



Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome Back Guide, Open Week and Open Evening, Buses, Careers and Work-Related Bulletin, RP6th Year 12 Engagement Evening – Tuesday 26 September 2023, Awards Evening – Wednesday 27 September 2023, Sporting Successes, Service Tutor Introductory Letter

Welcome to my weekly update letter. Although the weather has been highly changeable this week, we have seen success as you will see below. We held a fire drill yesterday and were really impressed with the outcome. Behaviour was outstanding as youngsters exited the building and Year 7 coped admirably. The building was cleared very quickly and only ten seconds outside our record time! We also look forward to a couple of important events next week.

More information below:

Welcome Back Guide

Please find attached a 'one stop shop' Welcome Back guide which you can stick on the fridge for whenever you need to contact us or need a quick piece of information. We hope it helps.

Open Week and Open Evening

This week has been a very successful showcase for the Academy. Tours have been held during the mornings and Open Evening was our largest yet, so much so, I held three Headmaster talks which I have never done before! This goes to show the profile of the Academy now in the local area and bodes well for admissions numbers next academic year.

Buses

On Tuesday evening, I met a select group of parents with regard to the old 570 bus service. Expressions of interest were given out for parents to complete in order that we can progress our plan to supply a bus. Since my last letter, LCC are also looking at working with existing transport providers to see if they can also support this bus route. I do not have any further details with regard to the LCC plan at this time but am hopeful. However, for us to supply a service we really need to gauge full interest in order to make it worthwhile. The deadline has now passed to return these forms which were sent out separately earlier in the week.

Careers and Work-Related Bulletin

Please find attached term 1 careers and work-related bulletin.

RP6th Year 12 Engagement Evening – Tuesday 26 September 2023

Mr Griffiths and his team will be offering this event next Tuesday for all new Year 12 students and their parents/carers. This is separate to the upcoming settling in tutor evening and is a chance to see how we intend to support your youngster through the year.

Awards Evening – Wednesday 27 September 2023

We are really looking forward to this event next week when we welcome award winning Year 11 and 13 students back from last year to celebrate their academic successes. The event begins at 6pm and our keynote speaker is Hamish Falconer, Labour candidate at the next election for Lincoln.

Sporting Successes

This week we held just two sporting fixtures with the Year 9 football team winning 12-0 versus Gainsborough Academy. That is 23 goals scored and none conceded in two games. In addition, the Year 8 football team won 9-1 against the same opposition. Excellent work!

Service Tutor Introductory Letter

Next week, our Services tutor, Mrs Edmondson will be sending out a letter to introduce herself and outline the support available to this group of students.

We are now a good couple of weeks into term and routines are now established after a full cycle of the timetable. As I walk the Academy, I see a community hard at work and play with exceptional behaviour and an appetite for learning. That is exactly where we want to be. I keep repeating the mantra that every second counts to anyone I meet in order to frame our daily work, but Bruce Lee put it better when he said "Preparation for tomorrow is hard work today."

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster



"This is a calm, happy and caring school."





Welcome Back to SRPA 2023

A very warm welcome to a new academic year at our Academy. We thought it would be useful to collect some information together at the beginning of the year. We have an exciting year ahead planned and we look forward to working with our students, their parents and carers.

Contacting the Academy

By telephone: 01522 882020 (lines are open from 8:00am — 4:30pm Monday to Thursday and 8:00am — 4:00pm on Friday).

By email: enquiries@srpa.co.uk

Academy Day

Registration: 8:40am (students should be on site at 8:38am).

End of day: 3:15pm.

Students Arriving by Car

Students may be dropped off onsite using the overflow carpark situated at the front of the Academy, otherwise, they should enter by foot through one of the pedestrian gates.

Buses and Taxis

All student transport is run by the Local Authority. Any queries or complaints regarding transport should be directed to them. They can be contacted via telephone: 01522 782020 or via email: schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk

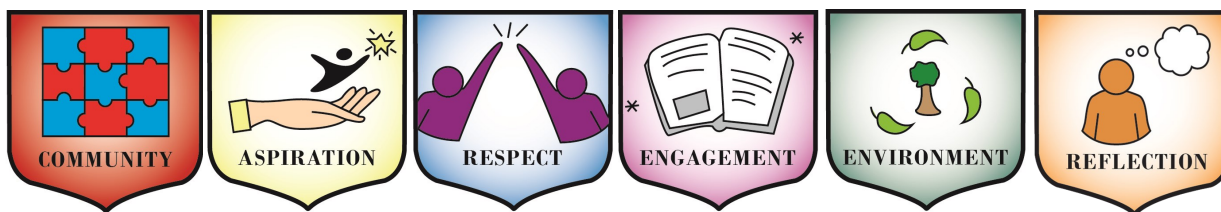
If your child is unwell

Before the start of the academic day, please telephone the Academy to inform us of any illness on 01522 882020 and select Option 2, or use the text service on 07526 750764. This service is available 24 hours a day.

During the day, all students should report to first aid to be assessed, located in the SLC. The first aider will contact parents/carers if required. All students must ensure that they are assessed by a first aider and should not be contacting parents/carers themselves first.

Dining

We have multiple dining outlets—the dining hall, and two catering pods located outside in the yard. Please note, the dining hall is also open before the start of the day for students to purchase breakfast.



Free School Meals

Money is automatically added to your child's account on a daily basis. It is important therefore that funds are fully spent each transaction per day as unfortunately, they cannot be carried over. Parents/carers may choose to add these funds via ParentPay, but should note that money allocated for free school meals will be taken first. We would therefore advise students to use their full allocation on the first transaction of each day.

ParentPay

All payments to the Academy for food purchased and trips are made via ParentPay. It is important that funds are kept topped up so students do not overspend on their accounts. It is really useful to set up alerts and notifications on the 'alerts & communications' section located on the ParentPay homepage. Further details can be found [here](#). If you believe your child is entitled to a free school meal, you can find further information and how to apply [here](#).

Toilet Locations

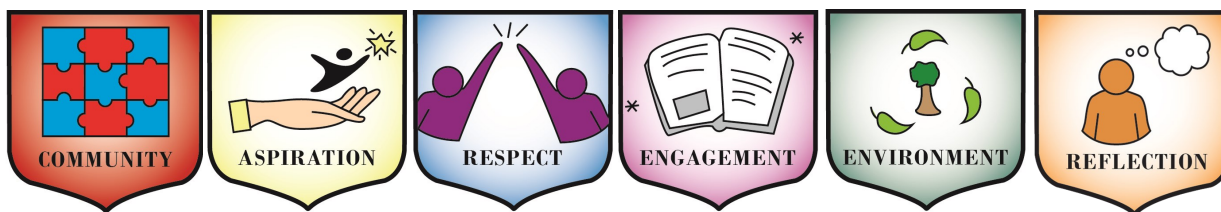
The toilets are located in the Great Hall and three storey block. Access during lessons is for those with medical needs only. Red toilet passes are those pupils whose medical needs permit access to the toilets/medical when their individual needs present. They are of course exempt from Late marks.

Wet Weather Arrangements

On the rare occasions we have wet weather and therefore a need to ring 3 bells, we have implemented the following to ensure a calm Academy, with minimal impact on lessons in the afternoon. We aim to support students by opening up classrooms. We also aim to maintain the dining hall, library, sports clubs and main hall provisions. Students may still access the catering pods in the yard and the canopies allow for much cover outside. Please ensure you provide your child with a coat for inclement weather.

Reporting Concerns

Students are encouraged to report any concerns or worries directly to a member of staff immediately. Parents and carers can report or raise concerns by either telephoning 01522 882020 or emailing the Academy at enquiries@srpa.co.uk. Concerns should be directed to your child's R2L tutor in the first instance. The pastoral teams also manage concerns raised by parents and carers on pastoral matters.



Key Staff

House:	Tudor	Stuart	York	Windsor	Lancaster
Director of Pastoral Care	Mr Lloyd-Richards				
Head of House (HoH)	Mr Reed	Mr Skaley	Miss Taylor	Mrs G Rodgers	Mrs Palser
Deputy Head of House (DHoH)	Miss Hett	Mrs Hodson	Mr Manderfield	Mrs Lee	Mrs Hought
Senior Pastoral Leader	Mr Turner				
Pastoral Leader	Mrs Rowley	Mr Spence	Miss Anderson	Miss Wheeler	M Luckett

Executive SENCO—Mr Adlington

Deputy SENCO—Mrs Hardy

Head of RP6th—Mr Griffiths

Deputy Head of RP6th — Miss Walker

Curriculum

Details about what your child will study each term and by subject can be found here: <https://srpa.co.uk/our-curriculum/subject-curriculum/>

Please contact Mr Kirk for Key Stage 3 academic enquiries: GKirk@srpa.co.uk

Please contact Ms Empson for Key Stage 4 academic enquiries: LEmpson@srpa.co.uk

Please contact Mrs Corah for Key Stage 5 academic enquiries: ACorah@srpa.co.uk

Extra-Curricular Clubs & Activities

The Academy runs a large variety of clubs and activities. More details can be found here: <https://srpa.co.uk/extra-curricular-clubs-activities/>

SEND

Our Executive SENCO is Mr Adlington. All SEND students will have three SEND reviews with a member of the SENCO team each year, one of which will be during the year group parents' evening (dates on over-leaf). If you do need to discuss your child's needs in the meantime, we encourage you to contact the SENCO team by either telephoning or emailing the Academy on SEND@srpa.co.uk.



Wellbeing

Students' wellbeing and emotional health is extremely important and we recognise that at times they may need additional support. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact Mr Turner at CTurner@srpa.co.uk. Mr Turner is our senior mental health lead and available to discuss support.

Calendar

Please see below dates for the following events:

Parents Evening

Year 7 — 1 May 2024

Year 8 — 17 January 2024

Year 9 — 29 November 2023

Year 10 — 15 May 2024

Year 11 — 28 February 2024

Year 12 — 5 June 2024

Year 13 — 21 February 2024

Options Evening

GCSE: 24 January 2024

Post-16: 1 November 2023

Uniform

Our current uniform is available from Uniform Direct. We are also currently building stock up from used uniform that is good condition and donations are always welcome. Sales from these donations will be donated to our nominated charity each year. The uniform list, policy and procedures can be found on our website: <https://srpa.co.uk/students/our-uniform/>

Mobile Phones

For the safeguarding of students, mobile phone use is prohibited whilst on the Academy site. Any use of mobile phones will result in them being confiscated for parental/carers collection.

Term Dates 2023-24/2024-25

These are available on our website: <https://srpa.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/8-Term-Dates-2023-24-ALT-Format-SRPA-Final-002-1.pdf>



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Careers and Work-Related Learning

Term 1 Bulletin 2023

Welcome to the Term 1 Careers and Work-Related Learning Bulletin for September.

Apprenticeships

If you would like to have a look at current Apprenticeship vacancies, please visit:
www.gov.uk.



Here are some of the latest:

Business Administrator Level 3 Apprenticeship

City of Lincoln Council

(Added 06 Sep 2023 - 1 position available)

The City of Lincoln Council is seeking a highly motivated individual to work within their Human Resources/Payroll and Work Based Learning team. The role will involve supporting team members to provide a range of administrative duties.

Distance: 0.1 miles ► [Journey time](#)

Closing date: 01 Oct 2023

Possible start date: 13 Nov 2023



[About disability confident](#)



Apprentice Service Receptionist

Stoneacre Motor Group

(Added 24 Jul 2023 - 1 position available)

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone wanting a customer service career in the motor industry. We have a fantastic success rate regarding our apprentices now in a Career for Life with Stoneacre, some even in senior positions. We have our own training Academy with lead occupational tutors to teach you the knowledge and skills to succeed.

Distance: 0.9 miles ► [Journey time](#)

Closing date: 30 Sep 2023

Possible start date: 01 Oct 2023



Optical Assistant Apprenticeship - Lincoln Specsavers

SPECSAVERS OPTICAL SUPERSTORES LIMITED

(Added 24 Aug 2023 - 1 position available)

Our apprenticeship gives people of all ages a chance to start an exciting career, while earning a full-time wage. Duties include - booking customers in for eye tests, pre-screening, recommending suitable frames. We are looking for individuals who are enthusiastic about providing great customer service and would like to pursue a career in optics.

Distance: 0.3 miles ► [Journey time](#)

Closing date: in 4 days

Possible start date: 09 Oct 2023



Apprentice Motor Vehicle Technician

CAMPER UK LTD

(Added 07 Sep 2023 - 1 position available)

CamperUK is a motorhome dealer based in Lincoln selling Luxury brands such as Burstner, Carthago and more, we pride ourselves in delivering 1st class customer service in all areas of the business, and we are looking for an articulate, well-motivated apprentice technician to join our expanding busy department.

Distance: 1.3 miles ► [Journey time](#)

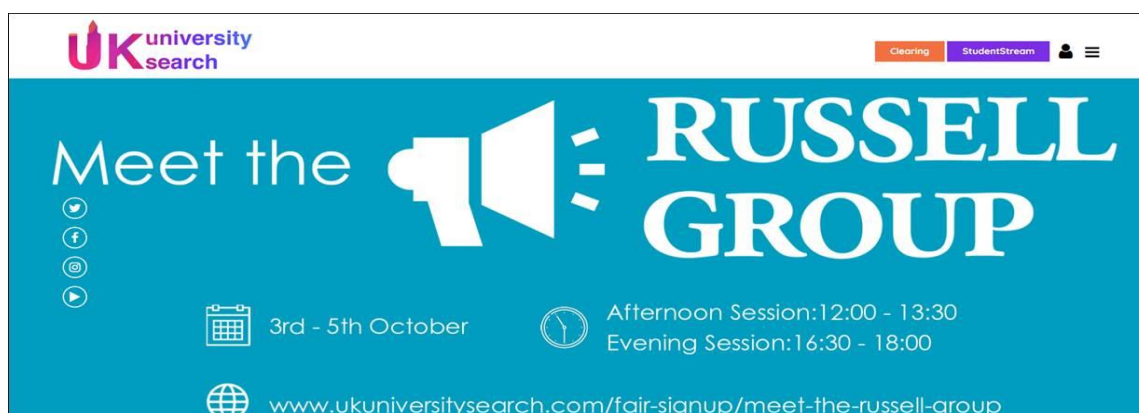
Closing date: in 6 days

Possible start date: 05 Oct 2023



What's on

When: Tuesday 03 October - Wednesday 04 October



UK University Search are excited to be collaborating with the Russell Group once again to bring you our popular, informative and inspiring webinars that cover a range of key topics.

Taking place from the 03-05 October, we have five 90 minute sessions each featuring six expert panellists who will offer clear, impartial guidance for students looking at taking the next step in their educational journey. Each session the chat will be managed by other representatives from the Russell Group who will be able to answer specific questions and provide further information throughout. [Register here](#) for our Russell Group Webinars.

Day 1 - 3 October

- An Introduction to the Russell Group and why choose to Study there? 12:00pm to 1:30pm
- Student life at 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Day 2 - 4 October

- The International Students Session – 9:00am to 10:30am

Day 3 - 5 October

- Researching University Options – 12:00pm to 1:30pm
- Personal Statements and Applying to a Russell Group University – 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Armed Forces Careers

When: 26 September 2023 - 7:30pm – 9:00pm

RAF World is back, offering an exclusive look behind the scenes of the Royal Air Force Regulars and Reserves. Whether you're seeking a dynamic full-time career or part-time flexibility, make sure to tune in and discover the future possibilities with the RAF from the comfort of your home:

- Explore interactive 360° global operations, delving into the world of RAF support worldwide through informative videos and insights to help you find your ideal RAF career.
- Tune in to our Main Stage show and learn from our seasoned professionals about our collaborative efforts to ensure the success of our ceremonial work.
- Connect with a friendly RAF recruiter directly online. Our experts will answer all your inquiries about career paths, RAF lifestyle, sports opportunities, benefits, and how to embark on your RAF journey.



STEM Opportunities

We are running programmes in **10 STEM and medical science careers this term**, available in-person in London or live online.

Students can expect to participate in interactive simulations and masterclasses led by industry professionals working in the field, with highlights including:

- **Medicine:** Practise stitching up a wound
- **Engineering:** Design the mission to take humans to Mars
- **Psychology:** Carry out a clinical psychology assessment
- **Computer Science:** Design your own web application

Weekend Programme Dates

Link: **[VIEW STEM PROGRAMMES | AGES 15-18](#)**

Architecture - 5 November 2023

Medicine - 5 November 2023

Entrepreneurship - 5 November 2023

Dentistry - 12 November 2023

Engineering - 12 November 2023

Computer Science - 12 November 2023

Investment Banking - 19 November 2023

Psychology - 19 November 2023

Veterinary Science - 26 November 2023

Forensic Science - 26 November 2023

Link: [VIEW STEM PROGRAMMES | AGES 12-14](#)

Engineering – 21 January 2024

Medicine - 21 January 2024

Computer Science - 28 January 2024

Investment Banking - 28 January 2024

POPULAR PROGRAMMES



Young Doctor Weekend



Young Investment Banker Weekend



Young Lawyer Weekend



Young Engineer Weekend



Young Psychologist Weekend



Young Forensic Scientist Weekend



Young Computer Scientist Weekend



Young Artist Weekend

The Premed Projects Team

When: every Monday at 7:30pm in October

A free 5-week course for all students aged 14-18 interested in healthcare complete with a work experience certificate.

Perfect for all students aged 14-18 interested in Biology, Science, healthcare and of course those considering careers in medicine.

Students can join our doctors live and online every Monday at 7:30pm in October as they go through interactive real life patient cases from symptoms, diagnosis and treatment.

Students who cannot attend live will have access to the recordings to watch for 30 days afterwards when they have time.



All of our doctors work in busy NHS hospitals so this is a unique opportunity to learn more about healthcare and gain some fantastic material to use in med school applications and to talk about at interview as verified work experience.



Students just need to visit www.premedprojects.co.uk/free-online-work-experience-sessions where they will be able to sign up for the course



When: 13 – 17 November

Did you know that the British creative industries are booming? Together with Discover! Creative Careers, we will be delivering a week of FULLY FUNDED virtual sessions to state schools and colleges as part of Discover! Creative Careers Week 2023 – including face-to-face opportunities in some regions – to showcase careers in creative tech, film, animation, design, music, fashion, publishing, architecture, crafts, heritage, museums, galleries and more!

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/>

- DISCOVER! INSIGHT SESSIONS - 1 to 5 hour work experience from leading employers, for students aged 14-19.
- DISCOVER! GROUP WORKSHOPS - Up to 2 hour teacher-led workshops, for whole classes with short activities.
- DISCOVER! INSPIRATIONAL TALKS - Broadcasts from experts in the creative industries, for students aged 11–19.
- DISCOVER! NATIONAL TEEN BOOK CLUB -Online sessions with speakers from the world of publishing, for students aged 11–19.

For more information please contact: jen.kitching@speakersforschools.org

Unifrog Webinar



Top tips for acing your Personal Statement

Part of Applications masterclasses webinar series >

Your Personal Statement is an opportunity to demonstrate your passion and secure that spot on your dream university course. Sign up now to get practical tips for a perfect Personal Statement and learn how to stand out in different subject areas.

> Monday 25 September @ 17:30 UK time - 1hr - [sign up](#) or [Share](#)

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars/upcoming/821-top-tips-for-acing-your-personal-statement>

Hull University Webinars

The University of Hull have joined with Uniquet to host and deliver a range of webinars for students and parents about the processes of applying to university and also preparation for university life.

The link below will take you straight to the booking page for these webinars.

<https://www.hull.ac.uk/study/webinars>




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Aspirations Ambassador Update

Milena R: *"Currently some of the Year 13 students are in the process of applying for universities like Oxford and Cambridge, and for courses such as Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry. Others could be looking at apprenticeships that they might want to apply for in couple of months time or other courses that have a later application deadline. In terms of lower school, there was an open evening on the 20 September that had a lots of student volunteer helpers from all years, including the presence of the SSLT, and many of the parents and primary school students attended to help them make the best choice for secondary school education."*



Careers Trip Updates

On 15 September 2023, Year 12 Geographers attended the Geographical Association Sixth Form Conference at The University of Lincoln. Fifteen schools and academies from around the East Midlands attended the event organised by the School of Geography.

During the morning, students participated in lectures about natural hazards and globalisation, gaining a real insight into what it is like to attend university and learn in a large lecture theatre experience.

In the afternoon, as part of their studies into Contemporary Urban Environments, students carried out fieldwork in Lincoln city centre to investigate if Lincoln is a Clone Town.

After the data collection, data presentation and data analysis students concluded that Lincoln is moving towards being a secure Clone Town, in that it has an increasing number of chain stores and restaurants, making it much like many other cities in the UK.



Parental Help

If you are able to offer any work experience placements or could spare some time to visit students to talk to them about your own career path, please do get in touch as we would be very grateful for your involvement and sharing of your knowledge and expertise in your field. We also welcome your ideas and feedback as to what we include in our Careers & Work-Related Bulletin. Please email SMather@srpa.co.uk with your feedback.