



27 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Options, PD Day Next Week, Parent Governor Vacancy, Big Battery Hunt, We Will Rock You Tickets, Uniform Policy Changes

Welcome to my end of week update letter. Mock examinations continue apace and we have hosted our first in-person options evening since the pandemic restrictions which was lovely to see. As we approach another jam-packed week at the Academy next week, please find some timely updates below:

NEU Strike – 01/02/23

My position on this matter has not changed since last week and we expect to be open in a pretty normal fashion. Again, if we need to make any last-minute changes to the curriculum we will, but I still do not expect any inconvenience to parents/carers and students.

Year 9 Options

Thank you to all students and parents/carers who attended our options evening this week. It is always a big event in our annual calendar, and I hope it proved useful in supporting you with this process. The microsite is still available through Frog and will be kept open online until the end of June to aid students and their families:

<https://vle.srpa.co.uk/01665d08846023017afe696479496c82>.

Mr Kirk and Mr Ward have asked me to remind you of the 3 February deadline as we are keen to keep to that timeframe due to the length of time it takes with such a large year group to confirm choices. For any further support or questions, please contact us using options@srpa.co.uk.

PD Day Next Week

Tuesday 31 January is this term's Personal Development drop down day. We have a very busy day planned.

Year 9 will focus on taster sessions for GCSE options and future careers. All year groups will take part in the Academy's Learning 2 Learn Programme, NSPCC Numbers Day and explore the Holocaust Memorial Day.

Year 12 are out of the Academy completing a week of work experience and Year 13 are preparing for life after 6th form and will take part in the Resilient Me workshop.

We are looking forward to students enjoying the day.

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.

Big Battery Hunt

This year, SRPA will be taking part in Duracell's Big Battery Hunt. Over 600 million batteries are thrown away every year. That means that over 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites where they take over a hundred years to decompose. The chemicals in the batteries can pollute the soil and water, harming animals and endangering our lives too. You can do your bit to help our planet by going on a Big Battery Hunt to find all your used batteries. Once you have found them, please encourage your children to take them to Miss Taylor in the York office to collect for recycling! Miss Taylor will be entering the amount collected before 23 June into the Big Battery Hunt prize draw for a chance to win £3,500 towards school garden and outdoor equipment. To find out more, please visit www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk

We Will Rock You Tickets

Our show week is fast approaching, and we still have some tickets left which are available through ParentPay. For further details please email the admin team using enquiries@srpa.co.uk. Thank you.

Uniform Policy Changes

I have agreed some changes to the uniform policy with the trustees, particularly around hair styles. Given the cost-of-living crisis, I feel it is important to support families who have fed back that cutting their child's hair shorter allows for longer spaces of time between haircuts. This is a policy area where I have not made any changes since coming to post so now is the time. Essentially, this is a relaxation of our existing policy after listening to others. With this in mind, please find the new policy attached which is now in place with immediate effect.

This week has been one to mark a first for me since coming to post – Aimee H in Year 13 has successfully been accepted into Cambridge to read Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology. We are so proud of all of our youngsters, but this is a moment to mark and celebrate as it validates the quality of students here and the depth and breadth of our curriculum too. Almost 80% of our Year 13 cohort have applied and been successful in achieving offers at universities in their chosen fields which is a great achievement and also testament to the sixth form and careers team here at SRPA who are supporting all of our students with real aplomb. Well done to all of you!



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I have also had the pleasure of interviewing our prospective Year 12 student senior leaders. We have a huge amount of talent on display here at SRPA and this has been a really joyful experience for me. This morning I held an informed assembly to offer them all their respective roles and I have written to them all too. Next week, they will be presented with their lapel badges, and we will book in to have them measured for their new grey SSLT blazers. Well done everyone – an excellent outcome!

I am a big fan of the novels of the Brazilian author, Paulo Coelho, who once said “Remember your dreams and fight for them. You must know what you want from life. There is just one thing that makes your dream become impossible: the fear of failure”. I hope that all of our students will push on until half term, working hard and fulfilling their potential without fear of failure as that is how we learn and grow.

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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SIR ROBERT PATTINSON ACADEMY

UNIFORM POLICY

Date Reviewed in School: January 2023
Date Approved by Governors: **23 January 2023**
Review Date: January 2026

UNIFORM POLICY

Sir Robert Pattinson Academy has a clear, sustainable, affordable and smart school uniform. Students in year 7 to 11 wear this uniform with pride.

School expectations		We do not wear
Blazer and tie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain navy blue with academy logo (awarded by Head Teacher) • Red striped tie (KS4) • Blue striped tie (KS3) 	
Shirt or blouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain white with collar • Cotton or polyester • Long or short sleeves • Buttoned front • Plain style • Tucked in at waist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T Shirt • Polo shirt
Trousers / Skirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To the knee dark grey pleated school skirt • Dark grey straight/regular leg school trousers (no ankle grazer, or drainpipe style trousers) • Plain style • Trousers to touch the shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denim • Jean material • Fashion skirt/trouser • Leggings/footless tights • Black Trousers • Tapered leg trousers • Jegging style trousers • Jersey material
Jumper (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'V' neck Jumper – navy blue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logos
Top Coat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain colour (s) • Warm and weatherproof • To be hung up in the cloakroom or placed inside a bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An extra sweater or hoodie worn instead of a topcoat. • No large logo's • Denim • Any type of fur coat and faux fur
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain Black Leather school shoe • Practical and safe style 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainers, logoed Trainers, boots, canvas • 'Decorated' black shoes • Heel no higher than 25mm
Socks, tights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain black or natural tights • Grey or black regular socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leggings/footless tights • White socks • Trainer socks of any colour
Jewellery & Make-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch • For pierced ears, one pair of plain ball shaped studs, one stud in each ear lobe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bracelets / necklaces • Rings • Non-stud earrings • Facial piercings • Plasters covering piercings • Clear spacers • Excessive makeup (including eye-brow make-up) • False nails • Nail varnish • Smartwatches including Apple Watches

Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One natural colour • Plain black or blue hairband • Minimum number 1 back and sides • Long hair (past the blazer collar) tied back for PE and practical lessons • Navy Hijab, navy Salwar Kameez, navy Durag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attract undue attention • Have patterns or letters shaved in • Extremes of hairstyle (for example, fully shaved head, closely shaved heads, step cuts) • Skin fades • Tram lines, cuts in hair or eyebrows • Brightly dyed (e.g. red/purple/green/blue)/block or dip-dyed coloured hair
Hats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only to be worn outside of the building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No baseball caps • No logos

The wearing of **baseball caps** and **'hoodies'** is not acceptable; these will be confiscated.

Black **"trainer type shoes"** manufactured by sports companies, e.g: Nike, Adidas, Puma, Lonsdale etc. will not be accepted as school shoes.

The Academy will be the final arbiter on what is deemed to be acceptable as school uniform.

Where a uniform infringement is identified, in order to support students returning to their lessons as soon as possible, parents/carers will be notified. If a confiscation has been necessary, to encourage students to follow the policy, the item will be only be returned at 3.15pm unless there have been repeat confiscations, where it will be returned on Friday (unless collected by a parent/carer). We welcome parental support with this matter to minimise disruption to the Academy with managing students' property. The intention being to rectify the infringement and return the student to lessons.

- Naming of student property is important for clear identification if it is misplaced or lost.
- In exceptional circumstances, where students are unable to wear correct school dress, parents are asked to provide a note for the form tutor to consider. In exceptional circumstances, 24 hours grace can be given to obtain the correct uniform. Please contact your child's House team with any queries you may have in this regard.

PE KIT REQUIREMENTS

Red/Navy Sports t-shirt with Embroidered Logo

Plain Navy Shorts

Plain Red (Outdoor) Socks (for football and rugby)

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White (indoor) ankle socks (not for sale at Uniform Direct)

Trainers (not for sale at Uniform Direct)

Football boots (for football and rugby) (not for sale at Uniform Direct)

Shin pads (for football) (not for sale at Uniform Direct)

Gumshield (for rugby) (not for sale at Uniform Direct)

Outdoor Tops (Either One)

Navy Quarter Zip Top with Embroidered Logo

or

Navy/Red Rugby Shirt with Embroidered Logo

Optional

Plain Navy Skirt

Plain Navy running/sports leggings without stripes/logos

Plain Navy Base Layer Top

KS4/5 Examination PE/Sport

- Optional T-shirt, sweatshirt, hoodie

Shoes

Suitable	Unsuitable
	