said, "Don't hate what you don't understand."

We, as educationalists, have a key role to play in being relentless in the face of prejudice to ensure that our youngsters are well-prepared for life in a multi-cultural, tolerant and kind society and can find a space for themselves where happiness and safety prevail. Be assured of our mission to do so at SRPA.

Have a wonderful weekend when it comes.

Yours faithfully

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

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