



3 July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 Prom, Parental Engagement, PD Day 6, Open Evening, Sports Awards Evening, Year 6 Transition, Mop-up Vaccinations – 10 July 2026, Summer Awards Evening

Welcome to my weekly update letter. It has been another jam-packed week with events and late nights.

Year 13 Prom

Year 13 finally said goodbye on Tuesday at their prom. Mr Griffiths and Miss Burch were really impressed with the year group who seemed to enjoy a really fun evening. We wish them the very best for their examination results in August. We will be there to support you again on the day.

Parental Engagement

We held our final parental engagement session of the year on Tuesday 30 June, focusing on supporting students as they make the transition from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4. The session provided guidance, practical advice, and an overview of what to expect in the next stage of learning. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation and accompanying handout can be found here [Parental Engagement Opportunities | Sir Robert Pattinson Academy](#).

PD Day 6

PD Day went really well on Wednesday and was ably supported by many external speakers, companies and employers. Mrs Mather did a tremendous job of organising our careers fair and our main school year groups all took it seriously as they spoke to employers and training providers in the sports hall. The previous day we had also seen our Year 10 students have a positive day looking at a sixth form taster experience and next steps support so to see them engage so well with employers so well the following day was really encouraging. Well done.

Open Evening

We hosted our open evening on Wednesday to a sold-out crowd of 1,000 people even though the football was on. Unfortunately, we even had to signpost some folks to other tours and opportunities to visit us because we had no further tickets. We could not risk breaking fire regulations, especially with all the building work going on, so I am grateful to our local families for their patience. The evening was very positive and much thanks must go to Mrs Gilbert for stepping in and leading the evening presentations because I was taken ill.

Sports Awards Evening

Another successful awards evening was hosted by Mr Fell and his team. His review of the year clearly shows the many achievements to celebrate across the whole academy. The whole PE team deserve huge thanks for their continued commitment and high quality. Well done to all of our award winners last night.

Year 6 Transition

Another bumper year group joined us for their annual two days of transition on Thursday and Friday. It was nice to see them at work and play as we get to know them. We also look forward to seeing parents and carers on Monday evening from 6pm for the final transition event prior to September. Your child's introductory letter from their R2L tutor explains which wave you are in so that you know where to go first when you arrive. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Mop-up Vaccinations – 10 July 2026

Please be advised that next Friday 10 July 2026 we have the school age immunisation service coming in once again to complete mop up vaccinations. This includes HPV, Td/IPV, MenACWY and MMR mop ups also across all year groups.

Summer Awards Evening

Congratulations to all our Summer Awards Evening winners. Parents of students who have been recognised should have received email invitations earlier this week. We kindly ask that attendance is confirmed by Friday 10 July at the latest.

Working with youngsters always reminds me of the pressures they have that my generation didn't. For example, I'm so glad all my mistakes as a younger man are not plastered on the internet! The constant comparison to look a certain way, be a certain way and to fit in has only intensified. This week, I found some great words from the brilliant actor Helen Mirren which resonated with me and I share this week's quote for the benefit of our fine young people: "Try to focus your time and energy on the things that make a difference, and let go of the things you can't control. I would tell my younger self to worry less about what others think, and more about what feels true."

Wise words.

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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Headmaster

