



Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Reports, Year 11 Mock Results Afternoon, Year 11 Prom, Year 9 Options, Year 9 Vaccinations, DEAR, Planners, Sporting Success

Welcome to my end of week update letter.

This half term is often our busiest with Year 13 mocks, external vocational examinations, Year 9 options, Year 11 mock results afternoon, Year 11 parents' evening and the show. On top of that, we are shoehorning in our RP6th Open Evening given the changes to the qualifications landscape at national level, so a busy half term beckons with plenty of excitement!

Below are some important updates:

Year 11 Reports

Reports will be published next week prior to parents' evening next Wednesday. SchoolCloud is now open to book appointments for Year 11 Parents' Evening on 22 January 2025. The system will close bookings at 10pm on 21 January 2025.

Year 11 Mock Results Afternoon

This takes place on Monday 20 February 2025 along with some activities to support the process.

Year 11 Prom

Further to my previous letter, this is a gentle reminder of the deadline of 31 January 2025 for payment for the Year 11 prom. To date, we have received fewer than 60 payments and based on this, the prom is not financially viable. Should your young person wish to attend, the payment option is available on ParentPay until the deadline. We are really keen for the prom to go ahead but presently, as the numbers are so different to the initial straw poll, we are concerned that it won't be able to.

Year 9 Options

Year 9 students will receive their options guides next Friday ready to read and digest prior to options week which begins on Monday 27 January 2025.

Year 9 Vaccinations

These vaccinations will take place next Wednesday 22 January 2025. Mop-up sessions will then take place on Tuesday 18 March 2025.

DEAR (Drop Everything And Read)

As you may be aware, we have a reading initiative in the Academy called DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) which involves students reading in Ready2Learn on a weekly basis. Multiple studies have shown that reading for pleasure can benefit a child's education, and their social and cognitive development more than any other activity and this is evidenced by our Reading Gold award.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child has a book with them at all times to complete this activity. We have worked to embed this into pupil routines since September, which is ample time to establish the routine and on this basis students will face sanctions from next week moving forwards if they are not equipped for school.

Thank you in advance for your support in maximising pupils' preparedness for examinations and wider life.

Planners

As we begin our planning for the next academic year, we would appreciate your views on the pupil planner. Please complete the below Microsoft forms to provide this feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/e/8Und5swF2s>

Sporting Success

The county cross-country championships took place at Burghley House, Stamford last Saturday. Three of our students braved the freezing conditions to compete. Savannah W participated in the Junior Girls' (Years 8 and 9) competition. Savannah produced a fantastic performance finishing in 7th place. Freddie H and Ewan M both competed in the Year 7 boys' competition. Both were in the leading pack throughout the first half of the race. Unfortunately, Ewan had to withdraw due to injury. As the race progressed, the leading pack stretched out with Freddie managing to shadow the race leader. In the final part of the race, Freddie was too strong for his opponent, as he overtook him and built up a lead crossing the finishing line in 1st place to become county champion! Freddie finished 12 seconds ahead of 2nd place and 40 seconds ahead of the runner in 3rd. Outstanding work!

The district 5-a-side football tournament took place on Tuesday evening at Priory LSST for Year 8. With only 4 teams competing, we were faced with Priory LSST, Priory Witham and Branston in a round-robin structure and won the tournament.

Final standings:

1. SRPA – 9 points
2. Priory Witham – 6 points
3. Branston – 3 points
4. Priory LSST – 0 points

In some ways, this half term frames the rest of our academic year: Year 9 choices underpin the September timetable and our staffing needs for next academic year; Year 11 are gearing up for the final few months whilst making choices for the future, as are Year 13; Year 12 are applying for positions on the Student Senior Leadership Team and driving forwards with their post-16 qualifications; Year 7 are no longer newbies and have already finished the biggest term of the year; and Years 8 and 10 are hopefully taking all the opportunities available to them as we plough on through 2025. It is important, both in a new year and as we look to the academic year progressing, that students do not miss a chance to try something new and take themselves out of their comfort zones in order to grow. I am regularly teased by students for supporting Manchester City and they haven't missed the chance to remind me how rubbish we have become of late. What they don't know, because I don't publicise it usually, is that I am a regular at Notts County because I can't get back up to Manchester that often these days. On the wall at Meadow Lane is a vital message which should remind us all that nothing comes easily or for free. The sign reads "We are entitled to nothing and we fight for everything."

A good motto for anyone facing examinations or new challenges at school or in life.

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster

