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Dear Parent/Carer

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Welcome to my end of week update letter.

Parent Trustee Election Result

The ballot for election to the Board of Trustees closed at 9am on Wednesday 16 September. I am delighted to inform you that Mr Bousfield and Mrs Sawyer were duly elected as trustees. A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the election and to those who voted.

GL Testing

Each year, we complete some digital exercises across all main school year groups to collect data on reading age and spelling age. This is vital data which allows us to diagnose issues, tailor support and lesson delivery. There is nothing to worry about and nothing to prepare. Testing will take place during English lessons beginning next week. It is our intention to share the results in our reports to you and, in the first instance, at tutor evenings for Years 7 and 10 prior to October half-term.

Year 10 Options Changes

Requested options changes have now been actioned and the deadline has passed. The Key Stage 4 timetable has now been locked down and future changes will not be possible given the size of classes across all of the option blocks.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have updated our available clubs and activities for this term. Please use this link to access the latest timetables: [Extra-Curricular Clubs & Activities | Sir Robert Pattinson Academy](#)

Service Children

At Sir Robert Pattinson Academy, we recognise the challenges children from Service families may face and we strive to mitigate the potential negative impact of family mobility or parental deployment. We also celebrate the contribution Service children make to the armed forces community, with events throughout the year such as Creative Forces Day attended at a local university. We have a designated member of staff, Mrs Morrell, who leads our Service provision, alongside Mr Parkinson as our SLT champion.

As part of our Services provision, we are conscious that the experience of each child with a parent/carers in the armed forces may vary greatly. With the aim of improving support for our

Service children, we request further information from parents on each child's individual situation. If you have not yet provided this information to us, please do so below.

Please [click here](#) to view our Service Information Form.

We have a weekly Service Students' Club which is supported by Miss Hurk, whose own experiences as a service student at school are utilised to support the students.

The aim of this club is to provide students with a space to take part in activities, make new friends and share their experiences. Details for the club will be shared in the weekly student bulletin during R2L.

We understand deployments impact every individual and every family differently. We ask families who are aware a parent will be deployed to complete a 'Deployment Form', so that we can monitor and respond appropriately to the level of need their child requires, to ensure their education isn't negatively impacted.

Please [click here](#) to view our Deployment Form and complete if needed.

Please contact me at cmorrell@srpa.co.uk if you have any questions or queries.

Education Visits Plan and Upcoming Trips

Our Ed Visits Plan is in full swing. The upper school trip to Barcelona leaves before the end of the month, Duke of Edinburgh is about to begin again and letters for our Year 7 summer residential are due to go out next week.

Front Doors

Our front doors to main reception have been replaced over the summer holidays. They are fully automatic and cannot be accessed by pulling on the doors as there is an electronic entry system for staff to admit visitors. This week, despite large and clear signage, some visitors have pulled on the doors so hard that they have broken. These repairs are costly and not easy to complete at no notice, which makes front access to main reception more challenging, which we are keen to avoid. Should you visit the academy, please be good enough to avoid touching the doors. Thank you.

The American blues singer, B. B. King, once said that "The beautiful thing about learning is that no-one can take it away from you." It has been a positive beginning to the academic year with much purpose. Trustees walked the Academy during the Personal Development lesson yesterday and saw a highly effective school at work and play. Long may it continue...

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Hardy
Headmaster

