



# Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

**Open Week and Open Evening, Buses, Go 4 Schools and Home Learning, Awards Evening 27 September 2023, Circle of Life Award for Community Action, Sporting Successes, Year 7 NGRT and NGST Digital Exercises next week, Flu Vaccinations – 9 October 2023, SRPA Values**

Welcome to my weekly update letter. As we approach the end of our first full week back in the saddle, it is fair to say that it has been successful, despite the weather at times. Youngsters managed well with our new wet weather arrangements and have shown excellent behaviour throughout the week. Long may that continue.

In addition, we have seen a return of our Autumn term sporting fixtures and plans are afoot for Open Week and Awards Evening. More below:

## **Open Week and Open Evening**

Next week, we open our doors for our annual open week. Tours will be available from 9:10am until 12:15pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with some of our students and I will be running my usual Thursday morning tours from 9:00am – 11:30am.

Open evening is always a highlight of the year and begins at 6:00pm next Wednesday 20 September 2023. I will be holding talks throughout the evening and all departments and faculties will be open to showcase their curriculum arrangements.

## **Buses**

This week, I have been contacted by many students and parents unhappy or concerned with regard to the recently cancelled services and how the change in arrangements affects their children, particularly citing early pick-ups and lateness returning home. In the spirit of being solution focussed, I am currently in negotiations to run our own service on school day mornings and afternoons with parents paying us instead of paying for bus tickets. I will be holding a parent meeting on this subject at 5:30pm next Tuesday, 19 September 2023, to explain our current plans, costs and to agree pick up points. This service will be exclusively for those students currently affected by the recent change in arrangements. I hope to see many of you then in the hope of doing you a favour and saving you some time.

## **Go 4 Schools and Home Learning**

### **For students:**

To aid your child's homework, email and Go 4 schools access we have compiled together advice for them to work from home. Click on the link for this information.

<https://srpa.co.uk/about-us/advice-for-working-from-home/>

Please note, your child must set up the multi-factor authentication app on their phone to access these resources from home. Please follow the steps for setting this up.

### **For Parents:**

If you would like to follow your child's progress, homework, attendance and behaviour, you can do this via our Go 4 Schools portal. Please follow the link below to follow the steps to gain your access.

<https://srpa.co.uk/parents/parents-guide-to-go-4-schools/>

For Year 7 Parents, please sign in as a first-time user.

### **Awards Evening - 27 September 2023**

We always hold a celebration of achievement for our outgoing Year 11 and 13 students who have achieved academic success. This week, students due to receive an award should have received a letter from me. We have an excellent keynote speaker for the evening who I will keep under wraps for now, but I hope to see many of you there.

### **Circle of Life Award for Community Action**

This project has touched many lives and I am really pleased to have received a trophy. Six students, who earned a special reward for their outstanding performance in the Circle of Life, had a truly magical experience viewing a performance of The Lion King which left them spellbound as they witnessed the characters come to life on stage.

What made this day even more extraordinary was the opportunity for them to meet some of the cast and engage in a lively Q&A session with the resident director and the company manager. This unique interaction allowed them to gain insights into the world of theatre and gain valuable perspectives from industry professionals.

Moreover, our students had the rare privilege of stepping onto the stage itself, where they could see first hand how the intricate mechanics of the production worked. It was a behind-the-scenes glimpse that truly enhanced their appreciation of the art of theatre and was a well-deserved reward.

In addition to all of this, our students were also part of something bigger—they were filmed for a Young Citizens programme that will showcase their hard work and dedication in winning the Circle of Life award. This recognition not only highlights their achievements but also serves as an inspiration to other young citizens.

We will be continuing this initiative as it is really rewarding for our youngsters to see the fruits of their labours in making a real difference.

We are delighted to share with you an attached photo of our trophy.



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## Sporting Successes

Our first fixtures of the new academic year saw our Year 9 and Year 11 football teams take on North Kesteven at home. The Year 9 team won 9-0 and the Year 11s won 4-2. Two great games played in the right spirit and, it is fair to say, I am really very pleased with the outcomes....

## Year 7 – Year 11 NGRT and NGST Digital Exercises Next Week

Next week, we will complete some short exercises to ascertain accurate reading and spelling for all year groups. Again, nothing to prepare and nothing to worry about. We will then share this data in due course with parents.

## Flu Vaccinations – 9 October 2023

After my letter last week where I sent out the consent letter, the date for nasal spray vaccinations has now been set for Monday 9 October 2023 at the Academy.

## SRPA Values

As part of our R2L programme, our students engage with the Academy values through a weekly R2L session. This term is focussed on the value of Respect. To complement the weekly values session, this year, we are launching optional values tasks for students to further their understanding and apply what they learn during R2L. Please find attached the optional tasks for term 1. The House team would be grateful if you could support your child through completing as many of these tasks as they can. Students are encouraged to show evidence of task completion to their form tutors to receive rewards on their Core Values cards.

At this time in the term, it is important to remind students that they cannot be successful or perfect all the time. While it is always nice to do well at something, we often learn more from those events when we do not do so well and can take some valuable learning from such occasions. When coaching sport, I have always taught my teams that there is winning and learning. Or, in the words of Winston Churchill, “Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm. Education is not just a destination in terms of examination results, it is a journey, and we take that journey every day, preferably with a smile”.

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.



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Yours faithfully



**Mr D Hardy**  
**Headmaster**



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*This term, your R2L Values tasks will cover Respect.*

*To help you apply what you learn in R2L, complete as many of these tasks as you can!*



# Term 1

## Value: Respect

<p>Task</p> <p>Say good morning to at least three people</p>	<p>Task</p> <p>Hold the door open at your classroom/in the corridor/exits</p>	<p>Task</p> <p>Attend peer mentoring training with Mrs Palser</p>
<p>Task</p> <p>In no more than 200 words, write down what respect means to you. What does it look like and how should it be demonstrated?</p>	<p>Task</p> <p>Create a poster that we could display to explain how we can show better respect to others and our environment.</p>	<p>Task</p> <p>Choose an important day in the calendar that we should respect as an academy. Explain why we should respect this day as a community.</p>

As you complete each task, gather some evidence. This could be a picture, a signature from an adult outside of school, a letter etc. Once you have completed your tasks, take your evidence to your form tutor, who will reward you as follows:

**2 completed tasks:** 10 stamps for your values card

**4 completed tasks:** 20 stamps

**All tasks complete:** full values card





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